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Bengal Minister in 2-day ED custody

Partho held in school-level job scam case

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 $B_{\text{and Trinamool Congress}}^{\text{engal Industries Minister}}$ secretary general Partho Chatterjee, who was on Saturday morning arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with school-level recruitment scam, remanded in two days' ED custody by a local court.

The ED arrested Chatterjee after it recovered huge amount of cash, jewellery and documents from his close aide Arpita Mukherjee on Saturday during a statewide raid.

Chatterjee complained of illness immediately after his production in court and was admitted to State-run SSKM Hospital. The ACJM court turned down the ED's request to send him to a Central gov-

ernment-run medical hospital. Apart from Chatterjee and Arpita, the Minister's private secretary Sukanto Acharya, too, was arrested.

According to sources, the investigating agency recovered ₹21 crore from the upmarket apartment of Arpita, a lawyer-



West Bengal Minister Partha Chatteriee being produced at a court after he was arrested by the ED in Kolkata on

turned actress. Deeds related to at least 10 other landed prop-

erties and jewellery and foreign currency worth another ₹1 crore were recovered from her premises, sources said. Monalisa Das, another "close aide" of Chatterjee, was under the ED scanner. Das, a university professor, is known to have at least 10 apartments

and bungalows at various places, including Shantiniketan. Wads of currency notes mostly wrapped in "Education Department" envelopes were recovered by the ED officials. Sources said the envelopes car-

ried printed logos of "minister The officials were trying to

Corruption at its peak in Bengal, alleges Anurag

New Delhi: Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday said corruption was at its peak under the TMC regime in West Bengal and there seems to be a competition between TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal as to who can indulge in more corruption

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determine whether the envelopes belonged to the era when Chatterjee was the Education Minister. About 16 trunks were brought by the RBI to carry away the cash recovered from the apartment of Arpita Mukherjee, ED sources

According to ED sources, the investigating officials have extracted information from a close relation of Chatterjee who runs an international school at Pingla a semi-urban settlement in West Midnapore. Sources said the land for the school was purchased for ₹45 crore in hard cash during

the demonetisation period. Continued on Page 2



Outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and others arrive to attend the farewell function of the outgoing President, at Parliament House Complex in New Delhi on

Smriti, Cong slug it out over daughter's bar row

Union Minister Smriti Irani and the Congress engaged in a fierce war of words over the reports of an alleged bar run illegally by the Minister's

daughter in Goa. While Irani threatened to take to court the Congress and Gandhis for character assassination of her daughter, the Congress demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should sack his Cabinet colleague as her daughter has faked documents to run a bar

Soon after the Congress leaders held a Press conference and dragged Irani's daughter into the bar row, Irani hit back saying her daughter's fault is that her mother has been exposing the corruption of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul in the National Herald case. She asserted her daughter is a first-year college student and does not run any Continued on Page 2

WHO declares monkeypox global emergency

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization on Saturday said monkeypox outbreak represents a global health emergency that requires a coordinated global response. A global health emergency is the WHO's highest level of alert that could unlock funding and global efforts to collaborate on sharing vaccines and treatments, Reuters reported.

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CJI: Media running kangaroo courts, hurting democracy

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Saturday said that the media trials, kangaroo courts run by the media, concerted campaigns against judges in the media along with ill-informed and agenda-driven debates on issues involving justice delivery are proving to be detrimental to the health of democracy.

Delivering the inaugural Justice SB Sinha Memorial lecture on "Life of a Judge" at Judicial Academy, Ranchi, the CJI said, "Doing justice is not an easy responsibility. It is becoming increasingly chal-lenging with each passing day. At times, there are also concerted campaigns in the media, particularly on social media against judges. Another aspect which affects the fair functioning and independence of judiciary is the rising number of media trials. New media tools have enormous amplifying ability but appear to be incapable of distinguishing between the right and the wrong, the good and the bad and the real and the fake. Media trials cannot be a guiding factor in deciding cases."

"Of late, we see the media running kangaroo courts, at times on issues even experienced judges find difficult to



Chief Justice of India NV Ramana during a programme in Ranchi on Saturday

decide. Ill-informed and agenda-driven debates on issues involving justice delivery are proving to be detrimental to the health of democracy. Biased views being propagated by media are affecting the people, weakening democracy, and harming the system. In this process, justice delivery gets adversely affected. By overstepping and breaching your responsibility, you are taking our democracy two steps

backwards," he added. The CJI further said, "Print media still has certain degree of accountability. Whereas, electronic media has zero accountability as what it shows vanishes into thin year. Still worse is

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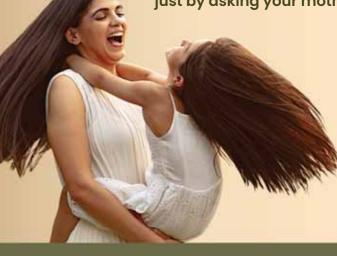
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MHA to table in Houses **J&K** delimitation report

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs is expected to table the report of the Delimitation Commission in both the Houses of Parliament for discussion and approval in the ongoing monsoon session.

The copies of the

Delimitation Commission reports have already been sent to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariats. However, the final schedule of tabling the report has not been finalised.

After receiving the nod from both the houses of the Parliament the stage will be set for holding the first ever Assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and reorganisation of the erstwhile state which took place on August 5, 2019.

As per the Parliamentary procedure, before tabling the report on the floor of the house the Union cabinet will have to first approve the proposal of nominating two members from the community of Kashmiri

fair representation to the members of the Displaced persons from Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK). Speculations are rife the Union cabinet may approve nomination of at least four POJK members along with two Kashmiri pandits further bridging the gap between the total number of seats between Jammu and Kashmir regions. Out of the 90 Assembly

Constituencies in the region, 43 fall in the Jammu region and 47 in the Kashmir region.

24 seats are reserved for PoJK.There is already provision for nomination of two women to the Legislative Assembly which was the case in the previous House also when Jammu and Kashmir was a

With these likely changes the strength of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly could reach 98 taking into account nomination of two women and likely nomination of two Kashmiri Pandit migrants and four PoJK

observers in Jammu and Kashmir, a thorough debate on the recommendations of the delimitation commission report should take place in the Parliament before approving the same. However, a lot depends on the behaviour of the opposition parties and the floor management by the ruling dispensation. If the opposition parties would remain adamant and disrupt the proceedings of the house the union government may not opt for a full debate and push the report for approval.

Out of five associate members three National Conference members in Lok Sabha including Dr Farooq Abdullah, Mohammad Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi are most likely to push for a comprehensive debate in the house while BJP which has two members including Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma may take a

Splitting of session in two led to rise in pass percentage: Schools

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The rise in pass percentage in board exams as against the pre-pandemic scores can in part be attributed to the 2021-22 academic session being split into two terms, according to school principals. In a first such instance, the academic session was divided into two terms last session. While the first term exams were conducted during November-December, the second term exams were held in May-June.

"Students had more time and comparatively lesser syllabus to cover, peruse and revise in the days and preparatory leaves preceding the commencement of terminal exams," Pallavi Upadhyaya, Principal, DPS RNE, said. "It has naturally led to a more refined comprehension and understanding of topics, which has also led to an improvement in their answer writings. They are better able to grasp the chapters, with more time in hand and also do sufficient revisions before going to give

According to Sangeeta Hajela, Principal, DPS Indirapuram, the split was naturally more efficient, than to prepare for a vast exam syllabus for one final exam. "As they have a comparatively shorter syllabus to grasp, it has led to an increase in their understanding levels, retention capacity, and revision-focused studies. The terminal exams have left a room open for repeated revisions, which students earlier used to ignore due to the enormous syllabus

they had to study for," Hajela said. "The clearer understanding of topics is also depicted in their answer scripts, where they are emphasising more on writing value-based answers rather than long, trite answers," she said. The results for the 2022 examination for classes 10 and 12 were

announced on Friday. A total of 92.7 per cent of students cleared the Class 12 exam, and 94.40 per cent passed the Class 10 exam. In Class 12, 1,34,797 students

33,432 scored above 90 per cent. In Class 10, 64,908 candidates scored above 95 per cent and 2,36,993 scored above 90 per cent. "With more time and less syllabus to cover due to the terminal exams. students are able to perform well in exams, with most of them scoring above 90 or 95 pc. The syllabus was divided, and it had eased off the study pressures on students and reduced the dependency on

midnight revisions," said Anshu Mittal, Principal, MRG School, 'They had reduced syllabus to grasp in each term, leading to a more concrete and crisp understanding of subject topics and chapters. It is clearly reflected in their pre-Board answer writing practice and mock tests.

"It depicts a more precise, clear, and pristine discernment of complex and abstruse topics, which fetches them more marks for clarity and expression in the terminal

6 kanwariyas killed in Hathras accident

Cix kanwariyas were killed Sand one injured after being hit by a speeding truck early Saturday morning in Sadabad town here, the police said.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath offered his condolences on the incident and directed district authorities to ensure complete medical treatment of the injured.

Additional Director General of Police, Agra Zone, Rajeev Krishna said, "The kanwariyas were returning from Haridwar and were headed to Gwalior when they were hit by a speeding truck at around 2.15 am." Seven Kanwariyas were hit

by the truck. Five of them died on the spot while another succumbed at a hospital where he was taken, the police said. One of them is still

undergoing treatment, they said. The accident occurred near Badar crossing under Sadabad Police station limits. The deceased were

identified as Jabar Singh, 28, Ranveer, 30, Manoj Pal, 30, Ramesh Pal, 30, Naresh Pal, 32, and Vikas, 25.

Road connecting T3 to T1 of Delhi airport to remain closed for 3 weeks



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The road connecting terminal T3 to T1 of the Delhi airport will remain closed for the next three weeks as it is being upgraded, its operator Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said on Saturday. However, the carriageway connecting T1 to T3 will remain open for movement of traffic coming from T1, it said."Due to the ongoing upgradation work, traffic movement on the carriageway connecting T3 to T1 of IGÍ (Indira Gandhi International) airport, through the underpass, will remain suspended for three weeks from Saturday," the DIAL

Those planning to travel from T3 to T1 are advised to take the national highway (NH-48 or old NH-8) to reach T1 through the Radisson roundabout, it said.

Yasin Malik begins indefinite hunger strike in Tihar jail

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hief of the banned Jammu Cand Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Yasin Malik, who is serving life term for cases including funding terrorism, has begun a hunger strike inside in Tihar jail after the Government did not respond to his plea that he be allowed to physically appear in a Jammu court hearing the Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping case in which he is an accused

According to officials, Malik, 56, head of the banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), began his indefinite strike on Friday as he had threatened to earlier this

On Friday morning, he refused to eat anything despite repeated requests by jail authorities, the officials said. His health is being closely monitored. Appearing before a special CBI judge through video conference, Malik had said he wanted to appear physically in

the case related to the kidnapping of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of the Union home minister Mufti Mohammed Saveed, in December 1989.

Malik informed the court that he had written a letter to the government seeking his transfer to a Jammu jail so he could appear physically in the case and contest the allegations against him. He had said he would like to personally crossexamine all the prosecution witnesses in the case and would wait for a government nod till July 22. If not, he would sit on an indefinite hunger strike inside the jail. Malik began his protest when he received no information from the government about his plea to shift him to any prison in Jammu, the officials said.

The JKLF chief was arrested in early 2019 in connection with a 2017 terrorfunding case registered by National Investigation Agency (NIA). Malik had pleaded guilty in the case and was sentenced

by a special NIA court in Delhi in May.

Rubaiya Sayeed was allegedly kidnapped by the JKLF on December 8, 1989. She was freed from captivity five days later on December 13 after the then V P Singh government at the Centre, supported by the BJP, released five JKLF terrorists in exchange. The case had gone into virtual cold storage and was revived after Malik was picked up by the NIA in 2019. In January last year, the

CBI, with help from special public prosecutors Monika Kohli and S K Bhat, framed charges against 10 people, including Malik, in the case that was a turning point in the Valley's volatile history. After the release of the five JKLF members, terror groups started rearing their heads. Rubaiya Sayeed had been kidnapped by JKLF members from Srinagar to ensure the release of their associates lodged in different iails, officials said.

CJI: Media...

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"Owing to the frequent transgressions and consequent social unrests, there is a growing demand for stricter media regulations and media regulations and accountability. In fact, looking at recent trends, it is best for the media to self-regulate and measure their words. You should not overstep and invite interference, either from the government or from the courts. Judges may not react immediately. Please don't mistake it to be a weakness or helplessness. When liberties are exercised responsibly, within their domains, there will be no necessity of placing reasonable or proportionate external restrictions" he said.

Justice Ramana requested media to be responsible. "I urge upon the media, particularly the electronic and social media, to behave responsibly. You are as important a stakeholder as we are. Please use the power of your voice to educate the people and to energize the nation in our collective endeavor to build a progressive, prosperous, and peaceful India," he said.

30-year-old woman gangraped by 2 Rly staffers at office room

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

n another incident of Capital **L** shame, a 30-year-old woman was gang-raped by two railway employees in a train lighting hut meant for railway electrical maintenance staff while two others guarded the room on New Delhi railway station premises in the wee hours of Friday. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of Railways, Delhi Police, Harender K Singh said that all the four accused have been held, adding that all the accused are railway employees in the electrical department.

The accused have been identified as Satish Kumar (35), Vinod Kumar (38), Mangal Chand (33) and Jagdish Chand (37). The four accused were produced before a court that has sent them to 14 days judicial custody. The call was earlier

received at PS ODRS at around

2:27 p.m. The staff there checked for the caller but could not find her. Upon contacting her on the given mobile number, it was known that she is standing at PF No. 8-9 of the

Immediately, the Station House Officer along with the staff reached platforms 8-9 where he met the victim," police said. The victim told the officials that she has been separated from her husband for the last one year and is engaged in a court case for divorce. Around two years back, she came in contact with a man through a common friend.

The man told her that he is a railway employee and can arrange a job for her too. Both of them continued

talking on the phone. On July 21, the accused invited her to his house for a party to celebrate his son's birthday and for buying a new house, according to the Railways.

You are free to leave: SP to Shivpal, Rajbhar PNS I LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party on Saturday apparently formalised the break-up of alliance with Shivpal Yadav's party and Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), saying they are free to join other parties if they feel they will get more respect there.

Akhilesh Yadav's uncle Shivpal Yadav is an SP MLA and president of the Pragatisheel Samaj Party (Lohia) while Om Prakash Rajbhar is the SBSP chief. The SP told Shivpal Yadav

and Rajbhar that they were free to leave the alliance. The development follows in the backdrop of both Shivpal Yadav and Rajbhar breaking ranks with the SP over the opposition's presidential candidate.

In a letter shared by the SP on its official Twitter handle, the party said, "Shivpal Yadav ji, if you think you'll get more respect somewhere else, you are free to leave." In another tweet, the SP

said, "Om Prakash Rajbhar ji, Samajwadi Party has been constantly fighting against the BJP. You are allied with the BJP and working to strengthen the party. If you think you'll get more respect elsewhere, you are free to leave."

The letter carries signature without the name of the authorised signatory. SP spokesman Rajendra Rajendra Chaudhary confirmed that the party has issued the office memorandum to Shivpal and Rajbhar, asking them that they are free to leave the

On why the name of the authorised signatory is missing from the office memorandum, Chaudhary said: "The Samajwadi Party is bigger than any individual and the order has been issued by the party, hence there was no need for the name of the signatory."

Bengal Minister in 2-day ED...

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Subsequently, a huge school owned and managed by the relatives of Chatterjee's daughter was constructed on the land.

While seeking custody for Chatterjee, the ED pleaded noncooperation on the part of the minister. The agency also submitted that the huge amount of money found at Arpita's apartment where Chatterjee was a regular visitor could be linked to the cash obtained from the people who were illegally provided jobs in by the School

Services Commission? The case relates to the days when Chatteriee was the Education Minister. He is

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Meanwhile, the BJP, Left, and the Congress called the Friday-Saturday's recovery the tip of the iceberg while the Trinamool Congress distanced itself from Chatterjee. Party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said, The TMC is not related to the money recovered and those from whose possession the cash has been seized and those who are being probed and their lawyers have to explain their

conduct." Ghosh, however, wondered why the CBI and the ED did not interrogate BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari, who was seen openly accepting cash in the Narada videos and who was also named in the FIR in chit fund cases.

'This means it is clear that had Chatterjee joined the BJP

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would have been questioned by the ED nor whatever has been found would actually have been found," he said.

Saying that the Chief Minister or the TMC should not be maligned in the case. Minister Firhad Hakim wondered why "The Opposition parties, who are implicating the TMC, not taking the name of senior BJP leaders with whom the pictures of Mehul Chowksi

or Ñirav Modi appeared." On whether the latest development would impact the TMC's organizational setup, Ghosh said "the party will remain as united as it has always been behind Mamata Banerjee.'

Reacting to Chatteriee's arrest BJP vice president Dilip Ghosh said "Bengal has never been brought to such disrepute by any government before ... this is a shame on Mamata Banerjee's government which has institutionalized crime and orruption ... this is only the tip

of the iceberg and we hope more big fishes will be caught. CPI(M) State secretary Md Salim asked whether the TMC supremo sacrificed Chatterjee for her nephew Abhishek Banerjee in a trade-

off with the BJP leadership.

"There is a sequence to it ... last week there was a meeting between CM and Dhankhar ... then CBI chargesheet in coal scam excludes the name of Bhaipo (nephew) ... then again Mamata decides to abstain from vice presidential elections thereby helping the BJP ... and then Chatterjee is picked up by the ED ... there is a sequential relationship among all these developments," he said wondering why the ED would not act earlier and why cash was not recovered from banks in Bangkok, Dubai and elsewhere.

WHO declares monkeypox

From Page 1 Until now, the global health emergency label had only been applied to the coronavirus pandemic and

ongoing efforts to eradicate India has reported three cases of monkeypox, all in Kerala.

Monkeypox cases have been mainly reported from parts of Central and West Africa for decades, but never in the past has the outbreak gone beyond the continent. However, during the last two months, several cases of viral infection have been reported from in Europe, North America, and elsewhere.

So far this year, there have been more than 16,000 cases of monkeypox in more than 75 countries and five deaths in Africa. Incidentally, there were only 3000 reported cases of monkeypox in June. The five-fold rise in nearly six

weeks in the number of cases is seen as an alarming trend.

Members of an expert committee that met on Thursday in Geneva to discuss the potential recommendation were split on the decision, two sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity told Reuters earlier, but the final decision falls to the UN agency's

director-general. Announcing his decision declare the health emergency during a media briefing in Geneva, confirmed that the committee had failed to reach a consensus, with nine members against and six in favour of the declaration.

Previously, Tedros has typically endorsed expert committee recommendations, but the sources said he had likely decided to back the highest alert level due to concerns about escalating case rates and a short supply

of vaccines and treatments, despite the lack of a majority

Lawrence Gostin, professor at Georgetown Law in Washington, DC who follows the WHO, said he applauded the political bravery of the agency. "It does nothing but burnish the stature of WHO.

The right result is clear - not

declaring an emergency at

this point would be a historic missed opportunity." So far this year, there have been more than 16,000 cases of monkeypox in more than 75 countries and five deaths in Africa.

The viral disease - which spreads via close contact and tends to cause flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions - has been spreading chiefly in men who have sex with men in the recent outbreak, outside Africa where it is endemic.

