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Guv: Maha nothing sans Gujaratis, Rajasthanis

Koshyari's remark triggers major row; Opp seeks Maha Guv's recall, arrest

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Saturday stirred up a hornets' nest yet again — this time over his inappropriate comments against Maharashtrians prompting the Opposition to demand his dismissal from the post and even arrest. The BJPled ruling alliance distanced itself from his comments.

Less than twelve hours after he said Maharashtra would be left with nothing and Mumbai would cease to be the country's commercial Capital if Gujaratis and Rajasthanis were removed from the State, the Shiv Sena-led Opposition tore the Governor apart for "insulting" the people of the State, while the embarrassed ruling alliance chose not to defend Koshyari for his comment

Speaking at a function held in the city, the Governor had on Friday lauded the contributions of the Gujarati and Rajasthani communities for the State's progress and development and undermined Maharashtrians ability. "If you remove Gujaratis and Rajasthanis from the State, especially Mumbai and Thane, then nothing will be left... Mumbai will lose its tag of the country's commercial capital without them," the Governor

had said at the ceremony The Governor found himself in the dock, as the videoclip of his comments made at



a ceremony went viral. The Governor's belated clarification over his comments made at a function organised on Friday to inaugurate a junction held at Andheri in north Mumbai to rename after late Champalalji Shantidevi Kothari, that his comments had been "misconstrued" did

not douse the political fire which raged through the day.
Leading the Opposition's charge, Maharashtra's former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray slammed the Governor for trying to "divide" a peaceful State on casteist, religion and regional lines and said time had come for the State to decide "to consider whether this parcel named Koshyari should be packed off from here or put behind bars".

Uddhav said the Governor had "insulted" the people of the State and now deserves to be shown 'Kolhapuri chappals (footwear)'. "He regularly keeps making such controversial statements and does not maintain the dignity of the august office he occupies...Now he is trying to divide communities and even the Hindus by naming Mumbai and Thane where civic polls will be held shortly. It is time to consider whether this parcel named Koshyari should be packed off from

Coming down heavily on the Governor for casting aspersions on Maharashtrians, NCP president Sharad Pawar said, What can I say about this Governor. He had in the past made a horrible statement against social reformers Mahatma Phule and Savithribai Phule. He has repeated his act Mumbai and Maharashtra take sections of people along. Mumbai has progressed because of the contri-

butions of the ordinary people.

This kind of statement does not

here or put behind bars."

augur well for a Governor." Continued on Page 2

create religious animosity: Doval



Naseeruddin Chishty, Jain religious leader Acharya Lokesh Muni and others during AISSC's 'Interfaith Conference', in New Delhi on Saturday

Sufi clerics call for ban on PFI, other fronts for divisive agenda

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An interfaith conference of Sufi clerics on Saturday passed a resolution calling for a ban on "organisations like PFI and any other such fronts indulging in anti-national activities and pursuing a divisive agenda" even as National Security Adviser Ajit Doval warned that there are some anti-social elements who create animosity in the name of religion and ideology which affects the entire nation and to counter this, religious leaders will have to work together.

A unanimous resolution passed at the conference also

underscored that those targetprophets in discussions or debates should be "condemned and dealt with as per law".

Putting forth his assertion at the 'Interfaith Conference for

Communal Harmony' organised by the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC) in Delhi, Doval said, "Some elements are trying to create an atmosphere that's vitiating the progress of India. They're creating acrimony and conflict in the name of religion and ide-ology, it's affecting the entire country while spilling over outside the country also."

"Organisations in antinational activities and creating discord among citizens must be banned and action initiated against them as per law of the land," outlined the resolution passed unanimously at the conference in the presence of

Anti-social forces Chanu wins India first gold at CWG



Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu equals the National Record and set the new Games Record and Commonwealth Record in Women's 49kg snatch category with a lift of 88kg

Lifter Sargar opens India's account with silver, Gururaja bags bronze at Birmingham

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu (49kg) went on a record-smashing spree, claiming four of them in a powerpacked performance, to claim India's first gold medal at the

Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

In a remarkable performance, Chanu smashed the Commonwealth and CWG record in snatch. She obliter-

ated the Games record in clean and jerk as well as total lift. The former world champi-on ended with a total lift of 201kg (88kg+113kg), which is far better than her personal best. She equalled her national record lift of 88kg in the snatch section.

Earlier young Sanket

Sargar won a silver medal while Gururaja Poojary won

The Olympic silver medallist, who has been working on her snatch technique, then

attempted the much-anticipat-ed 90kg but couldn't pull it off. Sporting her famous 'lucky' earrings shaped like the Olympic rings, Chanu lifted more than twice her body weight (109kg, 113kg) in the clean and jerk, in which she holds the world record (119kg).

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CAPSULE

CONG TO GHERAO PM HOUSE ON AUGUST 5

hold a march to Rashtrapati Bhavan from Parliament and a 'Prime Minister House Gherao as part of its big protest against price rise and unemployment on

DU RAISES UG COURSES

August 5

FEES FROM 2022-23 New Delhi: The Delhi University (DU) has decided to raise fees for its undergraduate courses from the academic session 2022-23

RAGHURAM LAUDS RBI FOR INCREASING FER

New Delhi: Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan on Saturday lauded the Reserve Bank of India for doing a a good job in increasing the foreign exchange reserves

OVER 30K KG DRUG HAUL DESTROYED

Chandigarh: More than 30,000 kgs of seized druas were destroyed by the Narcotics Control Bureau across 4 locations under the watch of Union Home Minister Amit Shah via video conference from Chandigarh.

2 CHINESE WITH EXPIRED VISAS HELD

Noida: Three more Chinese living in UP's Gautam Buddh Nagar were arrested on Saturday after two of them were found without visas and one with forged Indian documents

CASE OF MONKEYPOX **REPORTED IN K'TAKA**

Bengaluru: An Ethiopian national with symptoms of monkeypox has been quarantined at a private hospital here. Karnataka health department said.

WB-MAHA MOU TO END WOMEN TRAFFICKING

Kolkata: The West Bengal Government has inked a MoU with Maharashtra Governmen to prevent migration and trafficking of women since a lot of movement of people takes place between the two States

VC resigns after 'humiliation'; | CBI seizes Augusta copter outrage against Punjab Min | from DHFL accused's

PNS CHANDIGARH

day after a prominent sur-Ageon and the Vice Chancellor of the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) was forced to lie on a dirty mattress at a hospital by Punjab Health Minister Chetan Singh Jouramajra, the issue has triggered a nationwide outrage even as the AAP has said that the issue is being blown out of proportion.

After the "humiliation"

meted out to him, Dr Raj Bahadur is learnt to have resigned and requested Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to relieve him from ser-

The incident took place on Friday when Jouramajra was on an inspection to Faridkot's Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, which comes under the BFUHS. A



video clip of the incident that circulated on social media showed Jouramajra place a hand on the veteran surgeon's shoulder as he pointed towards the "damaged and dirty condition" of the mattress inside the hospital's skin department. The Minister is then seen to be allegedly forcing Dr Bahadur to lie down on the same mattress.

Bahadur in the video is

leader retorted "everything is in Bahadur reportedly told the Punjab Chief Minister that this kind of atmosphere was not conducive for his work, and requested to relieve him of his

Pune property premises

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday seized an AgustaWestland AW109SP Grand New Helicopter from the Pune property of one of the accused of India's biggest bank loan fraud worth ₹34,615 crore relating to

The helicopter was found parked in a hangar on the premises of Avinash Bhosale at Baner Road, Pune, the CBI said. Bhosale along with Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawans, DHFL promoters and masterminds, besides others are accused of cheating a consortium of 17 banks led by Union Bank of India.

"During investigation of the CBI case in respect of cheating of over ₹34,000 crore of Union Bank of India-led consortium of 17 banks by DHFL, its promoters (Wadhawan brothers) and others, it has come to light that RKW Developers Pvt Ltd (a company owned by Wadhawan family) allegedly has stakes in Varva Aviation (an Association of Persons) which owns an

AW109SP Grand New Helicopter (AgustaWestland Helicopter) which was allegedly purchased in 2011," the CBI said in a statement.

RKW Developers Pvt Ltd joined the Association of Persons in 2017, contributing towards cost price and maintenance of the said helicopter. ABIL Infraprojects Ltd, a company owned by Avinash Bhosale, has a stake in the said helicopter, the agency said.

"As it was allegedly apprehended that the funds used for making payment towards the stake in Association of Persons, were sourced from loan funds sanctioned by different banks, therefore, today i.e. on 30.07.2022, the CBI has seized the helicopter which has been found parked in a hangar on the premises of Avinash Bhosale at Baner Road, Pune," the agency added.

A couple of days ago, the CBI had seized luxury watches worth over ₹1 crore and paintings worth ₹38 crore from the Wadhawans and others linked to

3 Cong MLAs from J'khand detained with wads of notes in WB

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Acting on a specific tip-off, the West Bengal Police on Saturday detained three Congress MLAs from Iharkhand and seized bundles of currency notes from a vehicle they were

travelling in. The vehicle apparently belonged to Jamtara MLA Irfan Ansari, sources said, adding other two MLAs travel-ling in the same vehicle were Rajesh

Kacchhap and Naman Biksal. The black SUV in which the notes were found was intercepted near Panchla Police Station in Howrah district even as it was running past the Durgapur Express Way connecting

Kolkata and Jharkhand. The incident comes days after the Enforcement Directorate arrested Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee and his associate Arpita from whose appartments it recovered more than ₹50 crore.

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7 soldiers jailed for selling army hospital medicines in market

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELHI**

Taking a tough stand against malpractices by its personnel, an Indian Army court martial has recommended dismissal of seven jawans from service besides jail sentences to them. The ruling came after the troopers were found guilty of selling medicines of the Armed forces hospital in the open

market. The jail sentences to the jawans range from two to six years, sources said here on Saturday. The malpractice took place in 2017 in the national

Capital, they added. A team of drug inspector and the police had raided a medical outlet in the Bhagirath the High Court.