Alva meets Kejriwal, seeks party support

STAFF REPORTER ■

Opposition vice presidential candidate Margaret Alva on Saturday met with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and sought his support for her candidature. Kejriwal was not present at the meeting of 17 opposition parties at Sharad Pawar's residence last Sunday which decided on Alva's candidature. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had skipped the meeting as well.

According to a press statement issued by the AAP government, the political affairs committee is expected to meet soon to take a call on the party's stance in the elections that are due to be held on August 6, 2022. "Kejriwal met with opposition's Vice-Presidential Candidate Alva. Alva had come to meet the AAP Convenor to seek the

in the support forthcoming elections. Both

pleasantries during the meeting as well as discussed the current political atmosphere of the nation. The meeting concluded with both the leaders expressing mutual respect and acknowledgement," said the statement. Former governor and

the leaders exchanged

Congress veteran Alva has sought support of both Banerjee and Kejriwal. The AAP had supported joint opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha in the presidential

Smriti, Cong slug it out over daughter's...

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"My daughter's fault is that her mother holds a Press conference on the loot of ₹5,000 crore by Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. Her fault is that her mother fought against Rahul Gandhi in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls," the MP said, once again challenging Rahul to contest from Amethi on 2024.

Congress

restaurant in Goa, in which a Prime Minister that Smriti bar is functioning on a "fake

"The license by Smriti Irani's daughter is in the name of a person who died in May 2021, and the license was taken in June 2022 in Goa. But the person in whose name the license is taken had died 13 months ago. This is illegal," Khera said at the AICC Press conference.

spokesperson Pawan Khera According to Goa rules, a restaurant can get only one bar said that there are serious charges of corruption against license but this restaurant has got two bar licenses, Khera Irani's family. He said that Irani's daughter - Zoish Irani said. is allegedly running a

"We demand from the

Irani should be immediately sacked as a Minister from the Union Cabinet. You owe it to this country, to the youth of this country," he said.

Congress has claimed it has evidence to prove their allegations. Indian Youth Congress' national President Srinivas BV even shared a video interview of Zoish where she was seen speaking about international cuisines and new restaurants opening in Goa.

In a statement, the lawyer of Irani's daughter, Kirat Nagra, said his client is neither an owner nor operating the restaurant called "Silly Souls Goa" and has also not received any show cause notice from any authority whatsoever as alleged.

Narayan Gad, Excise Commissioner of Goa, on July 21 issued a show-cause notice to the restaurant after receiving a complaint from lawyer and activist Aires Rodrigues.

Rodrigues says that the owners had submitted "fraudulent and fabricated documents" to get the licence. He has also alleged that the

BJP Government in Goa has initiated the process to transfer the excise commissioner after the notice was issued.

conference, Rodrigues said that "the whole world knows that this upmarket "Silly Souls Cafe and Bar" is managed and run by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani's family at Bhouta Vaddo in Assagao Village at Goa, and there is enough evidence to this effect". He further said that at the hearing regarding the notice on July 29 "we would know about the ghost who runs the show". He also claimed that Irani's family owns other prime properties in Goa which should be investigated by the probe agencies.

Responding to Irani's Press

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spoken English course

The Delhi Government will start a free spoken English course at 50 centres, in the first phase of which one lakh youth will be trained. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced a "free" Spoken English programme for youngsters with an aim to enhance their communication skills and help improve their job prospects.

The programme can be availed by people falling into the age group of 18 and 35, with a deposit amount of Rs 950 as a security deposit. This amount will be refunded after the successful completion of the course. The programme will be conducted by Delhi Skill Entrepreneurship University.

Addressing an online press conference, Kejriwal said any person who has completed Class 12 and is between the age group of 18-35 years can be part of the programme.

He said in the first phase, one lakh children will be given admission in the programme where their English communication skills will be improved by providing training.

"In the first phase, we will start this course at 50 centres where one lakh people will be enrolled. Anyone in the age group of 18-35 years and who has passed Class 12 can be part



of the programme. This course will help them get jobs and develop their personality," ejriwal said.

In a statement issued subsequently, the Aam Aadmi rty (AAP) government clarified that those aged between 16 and 35, who have passed Class 12, can take admission in the course. "The security money will be refunded after the successful completion of the course with full attendance. The duration of the course will be three-four months and there will also be options of weekend and evening shifts for working people," he said.

We see that children from poor, lower middle class and middle class backgrounds are not proficient at English and are unable to speak it properly. Because of this, many children get left behind and have trouble finding jobs due to poor communication skills," Kejriwal said. "Delhi's youngfrom the course. It is our dream to provide good education to all the children of the country. Underprivileged children should not face any shortage in any way and this course is a big step in that direction," the statement quoted Kejriwal

He noted that he did not want Delhi students to fall behind others due to a lack of facilities, so the government took a decision to introduce the spoken English course for students who felt that they were not proficient in the language.

He added that there will be no fees for the course but initially people will have to deposit Rs 950 as security money. "This security money will be refunded after successfully completing the course with full attendance. It will be a 3-4 months course and there will also be options of weekend and evening shifts for working youths," Kejriwal said.

To take admission, basic understanding of English will be required and the children must have studied English language till class 8, he said.

Kejriwal added that the course would be up to international standards. "We have tied up with Macmillan and Wordsworth, and the course will be assessed by the Cambridge University," he said

Delhi Govt to start free | Cong, BJP seek Sisodia's head over Excise Policy

STAFF REPORTER ■

A mid the ongoing war of words between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over excise policy of the AAPled Delhi Government, the BJP and the Congress on Saturday staged a protest demanding Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's resignation over the alleged corruption in implementation of the government's new excise policy. The Delhi BJP protested at the residence of Sisodia while the Congress held a protest outside the AAP office at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg.
The BJP workers led by Delhi unit president Adesh

Gupta, Leader of the Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and former Delhi BJP president Vijendra Gupta staged a protest outside the residence of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. The workers in large numbers, carrying placards and party flags, raised slogans against the Delhi government and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. There was heavy deployment of police personnel and para-military force to prevent any untoward incident. The police had placed barricades on the road to prevent the protesters from moving towards Sisodia's residence. Visuals on social media showed Delhi BJP workers, who were protesting outside Sisodia's res-



idence, breaking barricades put up by Delhi Police. Later, they were detained by the police, who put them in a bus, and took them away.

During the protest, Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta alleged that the Arvind Kejriwal government was involved in "massive" corruption to benefit liquor companies. "In the excise policy of the Kejriwal government, the liquor licensees were earlier provided 2.5 per cent commission that was raised to 12.5 per cent for direct benefit of 10 per cent to liquor mafia," Gupta claimed.

He said by allowing liquor

shops in residential areas, schools and religious places, the government violated all moral norms and rules. Leader of Opposition, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, alleged there was a scam of thousands of crores in operation of the excise policy and demanded Sisodia's resignation. Bidhuri said Kejriwal government has helped a large number of liquor vends come up in the city in clear violation

The Delhi Congress also staged a protest outside the AAP office here, demanding the resignation of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia over alleged violation of rules and

of Master Plan.

procedural lapses in the Kejriwal government's Excise Policy, 2021-22. Several Delhi Congress leaders and workers gathered near the DDU Marg office of the AAP, holding banners and raising slogans against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Sisodia.

The latest episode marks yet another flashpoint between the AAP and BJP, and comes at a time when the L-G, who is appointed by the central government (in this case, the BJP's), has denied Kejriwal permission to travel to Singapore to attend the 'World Cities Summit' scheduled for next month

2 Mewat men pose as women to trap lawyer online, arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two alleged members of Haryana's Mewat based gang were arrested for allegedly extorting an advocate in the national capital after trapping him online, police said on Saturday. The modus operandi of the gang members was to lure persons in Delhi-NCR by sending them friend requests through social media platforms and then chat with them by posing as women, a senior police official said.

The accused have been identified as Arsad Khan (30) and Mushtaq Khan (39), both residents of Rajasthan, police said. Both were wanted in a case of online extortion, blackmailing and criminal intimisocial media platforms, police

Police received a tip-off on Γhursday about Arshad coming to the flower market, Chhattarpur and a raid was conducted. Around 6.15 pm, Arshad was spotted and was nabbed, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Jasmeet Singh said.

One pistol and three live cartridges were recovered from him, they said. On his instance, Mushtaq was also arrested from a ĥouse in Raiasthan's Dausa district on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday, the DCP said.

Modi Govt filed 151 cases against AAP Ministers, but found no evidence: Atishi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 I^{n} a scathing attack on the BJP following the Lieutenant Governor's recommendation for a CBI probe into the "procedural lapses" in the implementation of Delhi Excise Policy, AAP MLA from Kalkaji Atishi alleged that the Modi Government had filed 151 cases against AAP Ministers and MLAs, but no incriminating evidence was found against

She further alleged that BJP was on a "witch hunt" against them. Several AAP functionaries came down heavily on the BJP-led central government alleging that they were being targeted and framed "The Lieutenant Governor

investigation against Deputy CM Manish Sisodia. CBI, ED



and Income Tax department raids and cases being registered and arrests being made by the Delhi Police is not a new thing for the AAP," she said.

"Ever since AAP came to power in 2015, over 150 cases have been registered against the AAP Leaders, MLAs and ministers. Between 2015 to 2020, 52 cases were registered against our MLAs. For six months, over 400 files belonging to the Delhi Government were investigated by a Scheduled Central Government through unconstitutional means. All that he is not an accused but

the investigation agencies failed to find even a single proof of corruption against any AAP Atishi alleged that Prime

Minister Narenda Modi had 'lost his sleep" ever since AAP won with a thumping majority in Punjab. "Because of his fear of Arvind Kejriwal, PM Modi has tasked his leaders and ministers to go on a witch hunt against AAP and prevent its growth. BJP is accusing deputy CM Manish Sisodia of causing a loss to the exchequer, while the new excise policy has generated a profit of Rs 1,300 crore in just four months. Delhi government earned Rs 5,446 crore compared with Rs 4,109 crore in 2019-20," Atishi

She continued, "A few days Jain and till today, ED is saying

they are only interrogating him. Two months have passed since he is in the prison but the ED is yet to file a chargesheet against him.

"A few months ago Arvind Kejriwal even announced that Manish Sisodia is going to be the next target courtesy various sources and solid proofs he got. I want to ask the Central Government to first do a background check of the person they want to arrest," Kalkaji MLA said.

Senior AAP Leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said, "BJP has a special place in the history of India as it has surpassed all the records and limits of corruption. Its National President was caught taking bribes on camera in a defence deal. Now they have cases one after the other against the Delhi Government.'

Plant 3.3 cr saplings by July 31, Air Quality panel directs Delhi, neighbouring States

STAFF REPORTER

To curb air pollution in the national Capital, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Saturday directed the Delhi and its neighbouring States to expedite the plantation drive to achieve the target of 3.34 crore saplings by July 31. After reviewing the on-going plantation drive in Delhi and its peripherals, the CAQM issued a statement saying that as against the revised plantation target of 3,34,56,541, the national capital region districts of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh. and Delhi have achieved plantation of 01,81,90,447, that is an per cent as on July 20.



2022-23, mandates enhanced plantation targets as compared to the previous year and State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, UP and Delhi have set increased plantation targets for the year 2022-23. As on July 20, 2022, Delhi has done 8,38,416 plantations as against the plantation target of 35,06,900; NCR 1,52,36,379 plantations as against the plantation target of been reviewing the progress of the statement further read.

1,87,39,565; Haryana (NCR) has done 17,06,152 plantations as against the target of 1,01,56,447; and two NCR districts of Rajasthan have done 4,09,500 plantations as against the target of 10,53,629," it said. "The percentage achievement, as compared to the revised target, as on 20th July by NCR Haryana, NCR Uttar Pradesh, NCR Rajasthan and Delhi is 16.7%, 81.3%, 38.8per cent and 23.9 per cent respectively," the statement

The statement said that continuing its efforts to abate air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR) through enhanced green cover and large-scale plantation, the Commission for Air Quality Adjoining Areas (CAQM) has States and Delhi in August,"

plantation in the NCR districts of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and Delhi.

The NCR States of Haryana and Rajasthan and Delhi government need to gather further momentum and were directed to expedite the plantation drive to achieve their respective targets and send an updated status as on July 31, 2022 by early August. The Commission has also taken an initiative to engage various major stakeholders including from Universities, Higher Education and Research Institutions to push the plantation drive in the National Capital Region," it

said.
"The plantation progress will be reviewed again by the

LG visits Ghazipur landfill to review razing plan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Walking through sludge, mud and slippery slopes of garbage, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday went on a surprise visit at the Ghazipur landfill site to take the stock of the work and sought ideas from people to help authorities raze the "unseemly mountains of garbage" in the national capital. He also instructed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to begin and expedite work for disposing the Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF), Construction and Demolition (C&D) and Inert Waste. There are three landfill

28 MT of waste. In a sudden detour, which "included plying on his official BMW car, to an Innova car of an official, a Gypsy of the Delhi Police and finally a walk through the sludge on foot to take stock of the work underway to process huge volumes. "The LG inspected the on-

sites in Delhi that account for

mound working of 10 new trommel machines which have been brought in after replacing the outdated machines at the site, after his visit and instructions in May, "the Raj Niwas said in a statement. These machines are processing 10,000 MTs of garbage every day, it said. Describing the landfill sites

in Delhi as "grave health hazards" and a "national shame", Saxena on July 1 reached out to the people and sought their ideas that could help efforts by authorities in getting rid of these "unseemly mountains of

On May 29, Saxena had visited the "infamous mountain of garbage" and resolved to "get the capital rid of these mounds within a fixed timeframe of 18 months," the statement said. Reiterating his commitment to the deadline, he expressed hope that all three "mountains of garbage at Ghazipur, Bhalaswa and Okhla, will be totally done away with during the next 16 instructed the Municipal

Braving the sludge, mud and slippery slopes of the garbage mound that made it impossible for a vehicle to climb up, the LG walked up to the peaks to take stock of the works in progress, "the state-

He had earlier also

Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to begin and expedite work for disposing of refuse-derived fuel (RDF), construction and demolition (C&D) waste and inert waste right away. Saxena "expressed satisfaction" with the works underway at all the three landfill sites, wherein 4.3 lakh MT of garbage had been removed in June, and the

target for July had been set at 3.6 lakh MT, due to the rains,

the statement said. A plan in this connection has been prepared and the project will soon be implemented, they said, adding that the report of the drone survey will also be sent to the lieutenant governor's office on a

Babus' role on excise policy draft under lens

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The role of the then excise L commissioner, principal secretary (Finance) and other officials from the excise department and finance department are under the scanner after the Delhi Lieutenant Governor on Saturday directed the chief secretary to submit a detailed report about the role played by the officers and the civil servants in the formulation, amendment, and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. According to sources, while recommending a CBI probe in the Delhi Government's excise policy, the LG has sought a comprehensive report of activities, dealings, and scrutiny of the files and details of the role played by the officers.

Taking serious note of the gross violations and deliberate apses in the formulation,

amendment, and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, that came to the fore in the chief secretary's report to the LG and the CM under Rule 57 of Transaction of Business Rules (ToBR), the Saxena has asked the chief secretary, Delhi Government, to submit a detailed report about the role

played by officers and civil ser-

vants in the entire matter,"

Sources said. "It was the duty of the officers to highlight, flag, and bring to the notice of the chief secretary or competent authority, any irregularities taking place under their watch. However, with the records available so far, it is more than evident that not only did certain officers, posted on certain positions, ignored and facilitated decisions that were in complete violation of the Act, Transaction of Business Rules,

1993, Delhi Excise Act, 2009

and Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, but prima facie acted as proactive conduits in formulating and implementing illegal orders solely at the behest of the Minister Ín-charge, Manish Sisodia," sources said.

"The LG has sought interalia, a comprehensive report of activities, dealings, and scrutiny of files thereof and details of the role played by officers if any, thereto. Appropriate action as per law will be taken against such officers once the report is submitted and examined. The aim should be to achieve and establish total and bi-partisan probity, transparency and corruption-free administration, the LG has underlined," sources

AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had on Friday defended Sisodia, saying he was a "hardcore honest man" and claimed that he could be arrested in

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The study must not stop,"

DU's centenary chance initiative gives 70-yr-old another chance to pursue dream

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELH

Rakesh Kumar Rawat, now 70, has got another chance to fulfil his "long-cherished" dream of completing his Master of Laws (LLM) as part of the varsity's 'centenary chance' initiative. He dropped out of the Delhi University

(DU) around 42 years ago. Rawat, a 1979-batch DU student who is now settled in Lucknow, believes that it is

said he could not complete his degree due to his regular outstation assignments while working for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Now, he is among over

8,200 former DU students who have registered for a second opportunity to complete their degrees. The varsity has given a one-time ed. I want to thank the unichance to allow former students to complete their

never too late to pursue degrees in view of its year-dreams and be a student. He long centenary celebrations long centenary celebrations that commenced on May 1. Rawat, who is also a

lawyer, said he is excited about the opportunity as it will help him get deeper knowledge in the field. "It is a great opportunity for those who are desirous of completing their course. A long-cherished desire will be completversity for this opportunity,"

"During my time in the university, I worked hard but my hard work did not meet the conclusion.

With this opportunity, I will be able to get a degree and delve into the study of law," Rawat said over the phone. Rawat did his LLB from Lucknow and later joined the CBI as an investigative officer.

He was transferred to Delhi and took admission to LLM course at the Delhi University in 1979."It was a three-vear course -- there were papers in five semesters and one was supposed to submit a dissertation in the last year.

I completed four semesters and gave one paper in the fifth semester but due to my job, I had to go far away on assignments so had to drop out and I could not give two of my papers," he said.

Life went on for Rawat who got engrossed in his

work. However, there was a deep-seated yearning to complete the degree. "I was very keen to complete my degree. I tried different universities for transfer of credit system, but no help came. I came to know about the DU advertisement about the special initiative through one of my friends. I turned out to be eligible and have registered for

he added. have retired so I don't have to Rawat's family is supdo anything. It is never too portive of his decision to later to pursue your dream. It

pursue his degree. "I have a son and a daughter. At a time when they have completed their education and are settled, I have started mine again," he jokingly said. He was quick to add: "My family is quite supportive of my decision. They are happy that I am trying". "Age is just a number, You should not think that I

he added. In March, DU Vice-

Chancellor Yogesh Singh announced that DU students who dropped out would be given a "centenary chance" to complete their studies and get

Kovind to parties: Rise above partisan politics

sunday pioneer

Prez appeal comes in emotional farewell speech, a day before his tenure ends

President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday urged all political parties to "rise above par-tisan politics" to serve the country which is a "huge family". In an emotional farewell speech on Saturday, a day before his tenure ends, Kovind thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his council of Ministers, all MPs, and Governors and invoked Mahatma Gandhi in his address here at the packed Central Hall. He was addressing MPs from both Houses of parliament.

Flanked by vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the President said, "Five years ago, I took oath as President of India here in Central Hall. All MPs have a special place in my heart." He thanked Naidu and Birla for their support during his tenure.

"I am obliged and thank you all...I tried to fulfill my duties to the best of my capa-bilities and took inspiration from my all predecessors," he said. His comments were greeted with thumping of desks by MPs. Ahead of his speech, Kovind was felicitated with a farewell dinner at Prime Minister Modi's residence.

President-Elect Droupadi Murmu will take oath as the 15th President of India on Monday. She will be the first tribal person to occupy the country's highest constitutional post. Kovind congratulated Murmu and said, "The country will benefit from her guid-

In his short speech, Kovind emphasised the value of peace and harmony, saying people have a right to oppose and cre-ate pressure to pursue their

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goals, but their methods must

He asked political parties to rise above partisan politics in the national interest and decide what is necessary for the welfare of people."

In the backdrop of continuous derailment of proceedings in the two houses of Parliament, Kovind sought "parties to rise above party politics to serve the country"

He said any family differences do crop up in Parliament too but they can be resolved by

When we see India as a big family, we realise ways to resolve disputes. Mahatma Gandhi used peace and nonviolence to instill harmony...we must adopt his ways. MPs should always follow the Gandhian philosophy while exercising rights of debate and dissent in Parliament," he said.

Calling Parliament a "temple of democracy", he said, "As in any family, sometimes there are differences of opinion even in Parliament. But we are all members of the 'Parliament family' whose top priority is to continue working in the interest of the big joint family of the

The outgoing President ighlighted in his tenure celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Gandhi, "Swachata abhiyan" and the 75th anniversary of Independence. As a special reference, he reminded the difficult period of Covid-19 which, he said, taught lessons

humanity is one". He mentioned as commendable the handling of Covid-19 by India and giving 200 doses of vaccines to the

to humanity that it cannot live

disconnected with nature and

'is not above it" and that "entire

country's population.
"World is struggling because of Covid pandemic. I hope we learn lessons from the pandemic, we forgot that we are all part of nature. In difficult times, India's efforts were praised all across the world", he said. Earlier, Lok Sabha Speaker spoke highly of Kovind and praised his contributions in different capacities in his long political career.

Kovind, hailing from Kanpur, was elected President on July 20, 2017 and administered oath by then Chief Justice of India Jagdish Singh Khehar, to take office as the 15th President on 25 July 25, 2017.

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Thakur takes potshot at Mamata, Kejriwal

There seems to be competition between Mamata, Kejriwal as to who can indulge in more corruption'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday said corruption is at its peak under the TMC regime in West Bengal and there seemed to be chief Mamata Banerjee and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal as to who can indulge in more corruption.

Reacting to Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena's push for a CBI probe into the Kejriwal-led Government's new Excise Policy, including lapses made by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia to "provide post tender undue benefits to liquor licensees, the Union Information and Broadcasting minister said Kejriwal Government was setting "new records of corruption"



Talking to media persons, Thakur said the Delhi CM has not kept any portfolio under him but he has given his Ministers free rein to indulge in corruption by allocating them important portfolios.

also the Excise Minister in the AAP-led Delhi Government, has been accused of corruption and the way liquor vendors were given free hand to operate in the national Capital, suggests that the Kejriwal Government is knee-deep in corruption," he said.

Those who used to give sermons on corruption, are today themselves indulged in it," he said.

Talking to news agency ANI, the Minister said Kejriwal sheltered the corrupt, and the way in which he lied on TV yesterday and couldn't respond showed that LG's recommendation to MHA holds ground.

"Corrupt Ministers should resign. A corrupt man like you has no right to be in power," Thakur told ANI.

Referring to Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain, who's in judicial custody in connection with a money laundering case, Thakur said, "You're (Arvind Kejriwal)silent on LG's letter to MHA for CBI probe into corruption allegations. It shows corruption by your people under your nose. There were allegations against Jain who lost his memory in jail."

Rahul: Centre has no data on O2 shortage, no accountability

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $F^{ormer\ Congress\ president}_{Rahul\ Gandhi\ on\ Saturday}$ slammed the Centre and called the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) "No Data Available" Government.

Rahul in a tweet message said the Centre wants citizens to believe that there is no data available regarding "oxygen shortage" during the second wave of Covid, death of farmers during protests, and death of "migrants who died walking" during the first nationwide lockdown.

He further said the Centre wants citizens to believe that "no one was mob lynched", and "no journalist has been arrested". Rahul, who is often attacking the Government by taking swipes at its policies, said the Government has "No data, no answers, and no accountabili-

Rahul Gandhi's jibe comes after the Government informed Parliament on Friday that no data was available on the number of Anganwadi workers who had died due to Covide-19.



He pointed in his messages, similarly, the Centre, in November last year, said it had no data pertaining to either case against or the number of farmers who died during the year-long agitation demanding the repeal of the three contentious farm laws.

In September 2020, the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment told Parliament that it had no data on the number of migrant workers who lost their lives during the nationwide lockdown, which was imposed in a bid to curb the spread of Covid-19 in 2020, Rahul referred in his tweet

EC asks Uddhav, Shinde camps to submit documents for party symbol

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Election Commission (EC) has asked rival Shiv Sena factions, led by Uddhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde, to submit documents to prove that they have a majority of members backing them to support their claims on the election symbol of the political outfit. The documentary evidence will decide who will lead the party. Both Shinde and Thackeray factions have claimed that they are the real Shiv Sena.

The EC also forwarded the Shinde camp's letter, written to the poll body, to the Thackeray faction and the latter's letter to the Shinde faction, seeking their replies by August 8. Sources in the EC said the two sides have been asked to submit documents, including letters of support from the legislative and organisational wings of the party and the written statements of the rival factions. "The requirement was made in line with Paragraph 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment)



tions, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut lashed out at the EC on Saturday saying Delhi wants to destroy the 56-year-old party formed by Balasaheb Thackeray, "It's shocking for Maharashtra's people. Balasaheb Thackeray formed the party 56 years ago, thinking about Hindutva and EC is raising questions on his organisation. Delhi wants to destroy our party. Uddhav Thackeray is the only leader of Shiv Sena today," Raut said,

Meanwhile, exuding confidence over the majority of MLAs on their side, Chief Minister Shinde said, "The EC wrote to us. We will take our stand in front of the Election Commission. We are Shiv Sena. We have 50

Earlier this week, the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena had written to the Commission for allocation of the party's 'bow and arrow' election symbol to it, citing the recognition granted to them in the Lok Sabha and the Maharashtra Assembly and it it has the support of 40 out of 55 Shiv Sena MLAs and 12 out of 18 Lok Sabha MPs. The Shiv Sena split last

month when more than twothirds of the party's MLAs withdrew their support from the Maharashtra government led by Uddhav Thackeray, throwing their lot with Shinde. Shinde was sworn in as Maharashtra Chief Minister on June 30 with support of the

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राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. के अन्तर्गत कैलाश नाथ काटजू चिकित्सालय (300 बिस्तर) में संविदा अस्पताल अधीक्षक के पद को प्रतिनियुक्ति/आर्मी सेवा/ अन्य केन्द्रीक्रत सेवा से सेवानिवृत्त (राजपत्रित संवर्ग) के माध्यम से भरे जाने हेतु पात्र अभ्यार्थियों के आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते है। पद का विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

क्र.	पदनाम	पदों की संख्या एवं मासिक मानदेय	अनिवार्य शैक्षणिक योग्यता	आयु	वेतन एवं परिलब्धियों/ कार्य अनुभव	
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1	23 C. C. C. COND. D. R	न्यूनतम मासिक मानदेय 1,00,000/- (एक लाख मात्र) अधिकतम 1,25,000/- (एक लाख पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	1- ऐसे चिकित्सा अधिकारी जो लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं प्रबंधन अथवा अस्पताल प्रशासन विषय में स्नातकोत्तर पत्रोपाधि/उपाधि (Post Graduate Diploma or Degree) धारित करते हो प्रतिनयुक्तित हेतु पात्र होगें। 2- आर्मी सेवा/अन्य केन्द्रीक्रत सेवा से सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी (राजपित्रत संवर्ग) जिनके पास अस्पताल प्रबंधन का कार्य अनुभव अथवा अस्पताल प्रबंधन/अस्पताल प्रशासन में पत्रोपाधि (Hospital Management/ Administration Diploma) अथवा अस्पताल प्रबंधक/अस्पताल प्रशासन के पद से आर्मी सेवा/अन्य केन्द्रीक्रत सेवा से सेवानिवृत्त (राजपित्रत संवर्ग)	2. आयु सीमा 65 वर्ष से अधिक नहीं		

उपरोक्त पद हेतु आवेदन पत्र में निम्न शर्ते :-

- 1. आर्मी सेवा/अन्य केन्द्रीक्रत सेवा से सेवानिवृत्त (राजपत्रित संवर्ग) अधिकारी सीधे मिशन संचालक, एनएचएम को
- शासकीय विभामों में कार्यरत अधिकारी प्रतिनियुक्ति पर सेवाएें देने के लिये सहमत होने की स्थिति में उचित माध्यम से आवेदन मिशन संचालक, एनएचएम को प्रस्तुत करेंगे। प्रतिनियुक्ति पर चयन की स्थिति में शासकीय सेवक को सेवाकाल में जॉच/लोकायुक्त प्रकरण संबंधी ना मांगपत्र एवं
- विगत 5 वर्ष की गोपनीय प्रतिवेदन मूल्यांकन पत्रक प्रेषित करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- प्रतिनियुक्ति पर 2 वर्ष हेतु होगी जो आवश्यकतानुसार/अधिकारी के कार्य मूल्यांकन के आधार पर आपसी विभाग की सहमित से अधिकतम 2 वर्ष और बढाई जा सकेगी।
- संविदा नियुक्ति 1 वर्ष की अवधि के लिये होगी जो आवश्यकतानुसार/अधिकारी के कार्य मूल्यांकन के आधार पर
- प्रति वर्ष (65 वर्ष की आयु पूर्ण होने तक) 1 वर्ष के लिये बढायी जा सकती है।
- चयन साक्षात्कार के माध्यम से किया जायेगा।

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- चयन प्रक्रिया हेतु किसी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं होगा।
- मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश का निर्णय अंतिम एवं बाध्यकारी होगा।
- आवेदन पत्र रजिस्टर्ड डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट अथवा व्यक्तिगत रूप से उचित माध्यम से मिशन संचालक राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश लिंक रोड 03, पत्रकार कॉलोनी के सामने भोपाल आवक-जावक शाखा जमा कराये जा सकते हैं।
- 10. आवेदन पत्र के लिफाफे पर स्पष्ट रूप से राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश लिंक रोड 03, पत्रकार कॉलोनी के सामने भोपाल एवं आवेदित पद का नाम संविदा अस्पताल अधीक्षक अनिवार्य रूप से अंकित करें।
- 11. आवेदन पत्र प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 16.08.2022 निर्धारित की जाती है, निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदनों पर विचार नही किया जायेगा।

12. आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश की वेबसाईट <u>www.nhmmp.gov.in</u> पर उपलब्ध है।

वैक्सीन का दूसरा डोज़ लगवाए, जीवन को सुरक्षित बनाये

(प्रियंका दास) मिशन संचालक राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश

27% productivity in RS in first week of Monsoon Session

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Rajya Sabha transacted business only for one hour and 16 minutes during the first three days of the monsoon session as the Opposition raised several issues and sought adjournment of the proceed-

The next two days of the week saw 5 hours 31 minutes of business transactions in the Upper House. The officials said the Rajya Sabha reported productivity of 26.9 per cent during the first week of the ongoing Monsoon Session.

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कार्ययोजना में स्वीकृत अनुसार नवीनीकृत किया जा सकेगा :-

मासिक

40,000/-

आवेदन किसी भी स्थिति में मान्य/स्वीकार नही किये जावेगें।

(27%)

2. पद हेतु आरक्षण निम्नानुसार होगा :-

संविदा रिक्त

पदों की संख्या

रिक्त

संविदा जिला

(क्वालिटी

एश्योरेंस)

संविदा जिला

ऋवालिटी मॉनिटर

(क्वालिटी एश्योरेंस

A total of 18 hours and 44 minutes of the scheduled sitting time of the House has been lost due to disruptions and forced adjournments.

A discussion of around two-and-a-half-hour, accounting for 37 per cent of the total functional time on a Private Member's Bill on the Right to day of the week helped in improving the productivity of the House

The Question Hour could be taken up only on the last two days for a total time of 1 hour 50 minutes, amounting to 27 per cent of the total function-

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, मध्यप्रदेश

(लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, मध्यप्रदेश शासन)

एन.एच.एम. भवन लिंक रोड नं. 3, पत्रकार कॉलोनी भोपाल (462003)

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. के अन्तर्गत पर संविदा जिला क्वालिटी मॉनिटर (क्वालिटी एश्योरेंस) के रिक्त पदों प

अनिवार्य शैक्षणिक योग्यता

Graduate in Dental/Graduate in AYUSH/ Graduate in any

Subject with masters in Hospital Management/ Hospital

Administration/Health Care Management/ Public Health

Management (MHA-Full time or equivalent). Training and

experience of implementing a recognized quality system

like NABH/ISO 9001:2008/Six Sigma/Lean/Kaizen would

be preferred. Previous work experience in the field of

health quality would be an added advantage

दिनांक 28.07.2022 से उपलब्ध की जायेगी। ऑनलाईन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 30.08.2022 है। ऑफ लाईन्

आर्थिक रूप

से कमजोर

वर्ग (10%)

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आवेदन सेम्स लिमिटेड के वेब पोर्टल <u>www.sams.co.in</u> के माध्यम से किया जा सकता है, आवेदन के लिए लिंक

नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है यह अनुबंध 31 मार्च 2023 तक के लिये होगा, जिसे आगामी वर्षो की वार्षिक

al time of the House Some sections of the House

insisted on taking up discussion on Price Rise and GST hike under Rule 267, suspending rules for taking up this issue. This led to disruptions and forced adjournments of the Rajya Sabha Chairman M

House that it has been decided to take up a separate discussion on price rise. He also spoke to some

leaders of the Opposition seeking the return of normalcy in the House. Leader of the House Piyush Goyal also stated in the

भोपाल, दिनांक : 21.07.2022

21-40 वर्ष अधिकतम

आयु सीमा में (अनुसचित

जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति,

अन्य पिछडा वर्गे, निशक्त

जन/महिलाओं (अनारक्षित

/आरक्षित) अधिकतम आ

सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट)

अन्य पिछडा

वर्ग (27%)

(16%)

ओपन | महिला | ओपन | महिला

(01.01.2022 की स्थिति में)

रिक्तियों में मध्यप्रदेश

दिव्यागंजन अभ्यार्थियं

हेतु आरक्षित पदों की

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मध्यप्रदेश

की मूल निवासी

संख्या (6%)





House that such a discussion

Finance Minister recovered from the Covid-19 infection. During the first week of the current session, 22 of the 75 listed Starred Questions were

orally replied to in the House. Five Special Mentions were made by the members. The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Unlawful Activities) Bill, 2022

was discussed for 42 minutes with 8 members participating. Nine Private Members' Bills were introduced during the week. Besides 30 newly elected members made oath/affir-

by Rajasthan police from

Hyderabad where he was hid-

ing at his friend Amanullah's

residence. Chisti's associate

Amanullah has also been

arrested by the Rajasthan

Hyderabad under disguise with

a trimmed beard and was

nabbed by Rajasthan police in

association with Hyderabad

revealed that there was trans-

action of over Rs 20 lakh in his

bank account in the run up to

the beheading incident in

revealed that Chisti was in

touch with the two prime

accused, Riyaz Akhtari and

Ghouse Mohammad, in the

beheading of tailor Kanhaiya

Lal Teli in Udaipur and even

met them before the ghastly

incident. Sources said the NIÁ

is likely to soon take custody of Chisti as part of the probe into

the beheading of Kanhaiya Lal

The probe so far has

Udaipur on June 28.

police following a tip-off.

Chisti was staying in

Rajasthan police probe has

Ajmer Khadim met Udaipur killers, part of Pak sleeper cells: Cops

police.

jmer Dargah Khadim AGauhar Chisti, arrested earlier by Rajasthan Police from Hyderabad, not only met the prime accused in the Udaipur beheading case before the ghastly incident but was also a member of several Pakistani WhatsApp groups and is suspected to be part of sleeper cells formations mod-

At least three mobile phones recovered from him have been sent for forensic analysis. Many mobile data had been deleted by Chisti, his interrogation has revealed.

During his hiding in Hyderabad, he was communicating with family and friends in coded language.

When questioned by the police on his hateful speech for beheading those indulging in blasphemy, he did not deny the content of his radical call and told the sleuths that it was a 'iumla', officials connected with the probe said. Meanwhile, an official of

the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has contacted the Rajasthan police for leads generated out of Chisti's questioning Chisti's likely linkages with

radical outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) and his connection with the Udaipur killers are also being probed.

ful speech.

The NIA has already searched certain areas around the Ajmer Dargah in connection with the probe into the Udaipur killing case.

Chisti is accused of giving a call for beheading of those indulging in blasphemy and had subsequently fled to Hyderabad. His father Sarwar Chisti is also accused of hate-

मिशन संचालक, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, म.प्र. किसी भी आवेदन को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकृत निरस्त करने अथव प्रक्रिया को निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। मिशन संचालक राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन

दिव्यांगजन का आरक्षण क्षैतिजिक (Horizonatal) के आधार पर 06 प्रतिशत का प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। नि:शक्तजन

के लिए कुल रिक्तियों में से 06 प्रतिशत पद नि:शक्तजन के लिए आरक्षित है, जिस श्रेणी का नि:शक्तजन इन पदों के लिए

चयनित होगा उसे उसी श्रेणी हेतु मान्य किया जावेगा। यह पद प्रत्येक श्रेणी की बिना वर्ग/ओपन नियुक्तियों में सम्मिलित है

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निर्धारित प्रारूप में नहीं किये गए अथवा अपूर्ण आवदेन स्वयमेंव निरस्त माने जायेंगे।

अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात् प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

वैक्सीन का दूसरा डोज़ लगवाए, जीवन को सुरक्षित बनाये

Chisti was recently nabbed

Lanka Cabinet discusses ways to normalise situation within week

ri Lanka's Cabinet has met for the first time under newly-elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe and discussed ways to normalise the situation in the economic-crisis hit country within a week by regularising functions of the gov-ernment institutions such as the Prime Minister's Office and the Presidential Secretariat, according to a media report on Saturday. After the appointment of the new Cabinet on Friday, the President called for the meeting, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported.

They discussed that the country should be normalised within one week by regularising functions of the government institutions such as the Prime Minister's Office, the Presidential Secretariat, and schools, the newspaper said quoting sources. The Cabinet was informed that fuel sufficient for one month had been secured and therefore distribution under a quota system should be expedited. The President said that he empowered the security forces to uphold the Constitution and to create an environment for people to live without fear.

The Cabinet also discussed the negotiations with the



International Monetary Fund (IMF) which are underway to secure financial assistance.

Meanwhile, the Opposition requested Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena to summon the Parliament on July 25 to discuss attacks on peaceful protests at Galle Face on Friday by security forces and the current situation of the country.

Sri Lankan troops and police armed with assault rifles and batons on Friday forcibly removed anti-government protesters camped outside the presidential office here in a predawn raid. Police have described the pre-dawn raid on the main camp of the anti-government protesters as a "special operation to take [back] control of the

presidential secretariat".

The protesters had vacated the President and Prime Minister's residences and the Prime Minister's office after capturing them on July 9, but they were still occupying some rooms of the President's secretariat. They also refused to accept Wickremesinghe as the new president, holding him partly responsible for the country's unprecedented economic and political crisis.

The main protest group which blocked entry to the President's Office since April 9, said they would continue their struggle till Wickremesinghe resigned. The new Sri Lankan government has been criticised for using force to remove the anti-government protesters

Sri Lanka has seen months of mass unrest over an economic crisis and many blame the former government led by ousted president Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his family for mishandling the island nation's

Protesters set Wickremesinghe's personal residence on fire and occupied his office during protests last week.