Place market and recovered 27 medicines. 'Not for sale' and Research and Referral (RR) Hospital markings were found on the medicines besides clinics run by the ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, they said. At least, 10 army troopers

were initially facing proceedings for misappropriation of medicines and procuring money from civilians to sell them these medicines. The Court Martial proceedings held in the Meerut Cantonment found seven guilty while others were acquitted, they said.

The counsel of the accused jawans Advocate Anand Kumar said he will challenge the court martial decision in

seen explaining to the Minister that he was not responsible for the facilities, to which the AAP your hands". After the incident,

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3 jawans, dog that tracked ultras lose life in encounter

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ SRINAGAR

Praving a "barrage of bullets" during an encounter in Wanigam Bala area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, a joint team of security forces on Saturday abortively tried to save their four-legged companion who remained in the forefront of the firefight.

Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla Rayees Mohammad Bhat told reporters on the sidelines of a police function, "during an encounter one 'unidentified' terrorist was neutralised while three security personnel including two army jawans and one cop of the Jammu and Kashmir Police — received injuries. A sniffer dog was also martyred during the fierce gunfight".

The dog squad was deployed at the encounter site to track down the foot prints of

launching the operation. According to reports, one

the hiding terrorists before of the sniffer dogs was caught in the crossfire and succumbed to injuries on the spot. After the



Security personnel at the site of an encounter with terrorists in J&K's Baramulla

encounter was over, several soldiers paid their tributes. Later the martyred dog was shifted to the nearby unit headquarters for the last rites.

According to ground reports, soon after an encounter broke out between the hiding terrorists and a joint team of security forces comprising jawans of the 29 Rashtriya Rifles, Jammu & Kashmir Police and paramilitary forces near Wanigam Bala area of Baramulla early Saturday morning the super-visory officers directed the jawans to strictly follow stan-dard operating procedures (SOP) in order to minimise any collateral damage The road links leading to

heavy fire.

the village were blocked and local residents were advised to stay indoors to prevent any injury during the exchange of

Áccording to these reports,

local police authorities had received a tip-off about the presence of two to three terrorists in one of the houses in the area. As the security forces

launched a cordon and search operation in the area and were tightening the cordon, the terrorists opened fire from inside one of the houses. Since it was a built up area the security forces exercised utmost restraint and avoided use of heavy weaponary to neutralise the terrorists in the area. According to police records, Kashmir valley has so

far witnessed over 75 encounters in which 126 terrorists have been killed. Out of these 126 terrorists, 33 were foreigners, mostly

from Pakistan. However, 19 civilians have also died in various terror attacks in the valley, while 16 security personnel sacrificed their lives.

Cong to gherao PM's |₹100 cr seized drugs destroyed in Guwahati house over price rise

In its continued effort to corner the Modi government, the Congress will hold a massive nationwide protest against price rise and unemployment on August 5. The party will hold a march to Rashtrapati Bhavan from Parliament and a 'Prime Minister House Gherao' as part of its big protest.

Party sources said the members of the working committee - the highest decision-making body of the leadership of the party will gherao the house of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The members of both the Houses of Parliament - Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha - will hold the "Chalo Rashtrapati Bhavan" march, and in states, the party will organise a "Raj Bhavan Gherao", in which all the MLAs, MLCs, ex MPs and senior leaders are expected to participate and court mass

This comes as both the Houses witnessed multiple disruptions this week over the

of the proceedings.

The Lok Sabha is likely to

have a debate on price rise on Monday, followed by Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

The opposition has been raising the issue of rising prices and GST since the beginning of the session on July 18, in both

the Houses.
All elected public representatives of the Congress from village level to district level, have been asked to protest and court mass arrest in their respective block or district

PTI GUWAHATI The pyre of drugs was lit He said that nobody related to

Huge quantities of seized drugs valued at over Rs 100 crore have been destroyed by the police here on Saturday as a part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Guwahati police organised a mass disposal of drugs and burnt down 935 kg of seized drugs at Hatishila Daampara under Pragjyotishpur police station in the outskirts of the city, Commissioner of Police Harmeet Singh said.

The drugs destroyed include huge quantities of heroin, cannabis and raw methamphetamine, more than 19,00,000 meth tablets and more than 3,70,000 bottles of cough syrup.

by Singh along with Joint Commissioner of Police Partha Sarathi Mahanta.

The international value of the drugs was estimated to be over Rs 100 crore.

A plantation drive was also conducted on the occasion with Singh, Mahanta and other senior officials of the city police planting saplings as part of the Chief Minister's Institutional Plantation Programme.
"The Chief Minister of

Assam has given clear instruction to wage this war on drugs until it's completely cleaned up. I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our absolute commitment to the war on drugs", Singh said.

the drug trade will be spared and strong legal action shall be initiated against anyone indulging in this illegal trade.

Seized drugs were also burnt in Dhubri, Karbi Anglong and Karimganj districts on Saturday as a part of the Drugs Disposal programme.

In Dhubri, 1,404 contraband tablets, 4,901 bottles of cough syrup, 1.50 kg of cannabis and 580 gm of brown sugar, valued at over Rs 1.5 crore, were destroyed during the day.

In Karbi Anglong, 3.48 kg of heroin, 320,06 gm of cannabis, 2,102 contraband tablets and 26 bottles of cough syrup, valued at Rs 2.72 crore,



Karimganj, 5.185 kg cannabis, 5,95,366 Yaba tablets, 3,653 kg of heroin and 76,103 bottles of cough syrup, valued at Rs 68 crore,

India doesn't have problems like Pak, Lanka, says RBI ex-Guv Raghuram

India has sufficient foreign exchange (forex) reserves, external debts are low and the country is not having the economic problems like Sri Lanka and Pakistan, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said."We have sufficient foreign exchange reserves. RBI has done a good job in increasing the reserves. We are not having problems like Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Our foreign debts are also less," Raghuram Rajan told

According to the latest RBI data, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves stood at \$571.56 billion for the week ended July

external debt stood at \$620.7 billion, as per the latest RBI data. The external debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.9 per cent at end-March 2022 from 21.2 per cent

at end-March 2021. According to Raghuram Rajan, low foreign debt and high foreign exchange reserves make Indian economy resilient. The countries like Sri Lanka and Pakistan are facing deep financial troubles due to very low forex reserves and mounting external debts. Usable forex reserves of Sri Lanka recently dipped below \$50 million forcing the country to suspend payments on foreign loans. The situation in Pakistan

reserves dipped by \$754 million to \$8.57 billion for the week ended 22nd July 2022, as per Pakistan central bank's latest data.On inflation, Raghuram Rajan said the hike in policy rates by the Reserve Bank of India would help in reducing the inflationary pressure.At present, there is inflation all over the world. RBI is increasing interest rate which will help in reducing inflation. Most inflation is in food and

world & will decrease in India also, he said. The former RBI governor said fuel and food have been

others have given their lands

and labour, and ensured a

conducive environment that

attracts people from all over to

do business here. Do they get

these anywhere else? Ahead of

the elections, don't try to spoil

the atmosphere or corner the

Marathis, that's my request," Raj

said. Senior BJP leader and

current Deputy Chief Minister

Devendra Fadbnavis - who is

known for his close proximity

to the Governor, said his party

did not support the Governor's

world over for their

achievements in all sectors and

fields. Their contributions to

this in his heart... We are not

comments as "personal views",

Maharashtra Chief Minister

Eknath Shinde said he did not

support Koshyari's comments

and said "the contributions of

the Marathis to the State and

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Meanwhile, Governor

utterances," Shinde said.

Mumbai has progressed

denigrated".

Dubbing the Governor's

with him," Fadnavis said.

'The Marathis are known

fuel. As we can see food

inflation is coming down in

among the major factors for high inflation. He said high food inflation has been due to seasonal factors and are likely to come down.

According to Raghuram Rajan, the hike in policy rates by the RBI would help in bringing down core inflation.India's retail inflation eased to 7.01 per cent in June from 7.04 per cent in the previous month helped by softening crude and edible oil prices, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) recently.

The RBI has hiked the policy repo rate by 90 basis points or 0.90 per cent since the beginning of the current

Govt, Opp have responsibility for smooth, effective functioning of Houses: Naidu

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday said while critique of the Government is always welcome, a protracted disruption as a parliamentary strategy should be avoided. At the orientation event of

new Rajya Sabha members, Naidu said both Government and the Opposition have the collective responsibility for smooth and effective functioning of the House.

At the backdrop of regular disruptions of the ongoing Monsoon session, Naidu advised them to resort to three-D mantra 'discuss debate and decide' and avoid the other 'D'-

Expressing concern over

the overshadowing of debates and discussions by rising disruption and confrontation in the Parliament, Naidu stated that people especially the youth are justifiably getting impatient and disillusioned with the way democratic institutions are functioning and urged the MPs to put an end to such unpleasant situations in the House in order to sustain the credibility of the parliamentary

institutions in public esteem. He stressed that discipline, dignity and decorum in the House are the sine qua non of

parliamentary institutions. Naidu offered tips to the newly elected/nominated members of the House which could help them in becoming an effective parliamentarian. He advised the Members to be regular in attending the

way parliamentarians articulate themselves and put their views in a very organized manner. Highlighting that having a good understanding of the

rules and procedures among the MPs would help the proceedings to be more orderly and more purposeful, he advised them to be mindful of the Rules for enhanced productivity. Naidu stressed that

adversarial politics should not be allowed to adversely affect the functioning of the Parliament and Legislatures and urged them to speak in their native languages.

The two-day Orientation programme began with a welcome address by Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha,



Hariyansh.

Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh spoke on "Rajya Sabha: Its role and contribution to Indian polity; Sushil Kumar Modi shared his thoughts on the 'Importance of Question Hour'; while Vandana Chavan gave a detailed overview on the Committee System. Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change explained the 'Lawmaking process'. Rajya Sabha Secretary-General, P.C. Mody also presented an overview of the functioning of

India's first monkeypox patient recovers

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala man, who was Alndia's first monkeypox patient and was being treated at the Government Medical College here, has recovered from the disease, state Health Minister Veena George said on Saturday.

The 35-year old, hailing from Kollam, would be discharged later in the day, she

As it was the first case of monkeypox in the country, tests were conducted twice at an interval of 72 hours as per the instructions of the National Institute of Virology (NIV), she said. "All samples were negative and mentally healthy. The skin bumps are completely cured. He will be discharged today,' George said.

The minister also said the test results of his family members, who were in the primary contact list with him, are also negative.

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Guv: Maha nothing sans... "The Marathi people and

Demanding Koshyari's removal from the Governor's post, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee President Nana Patole said Koshyari had "insulted" Mumbai and Maharashtra by making an unwarranted statement about

"He should not forget the immeasurable contributions made by Marathi people in building Mumbai. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah should take serious cognisance of the Governor's comment and remove him from the post," Patole said.
"In the past, Koshyari had

also insulted Chhatrapati the progress of Mumbai and Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Maharashtra is significant, and who are the idols of Maharashtra. Governor Koshyari's stand has always been anti-Maharashtra," Patole

Hitting out at Koshyari, MNS chief Raj Thackeray said 'Koshyari's hoshyari" (Koshyari's oversmartness) was unwarranted.

He asked the Governor not to keep blabbering if he doesn't know the state's history as his comments have pained the people here.

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as usual" and he reaffirmed the contributions of Marathis to Mumbai which is the pride of Maharashtra and also the country's commercial capital.

"I had no intention to undermine Marathis... they have built Maharashtra by sheer hard work and there are many leading Marathi industrialists here, and are famous not only in the state but all over India and the world. Praising one community does not amount to insulting others," the Governor said in a statement issued here on Koshari reiterated that he

was proud of the opportunity to serve the land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the Maharashtrians as the learnt Marathi in a very short time. The only leader who came to the defence of the Governor was Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi leader Prakash Ambedkar, who said Koshyari had actually taken a swipe at the character of the Congress, NCP, Shiv Sena and BJP for ruling for many years without doing anything to give Marathis any business, which is still controlled by the Gujaratis-Rajasthanis.

people "The Maharashtra must open their eyes and think whether to continue supporting these parties... The Governor has spoken out his mind and it's not an insult to the state. Ambedkar said.

and said I felt humiliated."

Sources said that the CM has

taken a strong view of the

incident and spoken to

Jouramajra. Chief Minister

Mann is also learnt to have

asked Bahadur to meet him

next week. "When you work so

hard and put in your best

efforts, one does feel low when

you have to face this kind of

and Hospital in Chandigarh

and has also been the head of

the orthopaedic department

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao in a meeting with Samaiwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav and Samajwadi Party national general secretary

Kerala boy makes wine by watching YouTube video, friend hospitalised after drinking it

Thiruvananthapuram: A 12- Chirayinkeezhu. trouble by making grape wine by watching a YouTube video and serving it to one of his classmates, who started vomiting after consuming it and had to be rushed to a at nearby a case.

wine was discharged from the hospital subsequently and his condition is stated to be stable, police said. The incident took place at a government school on Friday and police registered

martyred in MIG-21 crash PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Station Jammu. Several close

Tearful adieu to Lt Bal

ears rolled down the eyes of Tears rolled down the eyes of family, friends and schoolmates of Flight Lieutenant Advitiya Bal when the body was consigned to flames with full military honors in his native village of Jindermelu in Ranbir Singh Pura on Saturday.

The 26-year-old fighter pilot was killed along with Himachal Pradesh in the MIG-21 crash in Rajasthan's Barmer area late Thursday night.

Draped in the tricolour, the body was brought to his ancestral home in a long procession from Air Force

family members including mother, younger brother and uncles broke down as his mortal remains were shifted inside their home for the last rites.

Since early morning a large number senior citizens, family friends, residents from nearby villages walked on foot to catch a glimpse of the martyred officer and pay their rich tributes.

Bal was regarded as a An alumnus of Sainik School, Nagrota, Bal cracked the NDA examination in 2014 and went on to join the IAF academy in Hyderabad. He was commissioned in the IAF

3 J'khand MLAs detained...

The three MLAs were presently being questioned at Panchla Police Station, Howrah Rural SP said, adding counting machines were being brought in to count the notes which could go beyond one crore mark. Meanwhile, even as the Congress

leadership said the MLAs if founed guilty should be dealt with severely, State Trinamool Congress spokesperson Debangshu Bhattacharya said the notes could be connected to BJP's plans to topple Iharkhand Government by purchasing the Congress MLAs.

Chanu wins India first gold at...

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Mauritian weightlifter Marie Hanitra Roilya 172kg Ranaivosoa (76kg+96kg) won the silver.

Hannah Kaminski of Canada 171 kg (74kg+97kg)

also finished on the podium. With this Chanu added a third CWG medal to her kitty, having won silver and gold in the Glasgow and Gold Coast editions respectively.

VC resigns after 'humiliation'; outrage against Punjab...

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Bahadur, 71, who has an xperience of over four decades and worked at various reputed nealth institutions, told news agency PTI over phone on Saturday that he felt humiliated after the Minister's behaviour with him.

Asked if he had resigned as the Vice Chancellor, Bahadur said, "I have expressed my anguish to the Chief Minister

behaviour," Bahadur said about Friday's incident. Bahadur, a specialist in spinal surgery and joint replacement, is a former director-principal Government Medical College

at PGIMER, Chandigarh. The Minister, meanwhile, drew flak from various quarters, including the Indian Medical Association. PCMS

Association, a doctors' body in meted by the Health Minister Punjab, too in a statement, strongly condemned the "unceremonious treatment" meted out to Dr Bahadur. PCMSA said the way the VC was treated was "deplorable", its reason notwithstanding. The body expressed its'

"deep resentment" over the incident and said "public shaming of a senior doctor on systemic issues is strongly condemnable." Opposition parties hit out at the AAP dispensation over the incident.

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring demanded the Minister's resignation. "Punjab Health Minister @iouramaira's humiliating behaviour with Dr Raj Bahadur is highly condemnable. Minister must apologise," Warring tweeted.

The sort of behaviour

to VC Baba Farid Medical University Dr Raj Bahadur is absolutely uncalled for. @BhagwantMann ji should take strict action against the arrogant Minister," senior Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition, Partap Singh Bajwa said in a tweet. "Otherwise such behaviour will alienate our medical fraternity," he continued in the

Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal called out the Minister for "reprehensible behaviour".

same tweet.

Have spoken to Dr Bahadur and expressed solidarity with him besides assuring full support to entire med fraternity which is being targeted by the AAP Ministers and MLAs," Badal said in a

BJP leader Sunil Jakhar said the treatment meted out to distinguished Dr Raj Bahadur is shameful and totally unacceptable.

"Very sad that Dr Raj Bhadur (sic) has resigned, but he has done what any self respecting person would do," Jakhar said in a tweet. "Now it's for @BhagwantMann to do what any conscientious CM ought to do--sack the Health Minister, if that's what it takes to prevail upon Dr Raj Bahadur (sic) to withdraw his resignation," he wrote.

Meanwhile, the AAP in Punjab defended Jouramajra saying that his "intentions were clean". However, the ruling party described the incident as unfortunate. "We respect the concerned official as a medical professional. There's no doubt about that. But we should also

consider the condition of the hospital bed, which was visible in the videos that surfaced later, and think who's responsible for it. It was an unfortunate incident. It should not have happened," Malvinder Kang, AAP's spokesperson for Punjab, said at a Press conference Saturday.

He further said, "However, the Health Minister's intentions were clean. His only objective is to upgrade health facilities and provide better facilities to the people of Punjab. So, it should not be politicised."

Warring, who met the surgeon said, "I couldn't see eye to eye with Dr Raj Bahadur Ji, as there was helplessness in his eves. It was not he alone who felt insulted and humiliated, but all of us together. Entire Punjab stands in solidarity with you, Sir," Warring's tweet said.

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BJP plans to promote Guj-like liquor mafia in Capital: Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting at the BJP, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia who holds the charge of the Excise Department on Saturday alleged that the the BJP of playing dirty politics to promote liquor mafia in Delhi, like it has in Gujarat.

Sisodia accused the BIP leaders of continuously threatening private liquor shop owners and the Delhi Government officials with the enquiry of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and due to this many shop owners are leaving the business and officials are not ready to do tender for allotting new licences.

"Now that the excise policy of the Delhi Government is expiring on July 31, officials are not ready to take this policy forward. Then there will be no excise policy in Delhi and this will allow the BJP to reestablish their illegal liquor business like Gujarat. "They were running an illegal liquor business in Gujarat and they wanted to do it now in Delhi also. In Gujarat, alcohol is prohibited, but illegal liquor (nakli sharab) worth thousands of crores is sold there, taking the Government for a ride," he said.

"It is spurious liquor due to which people have died... Ye saara dhanda inke hi log chalate hain (this whole business is run by their people... There are multiple cases of people dying, but this illegal sale of liquor is flourishing despite that. This is the Gujarat model," Sisodia said at a Press conference while announcing that Government had to roll back the new excise policy and that from August 1 liquor will be sold only in Government outlets.

The other is the Delhi model. Our Government brought a new excise policy last year before which alcohol was



sold in Government outlets that were prone to corruption from brand pushing to many other such things. Some shops were private but that was given to their friends, and a very minimal licence fee was charged from them. We ended this system and started a new policy," he said.