Sři Lanka, a country of 22 million people, is under the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil, the worst in seven decades, leaving millions strug-gling to buy food, medicine, fuel and other essentials. Sri Lanka's total foreign debt stands at USD 51 billion.

'1K artefacts missing from Sri Lanka's Presidential Palace. PM's official residence taken over by protesters'

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More than 1,000 valuable artefacts, including items of vintage and antique value have reportedly gone missing from Sri Lanka's Presidential Palace and Prime Minister's official residence at Temple Trees here after irate anti-government protesters occupied these premises earlier this month, police said on

Saturday.
On July 9, anti-government protesters occupied the residences of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe after storming into their premises and setting fire to one of the buildings protesting the government's handling of the unprecedented economic cri-

Based on initial investigations at least 1,000 items of value, including rare arte-facts have gone missing from the Presidential Palace as well as the Prime Minister's official residence, web portal Colombo Page quoted police sources as saying.

Special investigation

teams have been formed to begin an investigation, it said.

From 'an attempted coup' to chaos, searing moments of Jan 6



AP WASHINGTON

Through eight hearings, 20 live witnesses and dozens of hours of recorded testimony, the House Jan 6 committee has focused its case squarely on former President Donald Trump.

The committee has disclosed stunning evidence about the Capitol insurrection over six weeks of hearings, laying out in vivid detail what it calls an "attempted coup" by Trump as he desperately sought to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 election. Culling material from more than 1,000 witnesses, lawmakers have shown that officials

inside the government fought Trump's schemes at every turn, calling them "nuts" and "unhinged".

From jaw-dropping testimony to shocking video and never-before-seen documents, revelations came fast during the tightly scripted hearings.

The moments that stood

AN ATTEMPTED COUP'

The first hearing, aired in prime time and watched by more than 20 million viewers, set the stage for the next seven. It laid out the conclusion

that the panel would come back to in every hearing: that

Trump conspired to overturn his own defeat, taking actions that sparked the violent insurrection at the Capitol on Jan 6, 2021, when hundreds of his supporters beat police and broke through windows and doors to interrupt the certification of Biden's victory.

"January 6th was the culmination of an attempted coup, a brazen attempt, as one rioter put it shortly after January 6th, to overthrow the government," said the committee chairman, Rep Bennie Thompson. "The violence was no accident. It represents seeing Trump's last stand, most desperate chance to halt the transfer of power."

CARNAGE' AT CAPITOL

Capitol Police Officer Caroline Edwards, one of two witnesses at the first hearing, described what she saw outside the Capitol on Jan 6 as a "war scene". As some Republicans, including Trump, have tried to play down the violence of the insurrection, calling it "peaceful," Edwards recalled the brutality she experienced on the

Russia, Ukraine trade missile strikes on war's 150th day

 $R^{ ext{ussia's military fired a bar-}}_{ ext{rage of missiles Saturday at}}$ an airfield in central Ukraine, killing at least three people, while Ukrainian forces launched rocket strikes on river crossings in a Russian-occupied southern region. The attacks on key infra-

structure on the 150th day of Russia's war in Ukraine marked new attempts by the warring parties to tip the scales of the grinding conflict in their favour.

In Ukraine's central Kirovohradska region, 13 Russian missiles struck an airfield and a railway facility. Gov Andriv Raikovych said that at least one serviceman and two guards were killed. The regional administration reported the strikes near the city of Kirovohrad, wounded another

In the southern Kherson region, which Russian troops seized early in the invasion, Ukrainian forces preparing for a potential counteroffensive fired rockets at Dnieper River

 $R^{ishi\, Sunak\, has\, unleashed\, an}_{intense\, campaign\, spree\, this}$

Saturday pledged to put the UK

interview that a business-asusual approach would not work

PTI ■ LONDON

Prime Minister.



plies to the Russians.

The new attacks came hours after Moscow and Kyiv signed deals with the United Nations and Turkey that were crisis. The agreements clear the way for the shipment of millions of tonnes of Ukrainian grain and some Russian exports of grain and fertiliser held up by the war.

Sunak pledges to put UK on

'crisis footing' if elected PM

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address that the agreements offer "a chance to prevent a global catastrophe - a famine that could lead to tries of the world, in particular

in the countries that help us". Despite the progress on that front, fighting raged unabated in eastern Ukraine's industrial heartland of the Donbas, where Russian forces tried to make new gains in the face of stiff Ukrainian resis-

Russian troops also have faced Ukrainian counterattacks the Kherson region just north of the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in 2014.

Earlier this week, the Ukrainians bombarded the Antonivskyi Bridge across the Dnieper River using the US-supplied High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, Kirill Stremousov, deputy head of the Russia-appointed regional administration in Kherson,

Stremousov told Russian state news agency Tass that the only other crossing of the Dnieper, the dam of the Kakhovka hydroelectric plant, also came under attack from rockets launched with the weapons supplied by Washington but wasn't dam-

HIMARS, which fires GPS-guided rockets at targets 80 km (50 miles) away, a distance that puts it out of reach of most Russian artillery systems, has significantly bolstered the Ukrainian strike

In addition, Ukrainian forces shelled an automobile in the village of Darivka, Stremousov told Tass. He said the bridge just east of the regional capital of Kherson sustained seven hits but remained open to traffic.

Nepal's House endorses bill to amend Citizenship Act

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's Parliament has endorsed the Bill to amend its much-awaited Citizenship Act, 2006 through a majority vote, a decisive step that will help grant citizenship to the thousands of children born to naturalised Nepalese Nepal Home Minister Bal

Krishna Khand on Friday presented the Citizenship Bill (first amendment 2022) in the House of Representatives.

Various provisions regarding granting status to foreign women married to Nepali men and children born in Nepal or from a Nepali mother were discussed by lawmakers before it was endorsed.

The bill was endorsed in the House through a simple majority.

It will now move to the

National Assembly before the president enacts this to become a part of the citizenship law. Once it passes the National

Assembly, if will pave the way for thousands of children of birth to acquire citizenship by

Nepalis born before September 20, 2015, the day when the

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Constitution of Nepal was promulgated, were granted naturalised citizenship, according to the Kathmandu Post news-

However, their children haven't got citizenship in the absence of a law as the Constitution said the provision to grant them citizenship would be guided by a federal law, it said.

prepared even seven years after the promulgation of the statue, the report added. The proposed amendment

The federal law hasn't been

which takes the form of law and comes into effect, those who have not been able to get their citizenship through their mother will also be given citizenship by descent if he/she is living in Nepal.



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Extract of Reviewed Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June 2022. (Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations) (Fin Labb

		Standalone			Consolidated		
SI	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
No		30.06.22	31.03.22	30.06.21	31.03.22	30.06.22	31.03.22
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1	Total Income from Operations.	6199.01	6265.97	3704.21	21607.46	6199.01	21607.46
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	812.58	954.92	512.69	3073.63	812.58	3073.63
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	720.87	867.48	430.36	2728.18	720.87	2728.18
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	720.87	867.48	430.36	2728.18	720.87	2728.18
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	533.26	642.31	310.36	2024.41	533.26	2024.41
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	I	642.31	310.36	2024.41	533.26	2024.41
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	8376.49	7843.25	6129.21	7843.25	8376.49	7843.25
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	4.71	5.67	2.74	17.87	4.41	17.87

- 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with BSE Ltd under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and also on Company's website at www.jaschindustries.com.
- The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS). . Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

23rd July 2022

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sd/- (J. K. GARG) MANAGING DIRECTOR

weekend in his mission to win Conservative Party votes to be elected their leader and on on a "crisis footing" if elected The 42-year-old former Chancellor told 'The Times' in an

in the face of the serious economic challenges facing the country. "Having been inside government I think the system just isn't working as well as it should. And the challenges that I'm talking about, they're not abstract, they're not things that are coming long down the track," he told the newspaper. "They're challenges that are

staring us in the face and a business-as-usual mentality isn't going to cut it in dealing with them. So, from day one of being in office I'm going to put us on a crisis footing," he said. Ahead of a speech in Grantham, the eastern England hometown of 1980s' Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher -the former Tory leader both Sunak and opponent Liz Truss are pitching as their role model to woo traditional voters -- the Southampton-born Indian-origin former banker-turned-politician highlighted how his deeply Conservative values shaped by his family's pharmacy business. "I was brought up in a home

with kitchen-table conservative



business, Margaret Thatcher talked about family budget. All of us care about what we leave our children and our grandchildren. Sound money is the most conservative of conservative values. If we don't stand for that, I don't know what the point of the Conservative Party is," he said.

Besides tackling inflation as a national emergency, Sunak said his focus will also be on delivering better value for money value for money for the taxpayer-funded National Health Service (NHS) – an issue that is personal to him with a grand-parent just out of an NHS hospital. "This is personal for all of us, the backlog issue. He literally has just come out and he's very sick," shared Sunak.

"We've been extremely worried as a family about everything over the last few weeks, he's my last remaining grandparent. It will be unacceptable if millions and millions of people are waiting too long for the treatments they deserve," he said. The MP for Richmond in

Yorkshire admitted missing his family while on the campaign trail and using video calls to stay in touch. "Family is core to who I am. I miss them a lot right, they are in Yorkshire and I am here. We're on video every day. But it's not the same but they're used to that," said Sunak, who is married to Akshata Murty, the daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana

"As prime minister, you can expect that I will be someone who is incredibly supportive of families. Families are amazing, families do something that no government can ever hope to replicate. I wouldn't be here without the love and support, the sacrifice, kindness of my family in all its different ways. That's why I think families are really special. As prime minister I would absolutely champion families," he said.

Flash floods kill at least 21 people in southern Iran



 $F^{lash \; floods \; in \; Iran's \; drought-}_{stricken \; \; southern \; \; Fars}$ province have killed at least 21 people, state television said on Saturday. Heavy rains swelled the Roudbal river by the city of Estahban, according to the city's governor Yousef Karegar. Karegar said rescue teams

had saved 55 people who were trapped by the flash flooding, but at least six people were still missing. Flooding hit more than 10 villages in the province, he added. Iran's interior minister, Ahmad Vahidi, shared his condolences with the families of the flood victims, state television later reported. Iran's metrology department had warned about possibly heavy seasonal rainfall across the country that is facing a decades-long drought blamed on climate change. The dangers of flash flood-

ing have also been exacerbated by the widespread construction of buildings and roads near riverbeds.

Fresh supply of office space rises 96% in Jan-Jun across 6 cities

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New supply of office space nearly doubled in January-June to 23.7 million square feet across six cities on lower base effect and rise in demand, according to

The supply stood at 12.1 million square feet in the January-June 2021 across these six cities — Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Mumbai and Delhi-NCR.
As per the data, in Chennai, the new

supply jumped to 4.2 million square feet in January-June 2022 from 0.4 million square feet in January-June 2021.

New supply in Delhi-NCR rose to 2.4 million square feet from 1.5 million square

Hyderabad witnessed more than threefold jump in office supply to 6.4 million square feet in the first half of 2022 from 1.9

million square feet in the year-ago period. In Mumbai, the new supply grew to 1.1 million square feet from 0.8 million square feet. Pune saw a multi-fold jump in the new supply to 3.8 million square feet in January-



June 2022 from 0.4 million square feet in the year-ago period.

The new supply in Bengaluru fell to 5.7 million square feet in January-June 2022 from 7.3 million square feet in the year-ago

On demand side, during January-June 2022, the gross leasing of office space jumped more than 2.5 times to 27.5 million square feet across six cities, from 10.3 million square feet in the corresponding period of the previous year.

On the market, Ramesh Nair, CEO,

Colliers India, said the corporate occupiers shrugged off major uncertainties they had over the last two years and are now going ahead with major expansion plans.

"At the same time, developers are grappling with the after-effects of soaring inflation resulting in higher cost of construction amidst global supply chain disruptions in the timely procurement of materials," he said.

The combined effect of surging demand and limited new supply has led to a dip in vacancy for the first time after 10 quarters,

Turf Association hopes GoM to make positive recommendation on GST on horse racing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Turf Authorities of India on Saturday hoped that a group of ministers examining issues related to levying GST on horse racing will make a positive recommendation to the GST Council.

The GST Council, the highest decision making body for the levy of tax on goods and services, had deferred imposing 28 per cent tax on bets placed on horse racing. A Group of Ministers (GoM) of states was tasked to re-examine the levy considering all aspects.

The GoM, comprising Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K. Sangma, Uttar Pradesh finance minister Suresh Kumar Khanna, Goa transport and industries minister Mauvin Godinho, and other concerned officials visited the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd on Saturday to get a first hand information and understand



tion said in a statement. "The meeting was fruitful involving a meaningful discussion on all aspects of racing with particular reference to functioning of the totalizator. This we hope will lead to a positive representation by the Members of the GOM to the Hon'ble Members of the GST Council regarding the impact of GST on horse racing," it said.

Licensed horse racing clubs have been in existence for over 200 years in India and the tax imposed on betting has been on the commission made by the race courses and not on the value of bets. The proposal to tax bets is being considered

against the centuries old norm as well as international protocol. If the proposed GST on value of bets is imposed, it would have a direct bearing on horse racing and equestrian breeding.

"Further, a positive impact will in turn help the livelihood of over 3.50 lakh families across the country, agricultural and other related sectors," the asso-

'Centre should relook at draft amendments to multi-State cooperative societies act'

he Centre should relook at the proposed amendments to Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 2002 as some provisions are against the "democratic and autonomous principles of cooperatives", according to NCUI.

The Cooperation Ministry has proposed amendments to the Act to bring it in line with the 97th Constitutional Amendment and undertake reforms with an aim to enhance contribution of multi-state cooperative societies to its economy at large.

The ministry has sought views from stakeholders on the draft amendments which are related to elections, governance, recruitment, transparency and efficiency in multi-state cooperative soci-

eties.
"...The government should of India (NCUI) said in its com-

have a relook into some of the restrictive provisions of the draft amendments so that the democratic growth of the cooperatives is not hampered," National Cooperative Union

ments submitted to the ministry after a detailed discussion with members.

The members representing various cooperative organisations found some of the provisions of the draft amendments "not aligning with cooperative principles," it said.

The draft amendments are not in accordance with the democratic and autonomous principles of cooperatives, it

According to the NCUI, members have raised objection to a provision on setting up of a Cooperative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund for revival of sick multi-state cooperative societies (MSCS) where MSCS which are in profit for three years may credit fund.

"The members felt that this is an additional burden for profit-making MSCS and will hamper requirements of funds for further business development," it added.

The members have objected to another provision that does not allow cooperatives to redeem shares without prior approval of the government, and the redemption will be on

shares which is agreed by the authorities.

The members felt that as per cooperative principles, the shares of cooperative societies are issued and redeemed on face value only. They felt the shares of cooperatives are neither tradable nor listed on stock exchanges.

"The provision for refund of share capital on book value to the government authorities is not practical to implement as it is against the principle of equality," the NCUI said in a

auditors from the panel of Reserve Bank of India for noncredit MSCS, NCUI said the members felt this will adversely affect the functioning of such societies as the nature of business conducted by MSCS and Multi-State Cooperative banks are entirely different, so the existing provision in the Act

should be retained. The members also objected to another clause that proposes maintaining of the Cooperative Education Fund by the central government and proceeds to be used for cooperative education and training through NCUI or any other

This will diminish the importance of NCUI which is an apex body of the cooperative movement with focus on cooperative education and training. Therefore, the existing provision of NCUI being given the authority to collect and manage the fund as present in the Act, must remain unchanged.

That apart, members felt that a restriction on employment of relatives of sitting directors of MSCS is infringe-ment of fundamental rights under the constitution to earn

With regard to draft byelaws provision that a member who has been a director of the Board of any MSCS or bank, where such board has been superseded, shall not be eligible to be elected as director of the board of another MSCS or cooperative bank for a period of 5 years, the members felt that the proposed clause is arbitrary.

This provision is also against the principles of natural justice which the cooperative principles emphasize, the NCUI

ADB approves \$96 mn loan for safe drinking water project in Himachal

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 96.3 million (about Rs 770 crore) loan to fund safe drinking water and sanitation project in Himachal Pradesh. The loan has been provided under

the Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project, ADB said in a release on It said more than 90 per cent of the

state's rural population have access to drinking water, but the water supply infrastructure is old and deteriorated,

The ADB project will connect 75,800 households to the service, providing uninterrupted water supply to about 370,000 residents across 10 districts.



The project meets the objectives of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a national flagship programme of Government of India, which aims to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024," said Jude ADB Un Administration on Urban Development

and Water for South Asia. The project will upgrade water supply infrastructure and strengthen institutional capacity to ensure safe, sustain-



able, and inclusive rural water supply and sanitation services, Kohlhase said. The Manila-headquartered funding

agency said the project will improve water supply and sanitation services through, groundwater wells, 80 surface water intake facilities, 109 water treatment plants, 117 pumping stations, and 3,000 kilometers of water distribution pipelines.

A pilot fecal sludge management and

sanitation programme will also be implemented in Sirmaur district, benefitting 250,000 residents and to determine replicability and guide the design of future projects, it said To ensure efficient delivery and sus-

tainability of services, the project will strengthen the capacity of the 'Jal Shakti Vibhag' of Himachal Pradesh government and gram panchayat (local government) village water and sanitation committees.

It will support the state government's water tariff policy reforms and introduce an asset management system at the state-level and district asset management

The key project stakeholders and community-based organizations will be trained on water management, including livelihood skills training for women

Kotak Bank net rises 26% on fall in bad loans, record margins

PTI MUMBAI

Private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank on Saturday reported a 26 per cent rise in net income at Rs 2,071.15 crore in the June quarter, buoyed by record margins and a decline in bad loans.

On a consolidated basis, the city-headquartered financial services group, which is also into life and non-life insurance, share broking, asset reconstruction, and AIF among others, logged in 53 per cent rise in net income at Rs 2,755 crore in the June quarter over year ago, the bank said.

The higher profitability is despite the bank booking a loss of over Rs 800 crore from treasury operations.



The chief financial officer Jaimin Bhatt refused to detail how much G-secs (government securities) the bank holds in excess of the regulatory requirement of 18 per cent.

In a low credit demand or park their funds in government securities which are highly liquid assets and the average system level statutory liquidity ratio is over 23 per cent.

Explaining comparatively low amount of losses from the bond market, joint managing director Dipak Gupta told PTI that as much as 61 per cent of its bond holdings are in the AFS (available for sale) category and only 39 per cent in held to maturity segment, which has helped the bank to prevent a larger hit.

Total income for the quar-

ter improved to Rs 8,582.25 crore from Rs 8,062.81 crore, boosted by an increase in interest income to Rs 7,338.49 crore, from Rs 6,479.78 crore in the year-ago period.

the net interest income (NII) rose to Rs 4,697 crore, from Rs 3,942 crore, up 19 per cent on a near-record net interest margin (NIM) of 4.92 per cent.

55% on lower provisions, strong core income

PTI ■ MUMBAI

ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a 55.04 per cent jump in its June quarter consolidated net profit to Rs 7,384.53 crore, helped by a sharp reduction in provisions and the core interest income continuing to be strong.

On a standalone basis, the second-largest private sector lender reported a net profit of Rs 6,904.94 crore against Rs 4,616.02 crore in the year-ago period, but was lower than Rs 7,018.71 crore in the preceding March quarter.

Its core net interest income went up by 21 per cent to Rs 13,210 crore on the back of a 21 per cent increase in overall loans and the net interest margin widening to 4.01 per cent from 3.89 per cent in the year-

ago period.
Total income on standalone basis during the April-June quarter of 2022-23 rose to Rs 28,336.74 crore, from Rs 24,379.27 crore in the same quarter in FY22.

The non-interest income was impacted by a dip in treasury gains at Rs 36 crore against Rs 290 crore in the year-ago period, while the fee income rose 32 per cent to Rs 4,243

Its overall provisions stood at Rs 1,143 crore as against Rs 2,851 crore in the year-ago



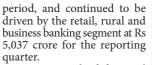
period. The provisions included Rs 1,050 crore as contingent provisions over and above the mandated requirements.

Its executive director Sandeep Batra told reporters that the new provisions have been set aside because of what he called as volatilities in the market. He, however, said that the

bank sees lots of opportunities to grow in India and has also reorganized its organizational structure to tap into those, which includes appointing city heads. He said the bank needs to be selective when choosing its customers to grow, and the way to pursue this objective is to look at the micro markets.

On the asset quality front, the gross non-performing assets ratio improved to 3.41 per cent as of June 30 as against 5.15 per cent in the year-ago period, and 3.60 per cent in

The fresh slippages came at Rs 5,825 crore as against Rs 7,231 crore in the year-ago



Its group chief financial officer Anindya Banerjee said the number is very healthy and there is nothing concerning to call out on retail, and also attributed the high number to the pressure from Kisan Credit Cards, where the NPA recognition happens in the first and third quarters of every financial

As per the bank's investor resentation, the KCC portfolio slippages declined to Rs 755 crore from Rs 961 crore in the year-ago period.

The assets under resolution under various special dispensations stood at Rs 7,367 crore as against Rs 8,267 crore in the quarter-ago period. The bank has seen 73 lakh

people, who are not its customers, use its mobile payments application and the third-party growth by value transacted is 35 per cent. Batra said a fair number of such customers get converted into paying customers when they like the services on offer, but declined to give a number on

the conversion. It has also sold 32 lakh credit cards under a partnership with e-commerce major Amazon, the bank said.

ICICI Bank Q1 net jumps ONGC inks gas sale agreements for Khubal field in Tripura

PTI AGARTALA

 $T^{\text{he ONGC has inked gas sale agreements with GAIL India and Assam}$ Gas Company Ltd (AGCL) to monetise its upcoming field at Khubal in North Tripura district, an official said on Saturday.

Under the agreement, the GAIL and AGCL will receive 50,000 standard cubic metre of gas each from Khubal Gas Gathering Station (GGS), he said.

Once it starts production, Khubal will be the tenth producing field of ONGC in Tripura. Khubal GGS will have a capacity to process 0.44 MMSCMD (4,40,000 standard cubic meters) of gas for which the process of construction has already been started,



"It marks a momentous occasion not just for ONGC, GAIL and AGCL but for the people of Northeast as well, as it means more gas will find its way into

industries and people's homes, positively impacting living standards," asset manager of ONGC Tripura Tarun Malik said.

wells of Khubal means more than just another step in the relationship between ONGC and GAIL. It means the increasing integration of the region with the rest of the country," said R Choudhury, CGM-zonal head of GAIL.

GSA is an important milestone in the lifecycle of any gas business, signifying commerciality for producers like ONGC, while ensuring the product reaches the end consumers through marketing and transportation intermediaries such as GAÎL and AGCL.

The Khubal gas field is expected to start production in 2024 in line with the commissioning of the Indra Danush Gas Grid Line (IGGL) pipeline, a critical and massive infrastructure project for the Northeast region's gas sector, officials

IFMR-Yale University research to promote inclusive economies

New Delhi: Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) and Yale University's Inclusion Economics signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct policy-engaged research that promotes inclusive economies and societies.

The collaboration will focus on innovative data collection, cutting-edge research, close engagement with policymakers, and communication of data-driven insights to inform and encourage evidence-based dialogues on economic and social inclusion. "Inclusion Economics India Centre has

been a valuable partner in that endeavour,"

said Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary,

Union Ministry of Rural Development.

K'taka Bank Q1 profit rises 8% to ₹114 cr Karnataka Bank on Saturday report-ded nearly 8 per cent increase in net

profit at Rs 114 crore for June quarter 2022-23 helped by a growth in core income and fall in bad loans. The private sector lender had posted a net profit of Rs 105.91 crore in the yearago period. Total income during April-June 2022-23 only rose by 0.73 per cent to Rs 1,762 crore, Karnataka Bank said in a regulatory filing. Core income, in terms of net

interest, increased 20 per cent in the quarter to Rs 687.56 crore as against Rs 574.79 crore in the year-ago period. However, income from other sources fell by 41 per cent to Rs 133 crore as against Rs 226 crore.

In terms of asset quality, the



bank's loan book quality was steadily improving and gross non-performing assets (NPA) fell to 4.03 per cent of gross advances as of June 30, 2022 compared to 4.84 per cent by end of June 2021. In absolute terms, gross NPAs or bad loans declined to Rs 2,401.39 crore from Rs 2,549.06 crore. Similarly, net NPAs came down to 2.16 per cent (Rs 1,262.88 crore) from 3.02 per cent (Rs 1,557.38 crore).

The bank is making steady progress in its customer franchise building and has also acquired 1,572 MSME accounts in the quarter. It also did well in the sale of mutu-

al funds and co-branded credit card. Retail advances growth continued during the quarter as well. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of

the bank further improved to 15.41 per cent as compared to 14.58 per cent as on June 30, 2021. Karnataka Bank started the new

financial year with a comfortable first quarter, wherein the growth was consistent and broad based as credit grew 13.03 per cent and CASA (current account savings account) by 12.51 per cent year-on-year, Mahabaleshwara M S, Managing Director & CEO of the

CWG: NEERAJ-LED INDIAN ATHLETICS TEAM PRIMED FOR BEST SHOW AFTER DELHI

PTI NEW DELHI

he spotlight will be on Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra but the likes of Murali Sreeshankar and Avinash Sable are also strong medal contenders as the Indian athletics team eves its best Commonwealth Games show away from home in the upcoming edition in Birmingham.

Woman javelin thrower Annu Rani and 38-year-old discus thrower Seema Antil, the most decorated Indian at the CWG with three silver and one bronze, could also finish on the podium, while India is expected to win more than one medal in men's triple jump

With several world-class athletes emerging, especially after Chopra won a historic athletics gold in Tokyo Olympics last year, India would be looking for at least half a dozen medals in the July 28 to August 8 Games.

The country's best athletics medal haul had come at the Delhi CWG in 2010 with 2 gold, 3 silver and 7 bronze. That performance will surely be difficult to match but the

Indians would be looking for their second best show ever.

The second best show from the Indian athletics contingent at the CWG till now has been the three-medal hauls (1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze each) in the 2014 and 2018 editions.

With all the six finalists in World ongoing Championships in Eugene, USA, heading to Birmingham where competition will be relatively easier, India would fancy their chances to win a handful of medals. The country has so far won 28 medals (5 gold, 10 silver, 13 bronze) across editions since the legendary Milkha Singh claimed a gold in men's 440 yards event in 1958.

Sekar Dhanalakshmi, who was to compete in women's 100m and 4x100m relay, and Aishwarya Babu, who was to feature in long jump as well as triple jump, were pulled out of the 36-member team after failing dope tests which brought shame to the country.

Dhanalakshmi would not

have much chance in 100m but her absence would deal a blow to the women's 4x100 relay team though India are not medal favourites in the presence of England, Jamaica,



Canada and Australia.

Aishwarya could have been a medal contender -- for a bronze -- with her national mark of 14.14m set at the Inter-State National Championships last month.

Defending champion Chopra is, however, not sure shot for a gold medal as he will

WITH SEVERAL WORLD-CLASS ATHLETES EMERGING, ESPECIALLY AFTER CHOPRA WON A HISTORIC ATHLETICS GOLD IN TOKYO OLYMPICS LAST YEAR, INDIA WOULD BE LOOKING FOR AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN MEDALS

have to fight for the top honour against Anderson Peters of Grenada. Peters had finished third in the 2018 Gold Coast Games with a best throw of 82.20m while Chopra won gold with 86.47m. Since then, Peters has won

World 2019 Championships gold and has

year. Chopra has beaten Peters twice while the 24-year-old Grenadian had prevailed over the Indian once in their three meetings this year so far. India can win two medals

in the men's javelin throw event as 2012 Olympics champion Keshorn Walcott, the third best among Commonwealth athletes behind Peters and Chopra, is struggling this season.

India's DP Manu and Rohit Yadav, who made it to the World Championships final along with Chopra, are next in the season's list among Commonwealth athletes.

Manu had won a gold at the National Inter-State Championships last month with a throw of 84.35m while Rohit qualified for his maiden in the World Championships. Joint second in season's list with his 8.36m, Sreeshankar is a hot favourite to win a medal in Birmingham. He was a medal contender in the World Championships but finished seventh with a best effort of 7.99m.

The World Championships disappointment could spur him to nail a medal in the

CWG. His seventh spot in the Worlds final was the best among Commonwealth athletes with Jamaica's Wayne Pinnock and Australia's Henry Frayne finishing ninth and

12th respectively. The other Indian long jumper, Muhammed Anees Yahiya could also be in medal contention if he are also be in the contention of the content of t contention if he can clear 8m mark, which he has done five times this season with a best of 8.15m in March.

Sable, on his part, will have to fight again with Kenya's World Championships bronze medallist Conseslus Kipruto and Abraham Kibiwot in the 3000m steeplechase for the top honours.

Kibiwot had finished fifth the Eugene World Championships in a slow and tactical race while Sable ended at 11th. Kipruto and Kibiwot had won gold and silver respectively in the last edition in Gold Coast.

India's three triple jumpers, Praveen Chitravel, Abdulla Aboobacker and Eldhose Paul, who made it to the World Championships final, are the best performers among Commonwealth athletes this

India aim to fix middle-order woes, clinch series vs WI

PTI ■ PORT OF SPAIN

Stand-in skipper Shikhar Dhawan will again look to make a statement as the Indian team, made up of fringe players, take on the West Indies in the second ODI here on Sunday.

Having won the first game by three runs, another victory will give India a suc-cessive ODI series win in the Caribbean.

Be it Dhawan and comeback man Shubman Gill's aggressive opening stand, or Mohammad Siraj's emergence as the leader of the bowling attack in the absence of the experienced Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah, India ticked all the boxes on Friday to go 1-0 up in the three-match series.

First up, it was about Gill as the highly-rated opener, returning to the ODI fold seized the opportunity with both hands with a career-best

Picked ahead of Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan, Gill made batting look easy when most of them struggled after the ball got softer at the Queen's Park Oval.

Throughout his knock, he scored at a run-a-ball and smashed six boundaries and a couple of sixes, and it took a run out to end his stay in the

It is up to Gill to convert his fine starts into big knocks, and he would certainly look to do just that and cement his

place in the team. Dhawan played the perfect second fiddle to Gill as the opening stand was worth 119 from 106 balls, but the senior batter narrowly missed



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out on his 18th century. With Shreyas Iyer too

finding some form with a half-century, it was a perfect top-three act by the Indian team, but a middle-order collapse followed and India settled for 308 for seven after being in a position to go beyond 350.

In the middle-order, the spotlight would be on Sanju Samson the batter as he once again failed to make use of the opportunity at this level, returning with an 18-ball 12.

The Kerala stumper, however, made up for his lack of runs with a stunning boundary save at the death, which played a part in India pulling off a win in the last-ball of the match with Mohammed Siraj defending 15 runs.

On Sunday, the likes of Suryakumar Yaday, Samson, Deepak Hooda and Axar Patel would like to deliver.

Dhawan pulled off a surprise in the absence of the injured Ravindra Jadeja, making part-time spinner Deepak Hooda bowl ahead of specialist Yuzvendra Chahal inside the first 20 overs.

less but he was the most economical (4.40) bowler of the day for the Indians, finishing with 0/22 from his five overs and forcing the West Indies to play catch up.

Siraj stood out as the pace spearhead dismissed Nicholas Pooraj in the middle overs and returned at the death with his perfect yorkers.

With the series on the line, the West Indies would look to put an end to their losing streak in ODIs which has now stretched to seven matches, including a 0-3 loss to Bangladesh in the preceding rubber.

The series is not part of the ICC World Cup Super League, and the West Indies have an opportunity to play without the pressure of the standings.

Sydney McLaughlin obliterates world record in 400 hurdles

Sydney McLaughlin shattered her world record by a whopping 0.73 seconds Friday, blazing through the 400meter hurdles in 50.68 seconds for her first career gold medal at world cham-

The 22-year-old obliterated the field in setting the first world record of these championships. More impressively, it marked the fourth straight major race in which she's bettered the mark. "It's unreal," McLaughlin said in the

post-race interview on the track. Femke Bol of the Netherlands finished second in 52.27 - that's a 1.59-sec-

ond difference - and defending world champion Dalilah Muhammad fin-ished third in 53.13 - a time that champion Dalilah Muhammad finished third in 53.13 - a time that would've won the race going away a sets a world mark at this meet.

On a clear, perfect, 72-degree night at Hayward Stadium, McLaughin left Bol and Muhammad behind by the 150meter mark. When the American reached the final curve, it was clear this would strictly be a race against the

When she finished, she bent to the ground, looked at the scoreboard and said, "That's great, that's great." She clutched her knees and smiled. A minute later, the mascot, Legend the Bigfoot, photo bombed her while holding a sign saying: "World records are my favorite food.'

Her's, too. After the medals ceremony, World Athletics President Seb Coe



"Honestly, I just wanted to run and o for it," she said. "That last 100 real-

The 400-hurdles record had sat on the books for 16 years when Muhammad lowered it to 52.20 at U.S. Championships in Iowa in 2019.

Since then, either she or Muhammad have broken it at every major meet: Muhammad at 2019 worlds (52.16), then McLaughlin at last year's Olympic trials (51.90), the Olympics (51.46), nationals this year (51.41), and, now, this.

McLaughlin has set three of those four records on this very track at Hayward Stadium. She has turned what used to be the best one-on-one showdown in sports - her vs. Muhammad - into a one-woman show for the time being.

Felix postpones retirement for women's 4x400 relay at worlds

AP EUGENE

 T^{urns} out, Allyson Felix has-n't run her last race. The most decorated sprinter in U.S. History will return to the world championships to race in the preliminaries of the women's 4x400 relay Saturday.

She said team officials coaxed her out of her brief retirement after she helped the mixed relay team win a bronze medal last Friday in what she had said was her last major

"The coaches asked if I was available and there was no way I'd turn the team down," the 36-year-old said through an email with The Associated

The prelims of the 4x400 relay are Saturday and the final will be held Sunday to close out



the world championships. A week ago, Felix ran the second leg on the 4x400 mixed relay squad in what she said

would be her last event. Since then, she's had a few speaking engagements and attended The ESPYS in Los Angeles. She's back for another appearance at Hayward Field.

The third-place finish in the mixed relay gave Felix her 19th medal at world championships, extending a record she already held. Add in her 11 Olympic medals and it brings the total to an even 30.

At the Tokyo Olympics last year, she was on the goldmedal women's 4x400 relay as part of a "dream team" with Sydney McLaughlin, Dalilah Muhammad and Athing Mu. The foursome extended the American's gold-medal winning streak in the event to seven at the Olympics.

Felix leaves quite a big footprint on track. In addition to her bounty of medals, she's also stared down Nike on pregnancy issues during her jour-"When I got the call, I locked in and refocused," Felix cate for women's right. nev toward becoming an advo-

India announces squad for SAFF U-20 Championship

PTI BHUBANESWAR

India U-20 National team head coach Shanmugam Venkatesh on Saturday announced a 23-member squad for the upcoming SAFF Û-20 Championship here.

The team will be playing international football after almost two years when it opens its campaign against Bangladesh at the Kalinga Stadium here on Wednesday.

Moving forward together, the U-20 boys will be playing the AFC U-20 Championship Oualifiers in September where they have drawn in Group H alongside Australia, Kuwait, and hosts Iraq.

"The team is quite motivated to do well both in South Asia, and at the Continental level They are aware of the value and

the importance of doing well in Asia which is why the SAFF Championship is a good platform for us to prepare well," the coach told the AIFF website.

THE SQUAD **GOALKEEPERS:** Syed Zahid Hussain Bukhari, Mohit Singh Dhami, Som

DEFENDERS: Amandeep, Halen Nongtdu, Bikash Yumnam, Sajad Hussain Parray, Raj Basfore, Brijesh Giri, Tankadhar Bag, Pritam Meetei Sorokhaibam.

MIDFIELDERS: Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam, Vibin Mohanan, Vinay Harji, Maheson Singh Tongbram, Sujit Singh, Harsh Sailesh Patre, Taison Singh Loitongbam, Macarton Louis Nickson.

FORWARDS: Gurkirat Singh, Parthib Sundar Gogoi, Himanshu Jangra, Shubho Paul

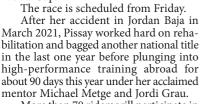
HEAD COACH: Shanmugam

Venkatesh.

A year after accident, Pissay gears up for **Bajas World Cup**

PTI ■ TERUEL

 $T^{\text{VS Racing's}}_{\text{Aishwarya}}$ Pissay, the only World Cup winner from India in motorsports, is all set to re-launch her international campaign with Baja Aragon, the fourth round of the FIM Bajas World Cup.



More than 70 riders will participate in the race, including 18 motorcycle and eight quad riders. Pissay will be a part of Sherco TVS Rally Factory team that has registered

IOA signs MoU with Guj Govt and State Olympic body for 36th National Games

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat government and the state Ólympic body for the joint conduct of the 36th National Games later this year.

A logo depicting two of the state's enduring and proud symbols, the Statue of Unity of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the Gir Asiatic Lion, were also launched on the occasion on Acting IOA president

Anil Khanna, secretary general Rajeev Mehta, Gujarat chief minister Bhupendrabhai Patel, state sports minister Harsh Sanghvi and Gujarat Olympic Association president Devendrasingh Solanki were among those present on the occasion in Gandhinagar.

"As the apex body of the Olympic movement in India, it was imperative upon us to extend all possible support to the Gujarat

Government and Olympic Association. They have shown immense courage and determination to conduct a Games of this scale with a three-month lead time, which is unprecedented in the multi-sport events," Mehta said in

a release.

"However, given their enthusiasm and efficiency, our expertise and smooth coordination a sense of camaraderie prevailing among all key stakeholders, we are confident that the best ever National Games, in line with the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will be delivered.

The 36th National Games are scheduled to be held between September 27 and October 10 in six cities of Gujarat. All the 28 states and eight Union Territories of India are set to participate in the Games.

There will be a total of 36 sports on the roster of the

Mathews to become only sixth Sri Lankan to reach 100 tests

AP ■ GALLE

ngelo Mathews was one of Angelo Maule wo man the beneficiaries of Kumar Sangakkara's youth push in 2009, when he made his test debut at age 22 in Galle against Pakistan.

Thirteen years later, he's set to play in his 100th test. It's at the same venue and against the same opposition.

The second test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan starts Sunday.

achieve," the 35-year-old

In the last two years, Mathews has lost his place in white ball cricket but he's been the leading batsman on the test team. He produced back-toback hundreds (199 and 145) to help Sri Lanka win a test series in Bangladesh in May and he's on the verge of 7,000 test runs. "It would be nice to get to 10,000 test runs. Not many guys have done that and that's something that I want to



"Jimmy Anderson is my

inspiration," he said of England's record wicket-taker.