Sisodia said earlier the revenue from alcohol sales was ₹6,000 crore annually, and under the new policy it was to be ₹9,500 crore. "But because the corruption stopped, a plan was hatched by these people to ensure the failure of the new

policy.
"One by one, they threatened private players in the name of the ED and CBI. Many of them shut shop. Under the new policy, there could have been 850 shops (like earlier) but currently, 468 are operational," he said

Sisodia also cited data from the BJP-ruled States. He said in Gurugram, there was one alcoshop for 4,166 people, while in Noida, Bengaluru, and Goa, there was one shop for 1,390, 12,189, and 761 people, respectively.

"In Delhi, even if maximum shops had opened (850), the figure would have been one alcohol shop for 22,707 people. With 468 shops, it is one shop for 41,192 people," he pointed out. The Delhi Government's move comes amid an ongoing investigation by the Delhi

Kejriwal Govt returned to old liquor policy for fear of CBI probe: BJP

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

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m JP\ leaders}$ on Saturday lashed out at the Arvind Kejriwal Government and his deputy Manish Sisodia saying the Kejriwal Government has taken "U" turn on controversial excise policy for fear of a CBI probe.

The BJP leaders alleged that the day Kejriwal started visiting Gujarat such tragedy occurred. The BJP leaders reaction came after Sisodia accused the BJP of playing dirty politics over new excise policy and held the BJP Government in Gujarat responsible for hooch tragedy. Addressing a Press conference, Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi said while the Kejriwal Government has changed the

Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) and a face-off between Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena who recexcise policy due to fear of CBI, he will sure have to answer for all illegal deeds. Lekhi alleged the Kejriwal Government has indulged in rampant corruption through the excise policy for which he will have to tell the She said just by withdraw-

ing the excise policy is not going to help Kejriwal wash his hands off this as he will have to give description of his Government's every illegal acts. In a separate Press conference, BJP MP Manoj Tiwari said Kejriwal feared that his deputy Sisodia would go to jail.

The Leader of the Opposition, Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and State president Adesh Gupta also attacked the Government.

ommended a CBI probe over the new excise policy 2022 which is not notified or approved by the Raj Niwas.

DELHI'S OLD LIQUOR POLICY

△Delhi had 864 liquor shops, including 475 run by the four Government agencies, and 389 by private players △Under this regime, Delhi observed 21 dry days while in a new regime

the liquor shops used to be shut for three days only ♠There was no minimum area required to open liquor shops ♠No discounts were offered in the old liquor regime in Delhi

DELHI'S NEW LIQUOR POLICY 2022

Implemented on November 16, 2021, the new liquor policy changed the way liquor was sold in the city with the Government withdrawing from the business and allowing private operators to run shops For the first time, the city Government allowed shops to offer discounts to retail customers and reduced the number of dry days to three from 21 △Under the new liquor policy, the city was divided into 32 zones This policy also had a provision for home delivery of liquor and lowered the drinking age from 25 to 21, but these were not implemented

Govt mulls excise policy extension

Capital stares at liquor shortage

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As Delhi is staring at a major liquor shortage in the coming days with private wine and beer stores going to shut shop from August 1, the Arvind Keiriwal Government is considering one month extension to its new excise policy. Hours after Delhi Deputy

Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday announced that only Government run retail store to sale liquor from Monday, sources in the Government said it was almost impossible to complete the administrative formalities before August 1 that is the reason to continue with the existing policy as the Cabinet approval is needed for the same. "However, pre-empting a chaos due to shutting of 468 private liquor shops and time needed for opening government vends, a proposal is likely to be soon presented before



Delhi Cabinet for extension to the 2021-22 policy," sources added. "It will take at least 48 hours to complete formalities and bring a notification," sources said.

Sisodia's announcement forced the the private liquor stores across the city on Saturday to offer heavy discounts and schemes like one plus one free and one plus two free to sell their remaining With new policy gone, the

excise licences issued to hotels, clubs and restaurants having bars, and wholesale operations

apart from private run liquor stores in the city. President of National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) Kabir Suri said there is "lack of clarity" over the emerging situation and things will be clearer only with further instructions from the Delhi Government.

Earlier, addressing a Press conference, Sisodia announced that now that the excise policy of Delhi Government is expiring on July 31, officials are not ready to take this policy forward.

"Then there will be no excise policy in Delhi. From Monday, only government vends will be selling liquor in Delhi. We have decided to end the new policy and have given directions for Government shops to open... I have ordered the Chief Secretary to ensure that there should be no corruption in Government shops and no illegal alcohol sold in Delhi... I have given directions that there should be no chaos during the transition period," Sisodia said.

However, there was no

increase to 21 or remain the same that is three only in a year. Besides, there was no clarity on the future of private liquor

shop owners. Expressing apprehensions, Sisodia said there could be shortage of liquor in the city as he did not give a date on when Government vends will reopen. "From August 1, many private players will close their shops. Their aim is to create an alco-

hol shortage in Delhi. 'Their aim is to keep reducing the quantum of legal liquor being sold in Delhi... They want to encourage the sale of illegal, non-duty paid, and spurious liquor...," he added

In 2021, 849 liquor store licences were issued by the Delhi Government, but many liquor shops downed shutters due to financial losses. From 849 shops, they came down to 649 stores in May 2022.

Shops were shut as many license holders were finding it difficult to make a profit after offering discounts due to competition and after paying high license fees.

DU to raise fees for UG courses

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi University (DU) has decided to raise fees for its undergraduate courses from the academic session 2022-23 by introducing charges under new heads such as for varsity facilities and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) support fund and revising some other components.

The university has added new sections to the fee structure like University Facilities and Services Charges, Economically Weaker Section Support University Fund and University Student Welfare Fund. Besides this, the DU has also increased the charge under University Development Fund from ₹600

A Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) executive has estimated that increase in the annual fee for a student will be around ₹1,000. However, the university has said the fee hike will not be to that extent. In a notification issued on

July 26, the DU said the restructuring has been done to rationalise fees for admissions across various colleges of university and to ensure uniformity in various heads of expenditure.

According to university, there is no change in tuition fee and Delhi University Student Union (DUSU) Meanwhile, certain portions of fee are to be decided by colleges.

Install sprinklers on high-rises to curb air pollution, says LG

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena chaired a meeting to review issues pertaining to air pollution in the national Capital and asked officials to explore the possibility of installing rotating mist sprinklers on high-rise buildings in Delhi to curb air pollution.

At a meeting organised to review issues pertaining to air pollution, the LG asked agencies concerned to immediately start repairing, covering and carpeting of roads, pavements, footpaths and central verges.

This should be completed within a fixed time, he added. On earthen pavements, he said, suitable high-density soil-holding grass and shrub varieties



should be used. Dust from roads and con-

struction and demolition activities account for 26 percent of the PM2.5 pollution in Delhi. Saxena also directed the

Environment Department to immediately provide sufficient funds to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi so that enough road cleaning machines could be purchased and put to use, a statement said.



Modi calls for legal help Judiciary should flag issues to undertrial prisoners

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged the legal service authorities to provide legal assistance and enable early release of undertrial prisoners languishing in jails across the country.

Addressing the All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet here, the Prime Minister highlighted the plight of undertrial prisoners who lack legal assistance and urged district judges to use their position at the district level undertrial review committees to speed up the release of such persons from jails.

"I hope it will be a success by taking help of legal aid," said Modi in a function attended by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Supreme Court judges Justices UU Lalit and DY Chandrachud and Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Modi also said that ease of justice was as important as ease of doing business and ease of living. The Prime Minister noted that the National Legal Services Authority has started a campaign in this matter and urged the Bar Council of India to align more lawyers with this effort.

He said that Article 39A which lays down State's duty to promote free legal aid. "Article 39A of the Constitution gives importance to access to justice. This trust of law and justice ensures citizens that their rights are being safeguarded by the courts," he said.

The Prime Minister also spoke about the initiatives by the Government in improving judicial infrastructure and



the legal system to help people and fastening delivery of jus-

"We have worked relentlessly to improve the judicial infrastructure over the last 8 years and about 9,000 crores have been spent to bolster judicial infrastructure," he said, adding the prominence of Ecourts project and the video

pandemic years.

"E-court mission has led to virtual courts being set up. There is also video conferencing facility in the courts. I am told 1 crore cases have been heard digitally in district courts and over 60 lakh cases were heard virtually in High Court and Supreme Court," the Prime

that hinder its functioning: CJI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Saturday said Ramana on Saturday said that the judiciary should not camouflage or hide its problems but flag them and discuss the issues which hinder its functioning so that it can serve the people better. He said that if judges don't discuss such issues effecting the judiciary. issues affecting the judiciary and address the same, the system will be crippled.

The CJI was speaking at the All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet, attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"If we intend to serve the people better, we need to flag the issues which hinder our functioning. There is no meaning in camouflaging or hiding the problems. If we don't discuss these issues, if matters of pressing concern are not addressed, then the system

will cripple. I fear, we may be unable to fulfill our constitutional mandate of social justice. I urge you therefore, to discuss, debate and decide! This is the principle I have been following

all through," said CJI Ramana. He stressed upon the role of district judiciary and said that it is the "backbone of justice delivery system" in India. "The District Judicial officers are the first point of contact for

much of the population. Public opinion about the judiciary is primarily based on their experiences with the district judiciary. This casts a great responsibility on your shoulders. You must undertake multifaceted tasks and roles. You are best placed to understand people's problems and social issues," he said, adding that strengthening the district judiciary is the need of the hour.

Urging for a pro-active role, the CJI said that the district judiciary is the driving force behind

the legal aid movement in India. Stressing on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech on the function on the need of early release of under trial prisoners languishing in jails, the CJI also asked the district judicial

stand on this regard. "One of the most important aspects which calls for your active consideration and inter-

officers to take a pro-active

Shri Narendra condition of undertrials. The Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Learned Attorney General have also rightly flagged this issue in the recently held conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices. I am happy to note that

NALSA is actively collaborat-

ing with all stakeholders in

securing much deserved relief

ED attaches ₹110 cr Karvy assets under PMLA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has iden-Enforcement tified additional assets and has provisionally attached properties in the form of lands, buildings, share holdings, cash, foreign currency and jewellery worth Rs 110 crore in the money laundering investigation against Karvy Stock Broking Ltd (KSBL), its Comandur Parthasarathy and others.

Earlier, the ED had attached assets worth Rs 1,984.84 crore in this case. C Parthasarathy and Group CFO G Hari Krishna were arrested by ED and are presently enlarged on bail. The total attachments in the case stand at Rs 2,095 crore.

The ED initiated money laundering investigation on

CCS Hyderabad Police, on the complaints of lending Banks who complained that the Karvy Group had availed large amounts of loans by illegally pledging their clients' shares worth about Rs 2,800 crore. The said loans turned into non-performing asset (NPA) after the release of the client's securities as per the orders of National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Securities and Exchange Board of India

Subsequently, the loans were diverted from the stated purpose by a set of high ranking functionaries working under the overall control of the CMD. Funds were diverted to related companies like -KDMSL and KRIL— which were set up for real estate ventures. The diverted loan funds

defunct Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to KFSL-NBFC to wash its bad debts and large chunks of loan proceeds were transferred into shell insurance companies which did massive speculative share trading with KSBL as the Stock Broker and ostensibly suffered massive losses, the ED said in a statement.

"Very complex web of financial transactions, using several shell entities and NBFCs. Large amounts of proceeds of crime have been 'invested' by infusing in the form of investments/share capital/short term advances/loans to group companies. This has resulted in enhancement of the value of the subsidiary companies of KSBL. Now the accused are trying to sell these subsidiary businesses at a prof-



it to yield indirect windfall gains to the main accused," it said in a statement.

Parthasarthy had made arrangements through his group companies to pay financial benefits to his sons Rajat and Adhiraj in the garb of salary and reimbursement of

the "proceeds of crime" as untainted money in the hands of the family members.

Further, investigation revealed that V Mahesh, MD of KDMSL, is a close associate of Parthasarathy and he actively assisted and planned the execution of money laundering operations, the agency added

ED attaches assets worth ₹3.92 cr of ex-MLA Biswal in ponzy scam

PNS NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has pro-Enforcement visionally attached movable and immovable assets worth Rs 3.92 crore belonging to Pravat Ranjan Biswal, former Cuttack MLA and Media Guru Consultants Pvt Ltd under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a ponzy scam case.

The attached assets include bank balance of Rs 25 lakh at SBI Cuttack Branch belonging to Pravat Ranjan Biswal and one immovable property belonging to Media Guru Consultants Private Ltd. in NOIDA, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, the ED said in a statement.

ulent collection of deposits from the gullible public in the India (NSEI) and as such not authorised to collect such pubguise of issuance of preferential lic deposits, it said. Subsequently, they sud shares by enrolling the depositors as members of cooperative denly closed down their business and defaulted in return to societies. These companies were neither registered as Nondepositors after maturity and Banking Finance Company failed to pay even interest on

ex-GM's assets **ED attaches HAL**

depositors.

In a separate case, the ED has Lprovisionally attached movable as well as immovable assets worth Rs 2,39,38,681 belonging to erstwhile General Manager (Finance) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) Bhaben Maitra on money laundering charges.

(NBFC) with Reserve Bank of

India (RBI) nor listed in

National Stock Exchange of

Others whose assets were attached include Bipra Charana Maharana, Sadananda Nayak, Jisudan Khosla, Jayaram Garada Jaganath Apat and late Urdhaba Khosla in the case of misappropriation of funds of HAL to the tune of Rs 18.75

the deposits despite repeated

request and approach of the

After his apology, Adhir alleges Irani 'degraded stature' of President

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Having tendered a written apology for his "rashtrapatni" remark, Congress' Ranjan Chowdhury on Saturday trained his gun at Union Minister Smriti Irani. He alleged Irani was "yelling" the name of President Droupadi Murmu "without prefixing Madame or Smt" during her address in the House, which "amounts to degrading the stature" of the highest office of the country.

demanded expunging the "way Smriti Irani was addressing the Hon'ble President" from the proceedings of the House.

wrote, "I may also like to point out that the manner in which Smt. Smriti Irani was taking the name of Madam President in the House was not proper and in consonance with the status and position of the President. She was yelling `Droupadi Murmu` repeatedly without prefixing President or Madame or before the

"This clearly amounts to degrading the stature of the office of the President. Therefore, I demand that the In a letter to Lok Sabha way Smriti Irani was addressexpunged from the proceedings of the House," he added in the letter.

Notably, Irani in Lok Sabha had said the Congress should apologise in Parliament, and on the streets of India, to every citizen of

"Sonia Gandhi, you sanctioned the humiliation of

Droupadi Murmu. Sonia ji sanctioned the humiliation of a woman in the highest constitutional post. Sonia ji sanctioned the humiliation of a poor woman who ascends country. You sanctioned the insult of every Indian citizen You through your male Congress workers and leaders continue to demean the Office of the President of India. Apologise to the nation. Sonia Gandhi, apologise to the tribal, poor and woman of the country," she had said in the Lok Sabha.

Cong asks BJP leadership to apologise for crimes against women in NE States PIONEER NEWS SERVICE you, your lawmakers and leadincluding 23 women were of the outfit, he had been

The Congress on Saturday asked the BJP's top leadership to apologise to the country over the alleged involvement of party functionaries in crimes against women in the Meghalaya and Arunachal

"You asked for an apology from Sonia Gandhi but I ask you to apologise to the nation. BJP chief JP Nadda, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman should apologise, Home Minister Åmit Shah should apologise and Minister Smriti Irani should apologise. Under

ers are violating our girls and trading them," Congress spokesperson Ajoy Kumar said at the AICC Press conference.

The comments came a day after the BJP demanded an apology from party chief Sonia Gandhi for allegedly misbe-Parliament. The BJP also demanded an apology from Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury over his alleged slip of tongue over President of India Droupadi Murmu.

Citing the recent Meghalaya sex racket case, Ajoy Kumar said that on July 22 in the outskirts of Tura West Garo Hills district, 73 people

arrested and five children

eastern state.

including a minor girl were rescued after a raid by the police in the farmhouse of the state BJP vice president Bernard Marak. Kumar alleged Marak has a history of charges lodged against him under various sec-Trafficking (Prevention) Act, 1956. He has more than 25 criminal cases registered against him since the early 2000s across the North-

"This person was the selfstyled chairman of the militant outfit, Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC-B), but even after the disbandment

indulging in criminal activities like extortion from traders of Tura market, criminal intimidation in case of refusal to pay extortion money, arms smuggling, prostitution, illegal sale of liquor, illegal sale of lottery tickets, encroachment on othof money for recommending issue of TNT license, etc. the Meghalaya police has claimed,"

"But the BJP has termed the move as part of a political vendetta by the National Peoples' Party-led government in the state of which the saffron party is a minor partner," said the former Lok Sabha MP.

PM urges States, UTs to clear pending power dues

PNS NEW DELHI

Stressing that health of power sector was not a matter of "politics", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged States and Union Territories to clear pending power dues "as soon as possi-

The Prime Minister asserted that in politics people should have "courage to tell the truth" and sought states to avoid "postponing" it which he said has led the power sector in many states into "huge problems.'

Modi was addressing the gathering at the Grand Finale marking the culmination of 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047 via video conferencing.

"This strategy may sound like good politics in the short term. But it is like postponing today's truth, today's challenges, for tomorrow, for our children, and for our future generations.

"This thinking of avoiding solutions to today's problems and leaving them for the future is not good for the country. This thought process has pushed the power sector in many states into huge problems", he said.

During the programme, the PM launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. He also dedicated and laid the foundation stone



He wondered if the common man could pay his elec-tricity dues regularly, why was it that some states failed in paying theirs to the discoms. "People will be surprised to know that different states have outstanding dues of more than

Rs 1 lakh crore," he revealed. The Prime Minister said losses in our distribution sector are in double digits whereas in the developed countries of the world it is in single digit.

This means that we have a lot of wastage of electricity and therefore we have to generate more electricity than we need to meet the demand for electricity", Modi said.

He said there is a lack of investment in reducing distri-

bution and transmission losses in many states."They have to give this money to power generation companies. Power distribution companies are owed more than Rs 60,000 crore from many government departments, and local bodies," said Modi.

He said that these companies are not able to get even the money that has been committed for subsidy on electricity in different states on time and in

This arrear is also more than Rs 75,000 crore. Those responsible for activities ranging from the generation of electricity to the door-to-door delivery, their about two and a half lakh crore rupees are

trapped", he said.. The Prime Minister requested the states whose dues are pending, to clear ject in the country which will

them "as soon as possible. He said also, "honestly consider the reasons that even

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when the countrymen pay their electricity bills honestly, why do some states have arrears again and again? ". Modi said this is not a mat-

ter of 'Rajniti' (politics) but pertains to 'Rashtra Niti' and nation building, he said

He ended by reminding the stakeholders that the health

of the electricity sector is

everyone's responsibility. During the function, Prime Minister reminded that work on two big green hydrogen projects in Ladakh and Gujarat is starting today.

The plant being set up in Ladakh will produce green hydrogen for vehicles in the This will be the first pro-

make commercial use of green hydrogen-based transport pos-

Ladakh very soon will be the first place in the country where fuel cell electric vehicles will start to ply. This will help in making Ladakh a carbonneutral region, he said. The Prime Minister

informed that in the last 8 years, about 1,70,000 MW of electricity generation capacity has been added in the country. One Nation One Power Grid has become the strength of the country today.
About 1,70,000 circuit

kilometre transmission lines have been laid to connect the entire country. Furthermore, by giving 3

crore connections under the Saubhagya Scheme, we are also nearing the saturation goal, he said

WHO releases new guidelines for **CAB-LA use for HIV**



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released new guidelines for the use of long-acting injectable cabotegravir (CAB-LA) as preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV and called for countries to consider this safe and highly effective prevention option for people at substantial

risk of HIV infection. CAB-LA is an intramuscular injectable, long-acting form of PrEP, with the first 2 injections administered 4 weeks apart, followed thereafter by an injection every 8 weeks. CAB-LÁ was shown to be safe and highly effective among cisgender women, cisgender men who have sex with men, and transgender women who have sex with men in 2 randomized controlled trials.