"At the age of 40, he's still delivering and he wants to do it for a couple of more years. It's the drive that you have. This is not going to stop here and I still have few more years left. Age is just a number and I'll work on my fitness.'

From a young age, Mathews impressed. He fea-tured in two ICC Under-19 World Cups captaining the 2006 edition and in his first

T20 World Cup in England - he was the standout performer as Sri Lanka finished runner-up to Pakistan. Not just with his batting,

but some terrific fielding efforts and decent spells with the ball including three wickets in his first over in the semifinal match against the West Indies at The Oval where all three batters were bowled.

It didn't take Mathews much time to find his feet in international cricket, becoming a regular early in his career.

Sainz to start French **GP** from the back for engine penalties



AP ■ LE CASTELLET, FRANCE

 $F^{
m errari}$ driver Carlos Sainz Jr. Will start Sunday's French Grand Prix from the back of the grid after multiple engine-part changes on Saturday.

The Spaniard's engine caught fire near the end of the last race in Austria two weeks ago. He was handed a 10-place grid penalty Friday because Ferrari changed the power unit, and extra engine changes Saturday sent him to the last row with Kevin Magnussen, whose Haas team made similar engine changes.

World champion Max Verstappen comfortably led Saturday's third practice session for Red Bull from Sainz and his Ferrari teammate Charles Leclerc, with seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton fourth ahead of qualifying later



nday pioneer

■ Akdi Padki is an upbeat track with the lead pair being Vijay Deverakonda & Ananya Pandey. Tell us more about it.

Akdi Pakdi song's supervisor Azeem Dayani and composer Lijo George with DJ Chetas were very keen on having quirky and heroism-themed lyrics. I have co-written this song with Dayani. Lyrics have a southern essence to them. The entire team behind creating this blockbuster is super talented. So far, we have

received raving reviews for the song and I only hope that it attains more and more

■There is a Telegu, Tamil, Malyalam and Kannada version of this song. Is the essence and meaning across all languages same?

It is my first multilingual song. And yes, the essence and meaning is same in all the languages. The Hindi lyrics being the main, have been translated into other languages while retaining the same meaning and thought. And each version in itself has been beautifully made.

How did you come up with the

I remember Dayani and I had written it last year during the lockdown with George & Chetas. We were on a conference call when the two came up with its tune and that's when Dayani gave us the brief of what the makers of Liger are looking for. Subsequently, one thing lead to another and we all started jamming

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OVER THE CALL

Ek hi look mein, oh my darling main toh fly fly hogaya, jab se tune touch kiya yeh dil bhi shy shy hogaya' is the first line we came up with, we all loved it and decided to go ahead with it. Even the director Puri Jagannadh and the producer of the film loved it.

■ Do you think the lyrics are as important as the composition of the song? What do you enjoy doing the

I personally believe that a good song is a combination of good lyrics and good composition. As an artist, I enjoy both equally.

The song has been received really well. How does it feel?

well. How does it feel?

I am delighted that people are giving our song such a response. I am glad that they have appreciated the quirky lyrics written by us.

Akdi Pakdi has already made its way as a blockbuster and is topping all the charts in all languages.

How long did you both take to pen down the song?

pen down the song?

We both completed writing it in three to four hours as the brief of the song was extremely clear from the makers of the

■ What else is in the pipeline? I am coming up with more film and non-film music. This time I promise something interesting for movies and albums. If things go well, I might also collaborate with an international artist

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Khuva, founder of India's premiere comedy training academy Cafe Comedy is a wellknown comedian from Gujarat. What: Workshop

Where: Online When: July 24, 2022, 9 pm

Sound of.

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)

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FAIR FIXTURE

In recent times, regional art has been revived by being featured in modern furniture designs. Designers are now incorporating them in various ways in their contemporary furniture as a homage to ethnic art forms and to keep them relevant in modern-day manufacturing

urniture adds value to one's life when it serves its purpose in an enriching way. Hence, every nuance of furniture design and manufacturing should be a means of storytelling. The furniture pieces we use to adorn our spaces add to a lot more than just functionality. They bring with them aesthetics, character, history, and intent. Regional art forms are best hon-

oured when we imbibe them into our daily lives. Designing furniture with diverse cultural influences impact design style in varied ways.

Typically, products are designed, manufactured and upholstered with a particular regional or cultural cue true to its origin and make. In recent times, however, regional art has been revived by being featured in modern furniture designs. Designers are now incorporating them in various ways in their contemporary nic art forms and to keep them relevant in modernday manufacturing. Regional art is used as bespoke prints on upholstery, as design details on products and as accessories in contemporary interi-

An eclectic mix of regional art through modern designs can paint a beautiful and cohesive visual when strategically conveyed. Furniture designers harness the potential of art and express it through furniture. Mixing elements of art from the same culture or region can also make a home vibrant. For example, a Rajasthani chest of drawers with intricate carvings works beautifully with teakwood pillars from Kerala, even though they are vastly different aesthetics. The largest furniture



p i e c e forms the anchor and acts as ondary furniture pieces to be styled. All in all, therefore, tones, textures and colours play and functionality. a huge role when imbibing cues

from art into furniture. Alankaram makes furniture in Indian wood like teak and imported wood like white oak. Wooden furniture is often misconstrued as rustic, robust or traditional. Our design approach involves synthesising craftsmanship, aesthetics, utility, and strength. Moreover, our process aims at crafting contemporary, minimalistic designs using regional art

in unique ways. For example, our classic Aronui lounge chair features beautiful printed fabrics from Saheba Singh—a part of our collaborative 'Kinaray Black' collection. The design collabora-



rics that stavs true to traditional motifs while being amalgamated with mod ern design lines. The tidlos sofa is one of our classics and rightfully so. Its name translates to timeless in Swedish, owing to its timeless design and pragstery meets ethnic Indian block print in a sofa that amalgamates art

exclusive line of

upholstery fab-

The puoli lounge chair consists



cular halves combined to make one lounge chair. Puoli translates to half in Finnish; the chair flaunts a designer handmade fabric make it worthwhile for any living room or

The boyali table is a two-part set with a teak wood body and brass accents. Its name translates to painted in Turkish for the beautiful handpainted art on top. Its traditional painting is juxtaposed with the brass base on the side table, forming the perfect addition to any living room. It can be customised for size and art-

Another classic example is the brid, our solid wood chest of drawers. Its name means chamfered; its angular drawer fronts are accidentproof, devoid of sharp corners and

expose the beautiful teak wood grain in the opposite direction to the rest of the unit. In addition, it features a modern take on traditional drawer handles with metal accents. The unit is the perfect

addition to any living room, bedroom, dining area, study room or lobby. Indian culture is synonymous with colour, variety and evolution in Indian kaarigari or craftsmanship is

no secret to the world. It is widely popular when incorporated in carvings, inlay work and paintings with different media used in furniture design. However, it takes vision and a strategic eye to translate those cultural influences into modern-day

design. Culturally rich furniture and decor help preserve the craft in the product forever. It is our duty as designers to reinvent ways to keep precious regional art alive and thriv-

> The writer is Anupriya Sahu, Co-Founder and Design Head, Alankaram

Up and coming

After Sanjay Saini aka Sanju's *Rocky Mental*, a sports action drama, which released in 2017, *Akhada*, another sports-based web series is all set to air on Stage app on July 25, 2022. When asked why the writer is inclined more towards writing sports-based films he says: "Whenever we talk about Haryana, we get a clear picture of sports

players and wrestlers and that too of international level." Sanju, who hails from Jind, Haryana says that the decision of writing Akhada's story was to bring forth the struggle and background of wrestlers along with the inextricable role of their families. Being based on real life events, web series Akhada reflects a true picture of akhadas in Haryana. He also chose to stick to Haryanvi to put emphasis on the geographical and cultural essence of the events.

All under one roof

Reach 3 Roads, a retail complex that caters to people's daily needs through experiential dining, entertainment options, fitness, beauty and shopping all under one roof, has now added WOW! Momo in their portfolio after McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Domino's, Looks, Moti Mahal, Haldiram's, Hong's Kitchen, and Sodhi's



At the grand opening of WOW! Momo on July 18, 2022, Nandini Taneja, Vice President, Reach Group said: "When it comes to an overall retail and food and beverage experience, we continue to be unmatched for consumers.

Pushpa has an important message for viewers

Known not only for her culinary magic but also witty solutions and positive outlook, Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) has wedged herself into audience's hearts and minds ever since the show began. Currently, we witness Pushpa's youngest child, Rashi (Deshna Dugad), entangled in a web of problems and yet again she is

there to stand up for her daughter and get her out of this mess. Hiding from her family, Rashi attends a party secretly, not realising that Aryan is stalking her and clicks a picture of her while she's pretending to hold a beer bottle. Aryan uses this picture to blackmail her as payback for ignoring him. Fearing that the picture wil be circulated and embarrass her family, horrified Rashi tries to talk him out of it. Unable to persuade him into deleting the image, she thinks she has no option but to skip school and agree to his demand to meet him as a means to make amends for ignoring him.

Deshna Dugad shares: "Stalking, clicking pictures without consent and blackmailing is a crime which many people take lightly. And many don't even inform others if they are facing these problems and silently suffer. It can be extremely traumatic for the victim. In the show, Rashi suffering quietly and trying to deal with the problem alone, which is a very common but unfortunate behaviour of victims. hope through our show we can encourage victims to be brave and confide in their friends and family and tackle the issue with their

What will Pushpa do when she gets to know that her daughter is being blackmailed and how will she deal with it? To find out, tune in to Pushpa Impossible from Monday to Friday at 9:30 pm on Sony

Tips & tricks to manage digital marketing firm: Panjak Khangwal

The world is opening up to the vast digital space which has thrown in a plethora of opportunities for many. Pankaj Khangwal, who has been around the digital sphere, having mastered it to its core says that to establish a strong foothold in the digital marketing realm, certain rules need to be applied. He further explains: "Running a digital marketing company is not everyone's cup of tea as the



desirable results come only after implementing certain rules and strategies, many of which the so-called industry experts are oblivious

Digital India has been endorsed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and industries are gradually transitioning into this powerful sphere.

Khangwal has been observing the digital marketing space from close quarters since long and also owns DigitalSerp, his ever-growing digital marketing company. One of the foremost important things that one needs to keep in mind are their client's requirements and preferences and then customize their strategy accordingly which can result in maximum reach and give desired results as expected.

He says that industry aspirants need to be constantly learning and updating their knowledge. "Keep experimenting and learn about recent trends which can help you go a long way in the digital marketing industry." he says.

Focussing on the nitty-gritty of the digital marketing space is important than anything else as to show results, certain methods need

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Your imperfections make you beautiful, they make you who you are. So just be yourself, love yourself for who you are and just keep going





IS CURRENCY SWAPPING THE WAY FORWARD?

A mix of policy changes and push for real growth would make the rupee more acceptable, something no official circular will be able to achieve writes SHIVAJI SARKAR

ndia has to find new ideas to rave up the economy – one being rupee-rouble trade with Russia— even as the currency slides below 80 to a dollar. Will the dream of former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee come true? Would Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and ASEAN accept it despite Reserve Bank paving the way for currency swapping?

These are good dreams to enable the rupee to become an international currency through the RBI circular does not make it convertible. The goals are not easy to achieve when the rupee continues to slip rapidly impacting the economic scenario and growth. It may come as a boon for exporters, but India is a net import country, and the overall impact of the deprecation of the rupee will be highly negative for the country.

The downward slide of the rupee calls for policy changes to strengthen the purchasing capacity of citizens and protect the importers.

The Soviet Union had a rupee-rouble trade arrangement (The Rupee-Rouble trade arrangement is an alternative payment mechanism to settle dues in rupees instead of Dollars or Euros} with India. The idea was first conceived in 1953 under the Indo-Soviet trade agreement, but Russia scrapped it in the 1990s. India has renewed the Rupee-rouble trade arrangement offer to Russia as the communist country struggles to come to terms with an international sanction in the wake of its invasion of Ukraine. Russia has not expressed much interest in accepting the rupee and wants payments in the rouble, post-Ukrainian war. It does not help India much as only through a dollar conversion it can pay in the rouble. The practice of escrow accounts that existed during the Soviet era is less practical for Russia.

Interestingly, Iran accepted rupee payment in a world of sanctions levied by the US. But this was undone by India

under the US pressure. Iran still may work it out provided the US sanctions do not deter it

But neither Bangladesh nor Sri Lanka despite high trade ties ever accepted the swap. Would Indians accept Bangladesh 'taka'? The rupee is accepted unofficially in legal or not border trades but 'taka' is still not a preference. The enabling provisions apart. Sri Lanka through its worst crisis took a \$ 3 billion foreign exchange loan, though a large part of it may be repaid as deals for oil and other goods from India.

India feels that being a large country it would have ready acceptance of its offer from small neighbors. Sri Lanka got into the trap of China and today it is ruing its fate. Bangladesh with over a dozen large projects with Chinese assistance is witnessing discontent within. Despite a favorable Awami League rule under Sheikh Hasina, sentiments are still less pro-India.

However, Myanmar has recently agreed to accept the Thai baht in border trade dealings and reportedly plans a similar arrangement for the Indian rupee seeking to limit reliance on the US dollar.

The Russia-Ukraine war has led to the shortage, protectionism, and a wave of defaults. It has led to a weakening of world growth, high inflation, and uncertainty for India with myriad issues like consistent trade deficits of \$ 20 billion a month or almost a year. The currency reserves have now gone down to \$588 billion as 50 percent of imports have seen a price surge. Total trade deficits may touch \$ 250 billion.

India's trade with Gulf countries crossed \$ 175 billion in 2021-22, much of its oil imports and cumulative investments \$ 16 billion. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement sealed by India and the United Arab Emirates in February 2022 is expected to facilitate Indian exporters to gain access to the Arab and African markets

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besides increasing the two-way trade to USD 100 billion in the next five years from the current USD 60 billion. But the region does not seem willing to rupee trading.

The latest RBI move is not a new

The latest RBI move is not a new deal. In 2013, the UPA government had finalized a list of 23 countries with which India could have traded in "local currencies to save precious foreign exchange and strengthen the rupee. The list included Angola, Algeria, Nigeria, Oman, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, Qatar, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia. A task force was set up under the then special secretary Rajiv Kher. The Kher committee in 2014 had discussed two models to settle bilateral trade in local currency the Vostro and Nostro accounts, and the traditional swap model. It preferred the traditional swap model.

In 2011, India and Japan agreed to a limited \$ 15 billion currency swap line, a positive move for the troubled Indian rupee, Asia's worst performing currency that year at ₹48.24 to a dollar. It was proposed to be increased to \$ 75 billion in 2018 by the NDA government. These are linked to London inter-bank rate, called Libor. It meant that a conversion rate is decided and later both the countries repay the amount at the same exchange rate. The fixed amount is held in rupee terms in a Japanese bank and a similar amount in Japanese yen with an Indian bank to settle trade payments.

Japan has done this with several countries like China, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and Thailand. Madan Sabnavis, chief economist of CARE Ratings had said that such arrangements were there but never used. While it did not impact the market, it gave s some leverage to RBI.

India's free trade agreements with the ASEAN, Japan and South Korea have not turned out to be favorable for the country as these resulted in growing deficits in merchandise trade, according to a study published by the think-tank Third World Network.. It is not just a loss in business terms but also impacts the value of the rupee. It means the FTAs need a review

It is erroneous to believe that rupee is losing only because of the present Ukrainian war. There are many other reasons which need to be studied in detail. The inherent conditions in the country, the 7.1 percent retail and 15.18 percent (down from 15.88 percent) wholesale price rises, 32 percent hike, in a year, in commodity prices and flight of foreign manufacturers significantly contributed to the crisis. One may wonder why despite 9.1 percent US inflation the dollar values increase. It is attributed to the US Fed Reserve's decision to increase real interest rates. It assures higher returns to the investor. India has yet to develop that intrinsic strength.

Some peculiar policies also affect India's economic performance. The quixotic idea of junking cars every year does not add to the value of the rupee. Forcing people to junk 'working' Euro IV and VI cars hit people below the belt. Another 9.5 lakh diesel cars are to be forcibly scrapped this year for supposed air quality improvement. Regardless of international pressure, India has to apply fewer cosmetics and act more to empower the people.

It must be remembered that building each new car will require new components that have to be imported. This will cause further erosion in foreign exchange value. Of course, rach new car will also impact the air quality, even it in a reduced manner. The UPA rule brought this draconian provision through the National Green Tribunal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi should personally intervene to scrap it.

A mix of policy changes and push for real growth would make the rupee more acceptable, something no official circular will be able to achieve

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A Welcome step

The recent announcement by the (RBI) to allow cross-border trade transactions in the rupee is a timely move and a step towards internationalization of the currency, according to experts.

Earlier this month, RBI had asked banks to put in place additional arrangements for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports/ imports in rupee, a step aimed at promoting the growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the domestic currency.

Speaking at an event organized by IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, RBI's former Executive Director G Padmanabhan said, 'for internationalization, one of the things to happen is that increasingly the currency gets used for trade transactions. This (RBI's rupee invoicing move) is a step forward as far as internationalization is concerned".

DBS Bank's Senior Economist and Executive Director Radhika Rao said rupee invoicing will help in establishing the rupee's role as the settlement currency internationally. "It is a very timely and definite step towards an eventual internationalisation. Now this eventuality is a few years to a few decades away but the timing of this circular has understandably drawn many to conclude quite swiftly that this is meant to be here now," she said.

Rao, however, said that one should not see this announcement as a move to make the rupee stronger. "It is more about expanding its (rupee's) usage than pushing the currency in a certain direction," she said. The circular said that before putting in place a rupee invoicing mechanism, Authorised Dealer (AD) banks will require prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of RBI.

"The bank of a partner country may approach an AD bank in India for opening a Special INR VOSTRO account. The AD bank will seek approval from the Reserve Bank with of the arrangement," it said.

Padmanabhan said with this approval process, the central bank wants to keep a tab on whether the accounts are getting opened for the purpose they are intended for. "Who is opening the account? Which country is opening the account? What kind of transactions is happening? Initially, RBI would like to keep a tab on what is happening. So, this approval process has been put in place," he added.

25 pc down in 8 years

The Indian currency has seen a steady decline against US dollars over the last few years. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said recently told the Lok sabha that the value of the Indian rupee has depreciated by around 25 per cent against the US dollar since December 2014.

In a written reply, the minister said that one US dollar was worth 63.33 Indian rupees on December 31, 2014. The Indian rupee breached 80 mark against the US dollar on

In reply to a starred question in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said, "global factors such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, soaring crude oil prices and tightening of global financial conditions are the major reasons for the weakening of the Indian Rupee against the US dollar."

The Minister, however, tried to silence the critics of the government by pointing out that the Indian currency has strengthened against other major global currencies.

"Currencies such as the British pound, the Japanese yen and the Euro have weakened more than the Indian rupee against the US dollar and therefore, the Indian rupee has strengthened against these currencies in 2022," the Finance Minister said.

On the impact of the depreciation in the value of the rupee on the economy, the government said that currency fluctuation is only one of the factors that impact an economy. The government said the depreciation of the currency is likely to enhance the export competitiveness which in turn impacts the economy positively. The depreciation of the currency also impacts imports by making them more costly, the government said.

The Finance Minister further added that the outflow of foreign portfolio capital is a major reason for the depreciation of the Indian rupee. Foreign portfolio investors have withdrawn nearly \$14 billion from the Indian equity markets in the financial year 2022-23 so far, she said.

UNFAIR TO THE FAIR SEX

According to an estimate, one out of every four women suffers from Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), a common gynaecological disorder in women of reproductive age, in the country. Yet important conversations about this major health issue are silenced by the stigma and stark ignorance about it. As a result, in most cases it goes unchecked, leading to long-term health problems like infertility, diabetes, heart diseases and endometrial cancer, besides depression and anxiety. The HEALTH PIONEER talks to doctors about the symptoms, management and various studies revealing insights into the syndrome. India records over one million cases in a year.

PCOS is a common disorder of the ovaries that can affect up to 10% of women of records. 10% of women of reproductive age. The ovaries can become enlarged and contain fluid-filled sacs (follicles) that surround the eggs. PCOS can make it difficult for women to become pregnant, and can cause weight gain, thinning hair and oily skin or acne. There have been various studies revealing how PCOS can have long-term adverse impact on the woman's as well as her babies'

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EXCERPTS FROM STUDIES

• PCOS in mothers is linked to increased risk of health problems in their children

Children born to mothers with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) have an increased risk of developing infections, allergies and other childhood illnesses by the age of 13, according to a study, published in Human Reproduction.

The study looked at 1,038,375 children born in Quebec, Canada, between 2006 and 2020. Of these, 7,160 children were born to mothers with PCOS.

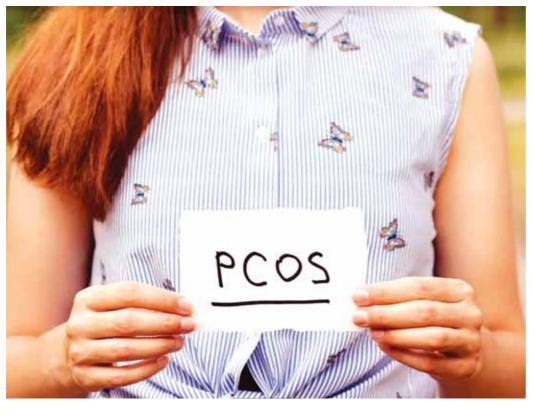
The researchers found that children of mothers with PCOS were 32% more likely to be admitted to hospital with a variety of health problems than children of mothers without PCOS. They were 31% more likely to be admitted for infectious diseases and 47% more likely to be admitted for allergy-related problems, such as asthma

The risk of hospitalization was increased for problems relating to metabolism (up by 59%), the gut (72%), central nervous system (74%), and ears (34%); it was also increased for respiratory problems, such as pneumonia (32%), and mental and behavioural problems (68%). There was no link with cancer, and there was little difference between boys and girls in the association of PCÓS with hospitalisation.

Several studies have shown links with problems in pregnancy and birth, such as gestational diabetes, pre-eclampsia and preterm birth. However, the long-term effect of PCOS on offspring is poorly understood and has received little attention.

Dr Nathalie Auger, associate professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University of Montreal, Canada, who led the gap in what we know about the longterm health of children whose mothers have PCOS. Primary care doctors and obstetricians should consider identifying women with PCOS before conception and offering early interventions such as weight management and strategies to help prevent problems such as diabetes and heart and blood vessel diseases. Family doctors and paediatricians should consider monitoring children more closely after birth to minimise morbidity. Greater parental awareness may help improve outcomes in children."

Dr Auger said: "Women with PCOS may have high levels of androgen and insulin resistance, which have been linked to problems with the placenta, such as inflamma-



tion of the membrane surrounding the foetus, damage to tissue and impaired function of the placenta. These create a suboptimal environment in the womb for babies that could lead to impaired immune function and low-grade systemic

She said genetic factors could also play a role, with the environment in the womb causing modifications in how some genes work in offspring.

Body weight influences the chance of developing PCOS

A recent study found a clear relationship between obesity and the chance of developing (PCOS). The team reported obesity during childhood and teenage years are particularly vital to the disease's development.

The goal of the study was to see if obesity had an impact on the development of PCOS. Dr. Laurence Dobbie, an academic junior doctor at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital in the United Kingdom, and Professor Daniel Cuthberson, Professor of Medicine at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, invesmarkers contribute to PCOS development with colleagues from the University of Liverpool.

The study highlighted that BMI, body fat levels and markers indicative of diabetes are vital in PCOS development. They also showed that girls with overweight who go on to have a normal adult body weight are still more likely to develop PCOS. The team also reported that obesity and overweight during adolescence are particularly important in the development of the condition.

"This study shows that obesity during childhood and teenage years are key factors in the development of PCOS. This opens a way to support women's health by investing in nutritional and weight management programmes for younger people. This also has the potential to prevent the condition's consequences which include poorer quality of life, infertility, diabetes and pregnancy complications. Future research should focus on developing new ways to help women affected by PCOS manage their weight", said Dr Laurence Dobbie.

'The team reports that girls with obesity who go on to have a normal weight in adulthood are still more likely to develop PCOS. This clearly shows that weight management during childhood is vital to prevent PCOS development. This has the potential to improve women's health,"concluded Professor Cuthbertson.

Cost of mental health disorders linked with PCOS almost USD6 billion in 2021

PCOS is also associated with an increased prevalence of mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety and eating disorders, according to a study led by researcher Adam Bonner, University of Alabama at Medicine in Birmingham, Ala.

The researchers wanted to calculate the healthcare-related costs of mental health disorders in women with PCOS. They reviewed 19 studies which included a total of 28,482 women with PCOS and 27,124 without the condition. They analyzed the odds of anxiety, depression and eating disorders among patients diagnosed with PCOS. They found that women with PCOS were 77% more likely to have anxiety, 53% more likely to have eating disorders and more than twice as likely to have depression compared to

women without PCOS. They then calculated the excess costs of these mental health disorders for women with PCOS in the United States. They estimated the direct PCOS-related healthcare costs in 2021 were USD2.987 billion for depression, USD2.216 billion for anxiety and USD 694 million for eating disorders.

"This work is the first to estimate the excess direct healthcare costs of mental health disorders associated with PCOS in the United States,' Bonner said. "Our findings mandate that the scientific, medical and policy community increase its focus on this important disorder.

Women with PCOS are more likely to develop poor respiratory health issues

As per a study, PCOS may also be responsible for lower lung capacity in some women, which may lead to shortness of breath.

Dr Diana van der Plaat, a RESPIRE 3 fellow based at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, UK said: 'We tend to think of lung diseases, like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as being more common in men and in smokers. But a striking never smoked. In recent years, there has been an increase in lung disease and deaths from lung disease in women, and we want to understand why.

"This work is part of a big study looking at hormonal factors and lung health in women. PCOS is very common so it's important to find out whether this condition is associated with poor lung health."

Researchers used lung function data from 182,619 women from the UK Biobank project. They also used previously published genetic data on PCOS from several worldwide studies.

The results suggest that women with PCOS were around 10% more likely to have lower lung function,

DOCTORSSPEAK

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PCOS is a health disorder in which several small, fluid-filled sacs called cysts develop in the ovaries. No ovulation takes place in a woman with PCOS and creates problems during childbearing years. It is a condition that affects a woman's hormone levels. PCOS



affects ovaries, women's reproductive organs that produce estrogen and progesterone — hormones that balance the menstrual cycle. The ovaries also produce male hormones called androgens but in a small amount. Extra androgens disrupt the cycle, so women with PCOS face

There are two type of hormones which creates right environment for ovulation. Follicle-stimulating hormone

Professor, obstetrics and gynaecology, Vardhman Mahavir Medical college and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi

There is a need to create awareness among young school girls about the PCOS, about the importance of healthy lifestyle and food

Avoid smoking, excess alcohol, and things that increase risk for cardiovascular disease as women with PCOS are already at a higher risk. Women living in such conditions are more likely to be depressed than women in the general population. Hence, it is important that mental health

is not ignored. Yoga, and meditation are very useful.

The causes can be many. Women with PCOS have insulin resistance, which means that their cells can't use insulin properly. When cells can't use insulin properly, the body increases demand for insulin. Extra insulin triggers the ovaries to produce more male hormones. If someone's family is facing obesity and diabetes

ice-cream. Brisk walks, gymming and swimming-ie some form of cardio exercises for 40-50 minutes five days a week has to be followed religiously. from many generations then chances of having PCOS are high. Being overweight can also contribute to inflam-

FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH) control ovulation.

FSH stimulates the ovary to produce a sac that contains

an egg known as follicle, and then LH strikes the ovary

to release a mature egg, due to PCOS these eggs never mature enough to trigger ovulation. It is mainly asso-

ciated with obesity and includes symptoms like irregu-

lar or delayed periods, weight gain, baldness, acne, heavy

bleeding, hirsutism and darkening of skin. It can con-

tribute to other long term health problems like diabetes

and heart diseases, hyperlipidemia, endometrial hyper-

plasia. Insulin resistance, genetic, sedentary lifestyle or

side a balanced diet can help improve PCOS symptoms.

Foods which are less in carbs or slow glucose releas-

ing carbs are preferable. Avoid junk food, alcohol and

Regarding its management, regular exercise along-

obesity are some of the main causes.

It is a very common gynecological disorder found in adolescent girls and females of reproductive age group. While adolescents' females present with problems like menstrual irregularity or abnormal hair growth or both, they later present with inability to conceive. Those with PCOS are at higher risk of having type 2 Diabetes, Cardiovascular problems and even endometrial malig-

Also, those with PCOS are actually at high risk for covid 19 infection, as has been seen in a few British and European studies recently due to association with conditions like obesity, cardio-metabolic derangements, hypertension, diabetes, vitamin D deficiency etc which in turn lowers the immunity.

The key to prevention and management is adoption a healthy lifestyle. But this again is a real challenge in this busy and fast world. We can sensitise our young girls about the condition and its disastrous consequences, and help them inculcate healthy living, and food habits to curb the problem before it takes gigantic form.

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Although PCOS cannot be cured or treated, its symptoms can be managed if diagnosed early. A lot of diet and lifestyle changes go a long way in keeping you fine even if you have PCOS.

According to recent studies, PCOS affects between 4% to 18% of women globally. The prevalence ranges from 3.7% to 22.5% in India. Even while there

is growing evidence for hereditary aspects, the precise ties, infertility and long-term health problems like obesity, sleep apnea, diabetes, uterine cancer are other issues that women with this condition may have.

PCOS requires long-term treatment. Consequently, adopting a healthy lifestyle is crucial for managing this disease. All PCOS-diagnosed women are generally advised to follow a customized healthy diet, engage in regular physical activity, and maintain a healthy BMI. Keep in touch with your gynaecologist after the diagnosis to receive the best care possible for the condition. Women with PCOS who want to conceive may require assistance in the form of drugs for egg formation and

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Union Ministry of Ayush

n many cases, PCOS is a serious medical condition. Diet modification and a healthy lifestyle will help to manage PCOS. Practices will be modified according to women conditions. These need to be practiced under supervision.



Kriya & Bandha

 Kapalbhati/Aganisara/ Uddiyanbhadha/Tadagi Mudra /Vipareetkarni Mudra

Asana (Modified postures according

to conditions)

- Tadasana/KatiCakrasana/Bhadrasana/Supta Vajrasana Saral Bhaujangasna/Setubandhasana/Supta
- Badhakonasana
- Ekpada Uttanasana/Ardha Halasana on wall support/Supta Pawanmuktasana/Shavasana

Pranayama & Realxation/ Dhyana

Nadishodhana Pranayama/Bhastrika Pranayama/ Bhramari Pranayama/Yoga Nidra/Om Meditation/

compared to other women. People with low lung function are more likely to suffer with conditions such as cardiovascular disease and they have higher overall mortality rates, even if they are not diagnosed with any chronic respiratory conditions.

We found that women with PCOS have a small increased risk of having impaired lung function. Poor

lung function can cause difficulty in breathing and inadequate exchange of oxygen to the blood or carbon dioxide from the blood, said the

NEWSBRIEFS

First-ever 'Made in India' surgical robotic system at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, Delhi

Delhi-based Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCI) has installed a "made in India surgical robotic system' devised by a new-age medical technology start-up that claims to make robotic surgery more accessible to patients

The ingenious SSI Mantra, "a brainchild of robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India, making robotic surgery

accessible and affordable for the people of our country," said the Hospital in a statement here.

"After two pilot projects where Dr Sudhir Rawal and his team from RGCI successfully performed a total of 26 surgeries with SSI Mantra, thereby validating safety, feasibility and effectiveness the robot is now ready to provide an advanced method of surgery, which will be accessible to the the dialysis in private hospitals general public at a much lower nor a BPL card which can help cost," it said him avail free health care facil-

Eye specialist Prof A K Grover of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi "first Indian opthalmogist" to get Arthur Lim Award Prof A K Grover, Chairperson,

Department of Opthalmology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi has become the "first Indian

opthalmogist" who has been named for the prestigious Arthur Lim Award given by the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO).

The award recognises "exemplary leadership in the field of ophthalmology and



beyond", the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital said in a The oration is to be

delivered virtually at the Ophthalmology, hosted by China in September, it said, Besides professor Grover, three other opthalmogists from the Asia Pacific region have been selected

contributions to ophthalmic education in

by APAO for awards.

With approximately 4,950 dialysis centres in the country, having around 20,000 machines, largely in the private sector, not even half of the demands are met with the existing infrastructure. Patients belonging to middle and lower-middle income group find themselves at the receiving end. ARCHANA JYOTI brings a report.

Hailing from lower-middle income group and employed with a private firm at these hospitals. which does not provide health insurance policy, 45-year-old Ramesh Kumar, afflicted with kidney ailments neither has enough money to shell out for

ities in the government sector. To make matters worse, there are not enough government centres offering dialysis facilities in the national capital--there are just seven.

"Sometimes there are no beds, while treatment at private centres is expensive — as high as ₹2000 per sitting," said his 19year-old daughter, Anuksha. In addition to this, at the

government hospitals such as Safdarjung, RML and LNJP which offer the facilities, the dialysis machineries are not enough to cater to all the patients who turn up from across the districts for free treatment.

There is a need to increase

the number of units, say doctors

Kumar was diagnosed with renal disease a few months ago and has been recommended dialysis almost twice a week. The family has already exhausted the Mediclaim option and now incurring on treatment and transport through their own pocket or help coming in tit-bits from the well-wishers and

According to various reports, there are more than a million patients in India who require dialysis and every year approximately 3,00,000 new patients are added to this list. The total dialysis requirement in the country is of 209 million treatments.

India has 4950 dialysis centers with approximately 20,000 machines that too mostly in metro or Tier-1cities which caters to only about 8 per cent of the demand.

Unfortunately, the effects of Covid-19 on kidney health may only grow, thus pushing up

State/UT wise details of functional Dialysis

Shortage of Dialysis Units: Patients Run From Pillar to Post

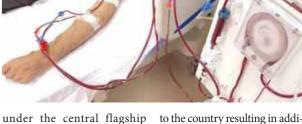
Every year about 2.2 lakh new patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) get added to the pool in the country resulting in an additional demand for 3.4 crore dialysis.

Centre under PMNDP							
State	No of functional	- Ladakh	2				
	Dialysis	Lakshadweep	2				
	centers as on	Madhya Pradesh	57				
A O M I I I I I I I	Dec 2021	- Maharashtra	47				
A&N Island	5	Manipur	7				
Andhra Pradesh	41	Meghalaya	0				
Arunachal Pradesh	4	- Mizoram	3				
Assam	31	Nagaland	3				
Bihar	35	Odisha	31				
Chandigarh	1	- Puducherry	2				
Chhattisgarh	8		29				
DD&DNH	2	Punjab					
Delhi	7	Rajasthan	33				
Goa	14	Sikkim	3				
Gujarat	61	Tamil Nadu	121				
Haryana	19	- Telangana	43				
Himachal Pradesh	15	Tripura	7				
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		 Uttar Pradesh 	54				
Jammu & Kashmir		- Uttarakhand	9				
Jharkhand	19	West Bengal	50				
Karnataka	167	—					
Kerala	92	Total	1045				

the number of patients needing dialysis or kidney transplant.

Last month, giving a ray of hope to lakhs of kidney ailment patients, Union Minister of

Health, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviva announced that the Central Government will soon launch the 'One Nation, One Dialysis' programme. To be launched



Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP), the patients can avail dialysis facility from anywhere in the country

But when it will happen, only time will tell. In fact, in the 2016-2017

Budget, the Government had announced the launch of a National Dialysis Programme under a public-private partnership at the district hospitals. It has been moving at a snail's pace.

The programme was launched keeping in view the fact that every year about 2.2 lakh new patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) get added

tional demand for 3.4 crore dialysis each year. The Government too feels

that the high cost of dialysis care leads to a financial catastrophe for practically all the families with such patients. "It has been felt that both in the terms of provision of important life-saving procedures and for reducing the impoverishment on account of out-of-pocket expenditure for patients, a dialysis program is required," said a seniot official from the Union Health Ministry.

The PMNDP has been implemented in 35 States/UT, in 569 districts at 1045 centers.

Sri Lankan crisis: Financial hara-kiri

A fter months of massive protests by Sri Lankans over country's worst economic crisis leading to the departure and dethroning of the Rajapaksa clan and taking over of Ranil Wickremesinghe as the 8th President and Dinesh Gunawardena as the new Prime Minister of the crisis-hit Island nation, what begs the question is: Will this transition of power also see the recovery of its bleeding economy?

Sound economics make nations great. When countries commit blunder on financial principles, mismanage their finances, nations fall apart as is evident in Sri Lanka where people facing a financial turmoil of unimaginable proportion struggle to make both ends meet.

Food has become unaffordable for most of the people of the island as inflation has spiked to over 40 per cent; fuel shortage make people stand in mile-long queues the whole day and return without getting any pint of it; medicines are not available and jobs disappear as all engines of economic growth have come to a screeching halt.

Moreover, the election of the new President and the Prime Minister has failed to smooth the protesters' ruffled feathers as uncertainty and chaos prevail in the want of a concrete economic solution.

The worst economic crisis since decades with the powerful Rajapaksa clan being sidelined and angry Lankans venting their anger through protests is yet not over but there are some positive signs, albeit from outside — with the international community rushing to give helping hand to the debthit island. India, along with other nations, has extended Lanka credit line on favourable terms apart from supplying millions of dollars worth of rice, milk powder, medicine and other humanitarian aid, as well as diesel fuel and gasoline.

But there are lessons to be learnt by other countries from the crisis to keep their economy afloat. On a closer look,



Dejected protesters sit on a street corner after they were evicted by the military from the presidential offices they had occupied for days, in Colombo on July 22, 2022

Lanka has emerged as the rarest of rare examples in post-Covid nation whose economy collapsed, plunging the whole country into the darkness because of lack of economic foresight and utter mismanagement

agement.

Experts and economists have been talking about what triggered the economic collapse of a well-to-do democratic country with its President and Prime Minister, both brothers and from the family, running

away for safety and taking shelter in another country. As experts are on the same page on the economic repercussions of Covid-19 assault which triggered a new phase of global slump, for Sri Lanka, some blame it to decisive policies of the Rajapaksa clan sidelining Tamils and Muslims, others strongly believe that the loan that Sri Lanka took from China sowed the seeds of the eco-

nomic collapse.
It is a known fact that

many imperial and expanding powers have used loans as a tool to indirectly control the borrowing nation, and there are several examples, like Pakistan surrendering to China by taking unmanageably huge loans. Lankan crisis has set off the alarm for other nations who are reeling under similar situations after falling victim to the predators' debt-trap.