The guidelines, released ahead of the 24th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2022), will support countries as they plan for CAB-LA introduction as part of a comprehensive approach to HIV prevention and will facilitate urgently needed operational research.

Centre all set to launch 'Heal in India and Heal by India'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Government is all set to The Government is all set to launch a mega plan, 'Heal In India and Heal by India' that aims to help the medical professionals exploit the immense potential offered by the sector.

"This is part of India's health vision for the next 25 years, as desired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has been framed after intense deliberations," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said here on Saturday while delivering the presidential address at the 4th foundation day cum 21st convocation day of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences (ABVIMS) and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

Sources in the Ministry said that the new initiative developed under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, is likely to be announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15.

Mandivya said that under the plan 'Heal in India', services of best doctors will be utilised for the treatment of foreigners who are coming in large num-



bers in the country. "We have the best doctors and an affordable and quality healthcare system. It will provide a huge health opportunity to health professionals under the 'Heal in India' plan. Similarly, under the 'Heal by India plan', we have a unique vision of how to provide opportunity to our doctors at the global level where they are in huge demand," said the Minister. A total of 172 medical stu-

dents of batch 2018-2021 received their degrees and certificates followed by 24 students who received gold medals with certificates of merit and another 6 students who received certification of merit.

Blow to Sunak campaign as former candidate backs rival for UK PM

 $R^{ishi\;Sunak's\;campaign\;to\;be}_{elected\;\;the\;\;Conservative}$ Party leader and the next British Prime Minister suffered a blow on Saturday as a former candidate endorsed his rival Foreign Secretary Liz

Tom Tugendhat, the Tory backbencher and chair of the Commons Foreign Affairs

tial shortlist before being knocked out of the race earlier this month, said he preferred Truss' campaign pitch with its promise of immediate tax cuts.

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The former soldier in the British Army said that after watching the candidates go head-to-head in live TV debates, "only one has convinced me she's ready". "Liz has always stood up for British val-

ues at home, and abroad. With her at the helm, I have no doubt that we will move with determination to make this country safer and more secure," he writes in 'The Times' newspaper.

He said both contenders have "huge qualities and many talents" but Truss has an advantage on the world stage because of her Cabinet position."As foreign secretary, Liz



is starting with a huge advantage. She can make our voice count," he writes. It follows the endorsement of another Tory heavyweight Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, who also threw his support behind Truss describing her as "authentic, honest and experienced".

Sunak was initially the

frontrunner in the race in the ballots of his party colleagues, winning the most support

US House passes Bill to ban assault weapons

rounds of voting. But since then, polling among the Tory membership that will vote for the winner has shown Truss is more popular.

According to another report in 'The Times', even Sunak's former boss is feeling sorry for him. He told friends he did not think that Sunak, the man he blames for his downfall, was going to make it.

"He almost feels sorry for him," a friend of Johnson's was quoted as saying. "[Rishi] got in with a crowd of malcontents who used him as part of their vendetta against Boris. What future is there for him now?" it said. The two finalists are next scheduled to go head-to-head in the TV debate on Thursday, when the first postal ballot papers will start landing at Tory members' addresses.

China announces military exercise off Taiwan coast

hina said it was conducting Cmilitary exercises on Saturday off its coast opposite Taiwan after warning Speaker Nancy Pelosi of the US House of Representatives to scrap possible plans to visit the island democracy, which Beijing claims as part of its territory.

The ruling Communist Party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army, was conducting "live-fire exercises" near the Pingtan islands off Fujian province from 8 a.M. To 9 p.M., the official Xinhua News Agency said. The Maritime Safety Administration warned ships to avoid the area.

Such exercises usually involve artillery. The one-sentence announcement gave no indication whether Saturday's exercise also might include missiles, fighter planes or other weapons. Pelosi, who would be the highest-ranking American elected official to visit Taiwan since 1997, has yet to confirm

11 killed, 5

hurt in train,

bus accident

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in Bangladesh

At least 11 people, including seven students, were killed when a minibus they were

travelling in was hit by a train

at an unmanned level crossing in Bangladesh's Chittagong

district, according to a media

Friday in Mirsharai Upazila

when the minibus carrying

coaching centre was hit by the

Dhaka-bound Provati Express

train, the Dhaka Tribune

charge (OC) of Mirsharai

police station, said that among

the deceased seven were stu-

dents of almost the same age

and four of them were teach-

ers. "The express rammed into

the microbus, dragging it sev-

eral hundred metres down the

railway track. Among the

microbus passengers, 11 were

killed on the spot while the rest

five were badly injured in the

director of the Chittagong Divisional Office of Fire

Service, said the bodies of the

deceased were recovered from

the scene and later in the

evening handed over to the

Anisur Rahman, deputy

incident," he said.

family members.

Kabir Hossain, officer-in-

reported on Friday.

The accident happened on



Xi Jinping warned his U.S. Counterpart, Joe Biden, in a phone call Thursday against "external interference" in Beijing's dealings with the

China says Taiwan has no right to conduct foreign relations. It sees visits by American officials as encouragement for the island to make its decadesold de facto independence offi-

The Ministry of Defence warned Washington this week not to allow Pelosi, who is Biden's equal in rank as leader to national leadership.

whether she will go. President of one of three branches of government, to visit Taiwan. A spokesman said the PLA would take unspecified "strong mea-sures" to stop pro-independence activity.

The PLA has flown grow-

ing numbers of fighter planes and bombers near Taiwan and has in past fired missiles into shipping lanes to island. Taiwan and China split in 1949 after a civil war that ended with a communist victory on mainland. The two governments say they are one country but disagree over which is entitled

Russian attacks hit Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, says Ukraine

 $R^{\text{ussia launched nighttime}}_{\text{attacks on several cities in}}$ Ukraine, Ukrainian officials said Saturday as they and officials in Moscow blamed each other for the deaths of dozens of Ukrainian prisoners of war in a separatist-controlled area of the country's east.

International Committee of the Red Cross have a duty to react after shelling of a prison complex in Donetsk province killed the POWS.

"It was a deliberate Russian war crime, a deliberate mass murder of Ukrainian prisoners of war," Zelenskyy said in a video address late Friday. "There should be a clear legal recognition of Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism.'

Both sides alleged the attack on the prison was premeditated and intended to silence the Ukrainian prisoners and to destroy evidence, including of possible atrocities.

Russia claimed Ukraine's military used U.S.-supplied precision rocket launchers to target the prison in Olenivka, a settlement controlled by the Moscow-backed Donetsk People's Republic. Separatist



authorities and Russian officials Ukrainian President said the attack killed 53 Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the Ukrainian POWs and wound-International Committee of the Red Cross, which has organized civilian evacuations in the war and worked to monitor the treatment of POWS held by Russia and Ukraine, said it has requested access to the prison "to determine the health and condition of all the people present on-site at the time of the attack."

"Our priority right now is making sure that the wounded receive life-saving treatment and that the bodies of those who lost their lives are dealt with in a dignified manner," the Red Cross said in a statement.

Elsewhere in eastern Ukraine, Russian rockets hit a school building in Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, overnight, and another attack occurred about an hour later, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said Saturday.

ber Senate, Democrats have just 50 seats and 10 Republican The US House of Representatives, spurred votes are needed to bring a measure to floor for considerby a series of horrific mass ation.Congress passed a 10shootings, has passed a bill that year ban on assault rifles and would ban assault weapons for certain high-capacity magathe first time in decades. zines in 1994 but lawmakers let The legislation was it expire in 2004 and sales of the approved by a 217 to 213 vote weapons have soared since in the Democratic-majority

bill a "crucial step in our ongoing fight against the deadly epi-

Democratic House Speaker

Nancy Pelosi called the latest demic of gun violence in our nation. "It would ban the sale, import, manufacture or transfer of certain semi-automatic weapons such as those used in recent mass shootings in



Buffalo, New York, Uvalde, Texas, and Highland Park, Illinois. An avowed white supremacist shot dead 10 African Americans at a supermarket in Buffalo in

May.Nineteen schoolchildren and two teachers were killed by an 18-year-old man at an elementary school in Uvalde that same month and seven people were shot dead at a July 4

parade in Highland Park. After the Uvalde massacre, President Joe Biden appealed to lawmakers to again ban assault rifles or at least raise the minimum age for buying them from 18 to 21. But Republican lawmakers,

who see such a restriction as going against the constitutional right to bear arms, have refused to go along.

In a statement, Biden said 40,000 Americans die from gunshot wounds every year and guns have become the top killer of children in the United States."We know an assault weapons and large-capacity magazine ban will save lives,

Blinken off to Asia, Africa as Russia, China tensions rise

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AFP ■ WASHINGTON

House and now goes to the

Senate — where it is likely

doomed to fail. Gun reform

remains deeply divisive in the

United States — despite the

deadly scourge of mass shoot-

Republicans joining Democrats

to back the assault weapons ban

in the House. In the 100-mem-

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Secretary of State Antony Blinken is headed to Asia and Africa, the State Department said Friday, as the US and rivals China and Russia intensify their battle for global influence amid deepening divisions over Taiwan and Russia's war in

Blinken will begin a fivenation tour of the two continents next week, starting in Cambodia where he will attend a Southeast Asian regional security forum at which both the Chinese and Russian foreign ministers are also expected to attend. Blinken will then visit the Philippines, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

Ranil invites Lankan parties to form national Govt to tide over crisis PTI ■ COLOMBO duction of the 19th

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe has written to members of Parliament, inviting them to form an allparty national Government to help the bankrupt country to recover from the worst economic crisis. "The Government is cur-

rently engaged in great efforts to gradually restore normalcy to the political and social unrest created by the economic crisis that the country is facing today," Wickremesinghe said in letter on Friday. "Accordingly, initial plans required to implement a systematic economic programme are being formulated while preliminary measures are also being undertak-



en for the creation of economic stability," he added.