The lessons to be learned from the Lankan crisis for small economy countries is to

avoid taking huge loans that too from nations like China, which has been accused of using "debt trap" policy to acquire assets of strategic importance without helping the country with plans to come out of their financial crisis.

out of their financial crisis.

IMF Managing Director
Kristalina Georgieva in a meeting of the Group of 20 finance
ministers earlier last week said,
"Countries with high debt levels and limited policy space will
face additional strains. Look no

further than Sri Lanka as a warning sign."

But as any crisis of this nature cannot be because of one "bad" reason or policy, it's about time countries took steps to save themselves from getting into the quagmire or cesspit of financial debt. China has rejected the debt-trap theory as a smear campaign against it by the western media to derail its collaborations with countries and the West's own inability to forge such kinds of alliances.

However, it would be unjust to blame only China for the economic collapse of Sri Lanka, whose leadership's blinkered approach to revive the Covid-hit economy failed miserably.

It was a kind of hara-kiri with no strong fundamentals. Lanka's economy started deteriorating for several years before the present crisis hit the nation. The Easter suicide bombing in 2019, Covid pandemic and Ukraine crisis exacerbated the crisis as a result of collapse of tourism and sharp drop in foreign exchange reserve.

In 2019, the Gotabaya Government pushed through the largest tax cuts in Sri Lankan history which downgraded the country's ratings, blocking it from borrowing more as its foreign reserves went down. In a populist move, the Cabinet cut the value added tax to eight per cent from 15 per cent and also abolished seven other taxes, including a two per cent nation building tax paid by businesses.

In April last year, then President Gotabaya suddenly banned imports of chemical fertilisers in a push for organic farming which decimated rice cultivation in the country. To save on foreign exchange, the Government banned imports of other items deemed to be luxuries.

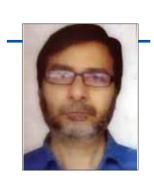
The country instead of going for restructuring its debt, started dipping into its foreign reserves to meet its debt obligations. This resulted in foreign reserves declining from 8,864 million dollar in June 2019 to 2,361 million dollar in January 2022 and it further crashed to 50 million dollar in May this year.

The moot point for the new political dispensation is how to turn around an economy so deep in crisis.

The need of the hour is the fiscal reforms but it is not possible until political stability returns

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As experts are on the same page on the economic repercussions of Covid-19 assault which triggered a new phase of global slump, for Sri Lanka, some blame it to decisive policies of the Rajapaksa clan sidelining Tamils and Muslims, others strongly believe that the loan that Sri Lanka took from China sowed the seeds of the economic collapse



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PERSPECTIVE -

Turning around Lanka economy to take time

Wickremesinghe will need a wide mandate and support from **Opposition** politicians if he is to drastically change Sri Lanka's policies. Inflation in is not believed to have peaked yet, and people will continue to face economic hardships for some time. But political stability will be needed before Sri Lanka can get out of its economic mess, writes Vidhura S Tennekoon

Sri Lanka has a new President and Prime Minister, but a change in who leads the crisishit South Asian nation alone will not solve the country's severe economic problems. Ranil Wickremesinghe, who on July 20, 2022, was voted in by lawmakers to replace fleeing former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, and his appointed premier Dinesh Gunawardena inherit an economy grappling with record inflation as high as 59 per cent, a currency that has lost almost half its value since March 2022 and severe shortages of daily necessities such as food and fuel. Nearly all economic activity in the country has ground to a halt. The Government's deficit is

so large it can't afford to pay public workers, and the central bank has almost no foreign currency — needed to finance imports and pay back foreign debt.

In short, Sri Lanka is facing an unprecedented economic crisis, placing tremendous pressure on the new leaders to act fast to fix things.

As an economist and former official at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, I believe the path forward will be difficult. The country will need to break with past policies and practices that put it in a financial hole while putting in place reforms to get the economy back on track. In particular, there are four key economic challenges the new government will have to address, though they're all interconnected.

Addressing Sri Lankans'

immediate needs
To avoid the fate of his now
exiled predecessor Gotabaya
Rajapaksa, President

Wickremesinghe will have to address the immediate needs of his people. After being sworn in, Wickremesinghe said his priority was to ensure that people are able to eat three meals a day.

While food inflation has reached 76 per cent, prices of many basic food items have increased by a higher margin, rice by 160 per cent, wheat flour by 200 cent and sugar by 164 per cent. To put that in context, a preschool teacher earning minimum wage would need more than a day's wages to purchase a kilogram of sugar and a kilogram of wheat flour or rice. A cylinder of cooking gas, if they were lucky to find one, would cost more than a half-month's salary.

Cost of living ranks alongside other pressing issues. Reopening the shuttered schools and universities is another priority. The other urgent need is restoring transportation services. With no fuel to purchase, private bus services are in limbo and public transportation has become an adventure ride, with passengers dangling from the door and windows and even sitting inside the luggage box.

Restoring transportation and electricity services requires foreign currency to import fuel, but support from the International Monetary Fund, which provides financial help to struggling economies through loan packages, is months away. Unless the new President can persuade its regional powerhouses — India and China — to provide more help, economic hardships will continue and life in Sri Lanka

will not be normal.

In the past, Sri Lanka has



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been able to rely on tourism to help bring revenue to the island nation. But this will be impossible while social unrest continues and shortages of essentials limit the country's ability to serve visitors. Meanwhile, remittances from overseas Sri Lankans have also suffered because of a lack of confidence in the national currency, known as the rupee. As Wickremesinghe has noted, things will get worse before they get better.

Balancing the budget
The next item on the
President's to-do list will likely be finding a way to bring the

budget deficit down. Last year, expenses were 240 per cent of revenue, and 91 per cent more was needed to repay debt. Money printing covered a large portion of this gap but only exacerbated inflation.

The primary reason for Sri Lanka's current crisis is decades of fiscal mismanagement, with too much spending and too little revenue. Fixing this problem will require a combination of higher taxes and significant budget cuts. But the budget gap is too wide to eliminate completely the need for money printing. The best that can be hoped for is an aggressive reduction.

Restructuring Sri Lanka's huge debt Such budgetary reform

Such budgetary reforms will likely be necessary to solve another challenge Sri Lanka faces: overseas debt. Sri Lanka has amassed about \$51 billion in foreign debt over the past decades but has virtually no foreign currency with which to pay it back. The government suspended payments on foreign debt in April, sending it into default.

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At the end of 2021, about 45 per cent of the debt was owed to private investors, while the rest belonged to countries and multinational institutions. The Asian Development Bank

owned the biggest share, at 16 per cent, while Japan, China and the World Bank held 10

per cent apiece. For Sri Lanka to emerge from its crisis, it will need significant help from the IMF. But the IMF requires assurances that Sri Lanka's debt sustainability be restored before lending it money. And other international organisations, such as the World Bank, will not be willing to lend Sri Lanka more until the country signs an agreement with the IMF. And US lawmakers have recently suggested IMF support will be contingent on Sri Lanka's increasing the independence of its central bank, fighting corruption and doing more to promote the rule of law.

While G-7 countries, the group of leading economies, including Japan, appear willing to help Sri Lanka in its effort to restructure its debt, some bondholders such as Caribbean-based Hamilton Reserve Bank, which holds just \$250 million worth have already taken legal action to claim their dues.

In May, Sri Lanka took a first step toward restructuring its debt, but it may take several months before the country is able to successfully negotiate with its creditors to ensure debt sustainability.

Garnering public support for reforms

Wickremesinghe's biggest and most unenviable challenge, however, is less about the economy and more about the politics of fixing it. He won't be able to do much about Sri Lanka's economy until he's able to bring about political stability. And right now, Sri Lanka

remains in turmoil.

Wickremesinghe, who previously served as Prime Ninister appointed by his toppled predecessor, will need a wide mandate and support from Opposition politicians if he is to drastically change Sri Lanka's policies. Upon election, he immediately urged his rivals to join him and "work together to bring the country out of the crisis," adding, "Our divisions are now over."

He will also need to address protesters' demands over reducing executive powers while bringing in strong anti-corruption measures and strengthening democratic institutions.

tutions.
Yet many doubt
Wickremesinghe's ability to
unite Sri Lanka and question
his mandate to serve out the
remaining term of the presidency. He has been a target of
protesters since being appointed President. And a confrontation between armed
forces and protesters soon after
Wickremesinghe took power
doesn't bode well.

Turning around an economy so deep in crisis will take time. Inflation in Sri Lanka is not believed to have peaked yet, and people will continue to face economic hardships for some time. But political stability will be needed before Sri Lanka can get out of its economic mess. The fiscal reforms expected by the IMF will be painful and will be viable only with public support, and that of all major political parties in Sri Lanka's Parliament.

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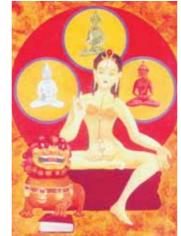






ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you are being careless when it comes to your health and will soon suffer the consequences as well. You need to avoid stress and anxiety at this time. Relax and take advice from a health professional. Health is the greatest wealth, therefore, take time out for yourself. Make a resolution that you will do some kind of physical exercise for at least 30 minutes. Professionally, cards indicate a good message for you. Your partner and you have a perfect understanding of professional matters and work for the same motive. Balance and determination are the keys to your success. On the personal front, your critical and analytical nature is at a peak. This may cause conflict in your love life. Let your partner grow and have a chance to express them. Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Pink



LEO July 23-Aug 22

There is a sparkling and refreshing factor in your personality that makes you a distinct person this week. Your courage and risk-taking ability will open up new areas in life. You feel healthy and fearless. You have the enthusiasm to experience, discover and enjoy life. You believe in yourself and follow your heart. This is a time when you need to truly believe and have no room for fear. Career-wise, you will start feeling that there is personal growth too in the profession. You feel the highest potential for your life, reaching a state of renewal and new beginnings, where each day is an adventure and each moment is lived to the fullest. Your emotional strength is the greatest tool to win all challenges in life, let it be personal or professional. Support of near and dear ones is on the cards. Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Mauve



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Let go of all the past worries and live in the moment. This week depression, isolation and insecurity are likely to cause harm. Try to keep these three away from you. Your positive mindset will not only help in making you a successful person but also stay in great health. This week avoid red colour. On the career front, you are likely to discover a skill which was unknown to you all this while. With a new week, you are set on a new path, realizing your potential and weaknesses. Those who are looking to start their career may have to train yourself to specialize in one field. On the personal front, you tend to lose your temper at the slightest provocation and this will affect your relationships with your family and friends.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

Lucky day Sunday

This week your health needs your attention. Avoid any kind of physical and mental stress. The balance between body, mind and soul is required at this time. Some external negative forces are working against you. You may feel helpless as something comes to a sudden end, and you feel as if you are being attacked or backstabbed by someone. On the career front, work is satisfactory and you are happy about it. New opportunities and new creative plans are indicated, and new projects are likely to open up in front of you. On the personal front, you may feel suffocated with no scope of self-expression in love. Those who are looking for love should have patience. Those facing a rough time in married life should adopt the right attitude towards your marriage and partner. Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Peach

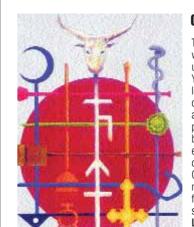


VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Lucky day Monday

You tend to think with your heart, rather than your mind. You may lack rationality but you are highly intuitive. You are nurturing and caring for others' needs. Females are likely to suffer from hormonal problems, thyroid or menopause kind of problems. In such case, hurry up, get yourself checked, think fast and take medicine before it aggravates. On the career front, your personal values system and what you believe will bring you the ultimate fulfilment and happiness in your life. An appraisal or a very lucrative offer is on the cards. Try to look for opportunities that make you feel satisfied and that are aligned with your values. You have to do what feels right to you only. The week is good for your emotional happiness as

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Beige Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you will take life as it comes and is not worried about anything. Be cautious as your diets and unhealthy eating habits could take a toll on your health. You may face health issues like weight gain, lethargy and low stamina. Whatever you want to indulge in but don't compromise on health. Follow regular exercise to be on a good track. This week on the career front, work will pick up speed. It will be important for you to keep your balance in every possible way. Seniors will have high expectations of you. Don't get nervous. Your communication is your tool, use it for everyone's good. On the personal front, you are optimistic. Your networking with people is strong. You will enjoy fulfilment in relationships. With your partner's emotional support, you will feel protected. Lucky number 15

Lucky colour Sky Blue **Lucky day** Thursday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Lucky day Tuesday

This is a pretty good week for you. You are quick both mentally and physically and is full of anticipation. Those who are suffering from any ailment please know that you will recover very fast. This is the time to indulge in fun with mental activities of all kinds, including learning, exploring, and researching. On the professional front, you are filled with fresh energy and feel like an avid learner and an excellent student. This will lead you to learn various skills. You could prove a smart salesperson for the company and with your skills, you have achieved some unexpected targets for the company you are working with. Your appraisal is likely. On the personal front, the time seems to be favourable. For those already in a relationship, it's very possible that it will deepen and become better. Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Saturday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week be careful of wishful thinking or illusions in the choices you currently face. You are more of a dreamer who sees only beauty, outward attraction and excitement. Things will become worse if you continue to stay in your dreams and fantasies. Stay away from bad habits and bad company. This is the time to live in reality and away from any kind of temptations. Professionally, you are likely to take your business into a partnership where you will experience understanding, harmony and big motives between two people. The seed sown now will blossom into a tree of appreciation. On the personal front, you are rich by heart and with your pocket too. The week just reminds you to appreciate the sensual, luxurious side to life that often makes life more pleasurable. You believe in quality over quantity and learning to enjoy a full and joyful life Lucky number 13

Lucky colour Brown **Lucky day** Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week you are ignoring your health. You consider pleasures in simple traditions and rituals. You need to listen to your body and understand what you are feeding it. If you continue to harm your body then your health needs immediate attention. It is advised to take timely action. Home-made remedies will help you in healing Other modes of healing could make a big hole in the pocket. For the past few weeks, your focus was mainly on your financial security. On the career front, you will need to adapt to the existing set of beliefs that are already in place, instead of being innovative. Personally this is the time to value relationships and understand that every bond in life has its meaning. If required, take help from a psychotherapist or a spiritual mentor to whom you will turn for wisdom.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you need to listen to your body with great care and compassion. Half of the problems will get sorted with a positive attitude. If you're having health issues like back pain, low energy, or any other problem do take care. Revisiting your spiritual rituals is on the card. It might be helpful to give you the time and space to get insight that might be healing for you. Career-wise you seem to be in an offbeat mood and not satisfied in your current job, this is the right to switch the job. Prepare your resume, do research work, on which company need your profile and prepare yourself for the interview. You are very sensitive and emotional this week. Even a small matter could make you cry. Your mood swings and over-demanding nature could make your partner irritated.

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week your health will be at its best. You will experience harmony in your thinking and personality. You will be calm, and friendly and will support others. You give other people their space and are tolerant of their needs. You can create a safe and trusting environment for them and become their influence. This demonstrates a level of soft control and persuading others of your way of thinking. On the career front, long-time challenges will be met. You will be focused on what you need to do. In this process, you will regain your self-confidence. On the personal front, you beam with happiness and enjoy the relationships. Your dreams have become reality and relationships will find a new meaning. Married couples will experience a stronger bond.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are full of imagination and feel physically comfortable. The negativity of the past is fading away and you will enjoy high stamina and creativity. You are likely to work hard with a lot of enthusiasm to fulfil your dreams. is the time when your common sense and practical approach will lead you to success. Professionally, work plans held up due to obstacles will start opening up with fruitful results. This week you can afford to take the risk as you shall find takers for your plans. Your past investment of money and energy will start showing dividends now. You are also able to do justice with your professional and personal responsibilities. Married couples will enjoy marital bliss. Couples staying separately are likely to settle their disputes

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Thursday

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he whole of Shraavana month, unlike other Hindu festivities, is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It can't be without a purpose. You can see a huge crowd of devotees (Kanwarias), growing in number every year. Leaving aside commitment towards their usual material concerns for a while, they dedicate them selves in service of the Lord. All clad in saffron cloth, barefooted walking miles together, they carry water drawn from river Ganges or any nearby rivulet on their shoulders. They make offering of that water to a Lord Shiva temple of their choice, aspiring His grace for their well-

Lot of camaraderie is in sight amongst the devout. Not even aware who the person is, they lend hand to those having difficulty in walking the path. But at the same time, lot of them also create ruckus on the way. Here I recall a visit to Deogarh, supposedly one of the 12 Jyotirlingam, during my early college days. I spent a night at an octogenarian Panda's (priest) house. He gave me an account of how the crowd at the temple swelled with time. The pandas have a busy time during Shraavana and Bhadra months. During the lean season, they go

on a tour visiting outstation wealthy patrons seeking monetary offering. One such Panda on a visit to a rich Kolkata businessman was told that the person he was looking for is sick and bed ridden, and so can't see him. The panda said: "I am not just here for some monetary gains. I wish to offer him prasada brought from Deoghar, which carries Lord Shiva's grace. Also, I wish to bless him for his speedy recovery." He was then called in. The panda suggested that businessman to take a pledge to visit Sultanganj, collect holy Ganges water there, and walk barefooted 85 kms distance to Deogarh and make his offerings to Lord Shiva. That may relieve him of his sufferings. "I am so sick that I can't get up from the bed on my own. How do you expect me to walk that length?" Countered the businessman. "If you make a resolve, Lord Shiva will pull you through." The panda replied.

When businessman's health did not improve for long, in a state of desperation, he decided to follow panda's advice. With many helping hands in his entourage, he reached Sultanganj and began his journey. Since he walked very slowly, it took him much longer than others to reach Deoghar. But by the time he

The concept underlying Lord Shiva



made it to the desired destination, his health improved. "Was it Lord Shiva's grace that helped him walk so much and got him relieved of his ailment?" I asked the panda. He said no. The businessman would keep sitting in his shop for long and ate rich food, with no physical work in hand. Over a period of time, his digestion system went bad and began suffering from gastroenteritis. Since he exerted himself enough, while covering that distance, his digestive system improved, and so he recovered. Seeing the man recovering through penance, lot of businessmen from Kolkata followed suit. The locals then thought that it was businessmen's ardent faith in Lord Shiva, which makes them so rich and so, gradually, they also joined the chorus. As of now people in millions visit Deogarh during Shravana. Such a herd mentality has made Kanwaria crowd multiply manifold in other places also, Delhi being no excep-

Having said that, let me tell you that the concept underlying Lord Shiva is profound. Not simply it has metaphysical import, it carries meaningful lesson in terms of inter-personal-relationship skill and management. In this context, it will

be interesting to have a look at two imageries of Lord Shiva. In the first picture Lord Shiva is seated in meditative posture on Mount Kailasha. The second imagery shows Lord Shiva with his entourage

In the first imagery Lord Shiva, with lunar crescent over His head is seated in meditative posture on 'Mount Kailasha. He is perceived almost bare bodied, with just the private part covered with tiger skin. His poison fed blue neck is encircled by venomous snake. River Ganges flows down His hair locks. He is perceived holding a trident in one arm, Damru (double headed hand drum) in another, rosary in the third, and the 4th palm in blessing mode. Lord Shiva in meditative posture, symbolises reflecting on the churning within, on the prospects of creation. As the rosary keeps circling, so does life cycle keeps moving in succession. The blessing mode implies that all existences draw succour out of his inexhaustible potential.

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