Wickremesinghe said a programme could only be implemented with the participation of all political parties represented in Parliament, expert groups and civil society. He also proposed to start a dialogue with parties on the reintro-

Amendment Constitution. The 19A adopted in 2015 pruned presidential powers by empowering Parliament above the executive president. Wickremesinghe was the main sponsor of the 19th Amendment in 2015. However, the 19A was scrapped after Gotabaya Rajapaksa won the November 2019 presidential election.

Sri Lankan MPs on July 20 elected Wickremesinghe as the country's new president, with the majority of the vote coming from lawmakers representing ousted President Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party. There were only two non-SLPP lawmakers in the Cabinet appoint-

ed on Friday. Constitutionally, the Cabinet can be extended up to 30 members. The 73-yearold President was appointed for the rest of the term of Rajapaksa who initially fled to the Maldives and then to Rajapaksa is accused of

mishandling the economic crisis, the worst since 1948. Wickremesinghe was appointed prime minister by Rajapaksa in mid-May. He was tasked with reviving the economy by giving early solutions to fuel, cooking gas and power shortage problems, which triggered mass agitations against Rajapaksa. The government declared bankruptcy in mid-April by refusing to honour its international debt.

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Sh. Gaurav Dubey died intestate on 08.09.2017 leaving behind the following legal heirs on the basis of Surviving Member. Certificate. No. 9066000021240 dated 13.10.2017, viz.-a-viz. Ms. Shambhav Dubey & Sh. Gaurins to be the Joint-Owners of ½ Individed Share of the Said Property by virtue of Hindu Succession. Law. Any persons(s) has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to right, title or interest in the said property in any manner whatsoever, must immediately contact the undersigned in writing along with all supporting documents in respect of their claim(s)/ objection(s). If no such claim is received with in a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, then it will be presumed that no me has any narramount right. His or interest in the said

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Pope: Canadian residential schools cultural genocide

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 $P_{\text{Saturday that the attempt}}^{\text{ope Francis}}$ to eliminate Indigenous culture in Canada through a church-run residential school system amounted to a cultur-"genocide."

Speaking to reporters while en route home from Canada, Francis said he didn't use the term during his trip to atone for the Catholic Church's role in the schools because it never came to mind. Canada's Truth and

Reconciliation Commission determined in 2015 that the forced removal of Indigenous children from their homes and placement in the residential schools to assimilate them constituted a "cultural genocide." Some 150,000 children from the late 1800s to the 1970s were subject to the

forced assimilation policy, Christian and Canadian. Physical and sexual abuse were rampant at the schools, and children were beaten for speaking their Native lan-

"It's true I didn't use the word because it didn't come to mind, but I described genocide, no?" Francis said. "I apologized, I asked forgiveness for this work, which was genocide." Francis said he repeatedly condemned the system that severed family ties and attempted to impose new cultural beliefs as "catastrophic" to generations of Indigenous peo-

In the main apology of his Canada trip, delivered Monday, Francis spoke of "cultural destruction," but he didn't use the term "cultural genocide" as some school survivors had hoped and expected.

It is to notify to the Public that Mr. Puneet Bhasin S/o Sh. Nand Kumar Bhasin and Mrs. Vipra Bhasin W/o Mr. Puneet Bhasin both R/o B-328, First Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025, who are present owner of Flat No.06221, Tower-6, on 22nd

Floor in ATS One Hamlet, Plot No.GH-01, Sector-104, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar If the above said original GPA are found please contact Mr. Puneet Bhasin S/o Sh. Nand Kumar Bhasin R/o B-328, First Floor. New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025

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Iraqi security forces clash with followers of cleric

AP ■ BAGHDAD

Traqi security forces hurled gas Lcanisters and used sound bombs to disperse the thousands of Iraqi demonstrators, the followers of an influential cleric, in the heavily fortified government zone of the capital on Saturday.

One by one, demonstrators used ropes to pull down cement barricades leading to the gate of Iraq's Green Zone, which houses official buildings and foreign embassies

They had come to protest the formation of the next government by Iran-backed parties. Security forces used gas canisters and sound bombs to repel the protesters as they approached the parliament building. Journalists for The Associated Press saw several people injured. A regular parliament session was expected. "We came today to remove the corrupt political class and prevent them from holding a parliament session, and to prevent the Framework from forming a government," said Raad Thabet, "We responded to al-Sadr's

call. We will go to the Green (Zone). No matter the cost." The protesters are followers of influential Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who called for the demonstrations against the formation of the next government by Iranbacked political groups. Al-Sadr's party exited gov-

ernment formation talks in June, giving his rivals in the Coordination Framework alliance the majority they needed to move forward with the process. Many protesters wore black to mark the days leading to Ashura, which commemorates death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohamed and one of Shiite Islam's most important figures. | monkeypox on Friday. On

Spain reports 2nd death from monkeypox

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pain has reported a second Sdeath in as many days from monkeypox, its health ministry said Saturday. These are believed to be

the first confirmed deaths from monkeypox since its outbreak in the European Union. The ministry gave no details on the deceased. It reported its first death from the disease on

The global monkeypox outbreak has seen more than 21,00 cases in nearly 80 countries since May. There have been 75 suspected deaths in Africa, mostly in Nigeria and Congo, where a more lethal form of monkeypox is spreading than in the West. Brazil also reported a death linked to



istry reported 4,298 people were infected with the virus, making it the leading European country for monkeypox cases. Of that total, some 3,500 cases were of men who had had sex with other men. Only 64 were women. The ministry said 120 have needed hospital attention.

Health authorities are administering 5,300 vaccines that Spain received from the joint EU vaccine purchase scheme. Health workers say that's far fewer than the number needed to cover the at-risk groups.

Monkeypox has been endemic to parts of Africa for decades. Its leap to Europe and North America was linked by experts to two raves in Belgium and Spain.

It spreads mainly through skin-to-skin contact, but it can also be transmitted through bed sheets used by someone with monkeypox. Symptoms include fever, body aches, chills, fatigue and hives. The illness has been relatively mild in many men. But people can be contagious for weeks, and the lesions can be extreme-

Contact # 011-40046316

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5G SPECTRUM -

Enters 5th day; 71% spectrum on block sold in first 4 days

New Delhi: Auctions for 5G spectrum continued for the fifth day on Saturday, after fetching bids worth ₹1,49,855 crore from players such as Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel

Continued interest for radiowaves has led to stretching of the auction to Saturday, and according to sources, 24th round of bidding is underway.

About 71 per cent of the total spectrum put on the block has been provisionally sold so far, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had said on Friday, terming it a "good response.

On Friday, seven rounds of bidding took place, and incrementally ₹231.6 crore was recorded. In all, 23 rounds of bidding were conducted till

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio, Sunil Mittal-led Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and a unit of billionaire Gautam Adani's flagship Adani Enterprises are in the race to bid for 5G spectrum, which offers speeds about 10 times faster than 4G, lag-free connectivity, and can enable billions of connected devices to share data in real-

After a flying start on



Tuesday that saw players pouring in ₹1.45 lakh crore on the first day, the numbers inched incrementally over Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday as Jio and Airtel engaged in intense bidding in UP East circle for 1800 MHz

In all, 72 GHz (gigahertz) of radiowaves worth at least Rs 4.3 lakh crore is on the block. The auction is being held for spectrum in various low (600 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz), mid

(3300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands.

Besides powering ultralow latency connections, which allow downloading full-length high-quality video or movie to a mobile device in a matter of seconds (even in crowded areas), the Fifth Generation or 5G would enable solutions such as e-health, connected vehicles, more-immersive augmented reality and metaverse experiences, life-saving use cases, and advanced mobile cloud gaming,

PM urges States to clear dues of power sector companies

Launches 2 green hydrogen plants

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked the State Governments to clear power sector companies' dues which are estimated at around ₹2.5 lakh crore.

The Prime Minister regretted that the State Governments are yet to clear subsidy commitments amounting to ₹75,000 crore to power companies. About ₹2.5 lakh crore of companies engaged in electricity generation and distribution are stuck, he said while speaking at the closing function of the 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047'

Recalling the days of power shortages, the Prime Minister said that during the last eight years, about 1,70,000 MW of electricity generation capacity has been added. Power is necessary for the development of the nation, he said, adding the country needs "Rashtraneeti" and not 'Raineeti".

India, he added, is among the top 4-5 countries of the world in terms of installed solar capacity and also has one of the world's largest solar

Earlier, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of 735 MW Nokh solar project in Rajasthan, Green Hydrogen Mobility Project in Leh and Kawas Green Hydrogen Blending with Natural Gas project in Gujarat.



Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 6% in June

New Delhi: Retail inflation for industrial workers eased to 6.16 per cent in June from 6.97 per cent in May this year due to lower prices of certain food items and petrol.

"Year-on-year inflation for the month stood at 6.16 per cent compared to 6.97 per cent for the previous month (May 2022) and 5.57 per cent during the corresponding month (June 2021) a year before," a labour

ministry statement said.
It said the food inflation stood at 6.73 per cent in June against 7.92 per cent in the previous month and 5.61 per cent in June 2021.

The all-India CPI-IW (consumer price index for industrial workers) for June 2022 increased by 0.2 points and stood at 129.2 points. CPI-IW was 129 points in May

The maximum upward pressure in the current index came from Food & Beverages group contributing 0.20 percentage points to the total

Potato, onion, tomato, cabbage, apple, banana, coriander, chilli dry, fish fresh, poultry chicken, vada, idli dosa, cooked meal, cooking gas, kerosene oil, electricity domes-tic etc. Were responsible for the rise in the index.



However, it said this increase was largely checked by petrol for vehicle, rice, mango, chilli green, lemon, lady finger, Five centres recorded parwal, pineapple, soyabeen oil, sunflower oil etc, putting downward pressure on the

The index is compiled for 88 centres and all-India and is released on the last working day of the succeeding month. Puducherry centre record-

ed the maximum increase of 2.6 points followed by Amritsar and Tripura with 2.2 points and 2 points, respectively.
Total 15 centres recorded

increase between 1-1.9 points,

33 centres between 0.1-0.9 points. On the contrary, Sangrur recorded a maximum decrease of 2.4 points.

decrease between 1-1.9 points, 25 centres between 0.1-0.9 Rest of 6 centres' indices

remained stationary.

The Labour Bureau, an attached office of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been compiling CPI-IW every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the

Oriental Hotels reports standalone Q1 PAT at ₹11.09 cr

Chennai: Oriental Hotels Ltd, the hotels have outperformed an associate company of The Indian Hotels Company Ltd has reported its highest ever standalone profit after tax at ₹11.09 crore for the quarter ending June 30, 2022 following a resurgence in travel, the company said on Saturday.

The company had reported a standalone net loss at Rs 16.83 crore during corresponding quarter previous year.
The standalone revenue

during the quarter under review surged to ₹90.57 crore, from ₹25.40 crore registered same period last year, a company statement said. The Earnings Before Interest, taxes, depreciation and Amortisation (EBIT-DA) during the April-June 2022 quarter was at Rs 26.83 crore.

Oriental Hotels Ltd, managing director and CEO, in both, leisure and business

This combined with robust cost optimization and monitoring measures have resulted in a strong margin expansion to 30 per cent in Q1 FY 2022-23 from 10 per cent in Q1 FY 2019-20," he said.

The occupancy at its hotels witnessed a 15 per cent point expansion and ARR (Average Room Rate) has shown a significant growth of 30 per centthe company said.

The Oriental Hotels Ltd has seven hotels including Taj Coromandel in Chennai, Tai Fishermen's Cove Resort and Spa Chennai, Taj Malabar Resort and Spa, Cochin, Vivanta, Coimbatore, The Gateway Hotel, Pasumalai, Madurai, The Gateway Hotel

Proposal to hike equity investment limit to 20% not taken up in ÉPFO trustees meet

New Delhi: Retirement fund body EPFO has not taken up the proposal to hike the investment limit in equities to 20 per cent from the existing 15 per cent, following demand for more deliberation from employees' representatives in its trustees' meet.

Talking to PTI, EPFO trustee Harbhajan Singh Sidhu said, "The proposal to enhance investment in equity or equityrelated instruments was not taken up in the Central Board of Trustees 231st meeting on July 29 and 30".

Sidhu informed that the proposal was opposed by employees' representatives in the executive committee meeting of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) earlier this week.

He was of the view that there should be more detailed deliberation on the proposal before going ahead to amend Gateway Coonoor which is an | ment to increase the allocation IHCL SeleQtions hotel. **PTI** of investible funds in equity

related instruments to 20 per cent from the existing 15 per cent in view of its volatile nature of the stock markets.

As per the revised agenda of the 231st CBT meeting, the proposal to hike investment in equity or related schemes was withdrawn. At present, EPFO can

invest 5 to 15 per cent of the investible deposits in equity or equity-related schemes. The proposal to revise the

limit to 20 per cent has been vetted and approved by the EPFO advisory body Finance Audit and Investment Committee (FAIC). The recommendation of

FAIC was to be taken up by the EPFO apex decision-making body CBT for consideration and approval. Earlier this month,

in a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Labour and Employment for the proposal to increase investment in equity and related investments in category IV of the Pattern of Investment from 5-15 per cent to 5-20 per cent for consideration of CBT

The EPFO started investing in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in August 2015, putting per cent of its investible deposits in stock-linked products. It was raised to 15 per cent for the current fiscal. Trade unions have been

opposing any investment in stock markets by the EPFO as these are not backed by the government guarantee. In the written reply, Teli had also said the notional

return on EPFO equity-related investments rose 16.27 per cent in 2021-22 from 14.67 per cent in 2020-21.

The reply also showed that the notional rate of return on equity-related investment of 8.29 per cent in 2019-20 due to CBT, EPF, has recommended the impact of Covid-19. *PTI* on September 26.

Mahindra & Mahindra receives over 1-lakh bookings for Scorpio-N SUV



Mumbai: Domestic auto major Mahindra & Mahindra has claimed that it has received over 1-lakh bookings for its allnew Scorpio-N SUV, which commenced on Saturday. M&M Ltd launched the

vehicle on June 27.

The company clocked over 1-lakh bookings within half an hour of its booking commencement on Saturday, it said in a statement.

This translates into an exshowroom value of ₹18,000 crore, it added.

cle are scheduled to commence

New Delhi: Union Agriculture Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Tripura Minister Narendra Singh and Assam as well.

Shortfall in paddy sowing

likely to be covered in

kharif season: Tomar

Tomar on Saturday said there is a possibility of covering the shortfall in paddy sowing in the ongoing kharif season. As per the agriculture min-

istry's latest data, area sown to paddy was down by 35.46 lakh hectare at 231.59 lakh hectare till June 29 of the ongoing kharif season, when compared to 267.05 lakh hectare in the year-ago period.

The paddy sowing is down so far but there is a possibility to cover the shortfall, Tomar told PTI.

The paddy coverage is reported to be down in West Bengal (by 10.62 lakh hectare), Uttar Pradesh (6.68 lakh hectare), Bihar (5.61 lakh hectare), Jharkhand (4.72 lakh hectare), Telangana (4.06 lakh hectare) so far this kharif sea-

paddy has been reported in exporter of rice.

Bank of Baroda Q1 profit

Paddy is the main kharif (summer) crop and more than 80 per cent of the country's total rice production happens during this season.

Sowing of kharif crops, including paddy, begins with the onset of southwest monsoon in June. The India Meteorological Department has projected a normal south-

west monsoon this year. The country as a whole received 10 per cent higher monsoon rains between June 1 and July 27 but 15 per cent deficit was reported in east and north-east India during the

same period. Rains were deficient in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Mizoram and Manipur, as per IMD data.

The lower coverage under largest producer and top dv. has been reported in exporter of rice. PTI

IDFC First Bank reports highest ever net profit at ₹474 cr in June quarter

on Saturday reported its highest ever net profit of ₹474 crore for the quarter ended June 2022, mainly driven by lower provisioning and higher

The private sector lender had posted a net loss of ₹630 crore in the year-ago quarter. Sequentially, the net prof-

it rose by 38.2 per cent from ₹343 crore in the March 2022 quarter.
"We have posted the high-

est ever profit after tax of Rs 474 crore in Q1FY23. Our return on assets has nearly touched 1 per cent and we expect it to rise from here," V Vaidyanathan, Managing Director and CEO, IDFC FIRST Bank said.

The bank's total income during the April-June period of 2022-23 also rose to ₹5,777.35 crore against ₹4,931.76 crore in the same period of 2021-22, IDFC First Bank said in a regulatory filing.

The core interest income grew by 20.4 per cent to ₹4,921.68 crore compared to ₹4,089.29 crore. Income from other sources was marginally up 1.6 per cent at ₹855.67 crore from ₹842.47 crore.

The asset quality of the

bank showed improvement as assets (NPAs) fell to 3.36 per cent of the gross advances in the June 2022 quarter against 4.61 per cent a year ago.

NPAs (or bad loans) declined to ₹4,354.75 crore from ₹4,669.13 crore.

down to ₹1,653.82 crore (1.30

per cent) from ₹2,293.18 crore

In absolute value, the gross The net NPAs too came

This helped the lender narrow down the requirement to be parked aside towards provisions and contingencies to ₹307.99 crore for the quarter compared to ₹1,872.31 crore in

the year-ago period. Core operating profit (excluding trading gains) rose 64 per cent to ₹987 crore in the June 2022 quarter, the bank

Among others, the bank's the gross non-performing net interest income (interest earned minus interest expended) grew by 26 per cent to ₹2,751 crore in Q1FY23. Also, the net interest margin improved to 5.89 per cent from 5.50 per cent.

The lender said its corporate book (non-infrastructure) grew by 12 per cent to ₹23,970 crore, while infrastructure financing reduced by 35 per cent to ₹6,739 crore.

OVL in talks to acquire stake in Tullow's \$3.5 bn project

New Delhi: ONGC Videsh Ltd, the overseas arm of stateowned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) are in talks to acquire a stake in Tullow Oil's Lokichar oil field in Kenva.

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Energy Monica Juma in a tweet confirmed the talks.

"Received and held a meeting with H.E. Dr. Virandar Indian Commissioner to Kenya alongside representatives from Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Mr. Hridesh Baindail-Executive Director Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Mr. Sanjeev Tokhi - Executive Director -OVL," she tweeted.

Tullow also confirmed the talks. "Tullow confirms that the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines hosted a meeting with



Tullow and OVL in Nairobi as part of Tullow's ongoing process to secure a strategic investor for Project Oil Kenya. The meeting was positive and the parties agreed to hold further discussions," it said in a tweet.

Besides Tokhi of OVL and Baindail of IOC, Tullow CEO Rahul Dhir was also present in the meeting, the pictures tweeted by the two showed. Tullow holds a 50 per cent stake in the south Lokichar field and is looking to give up operatorship in favour of a strategic partner. TotalEnergie of France and Africa Oil Corporation holds 25



New Delhi: State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Saturday posted a 79 per cent rise in net profit of ₹2,168 crore for the first quarter of the current fiscal, aided by a decline in bad loans. The lender had earned a standalone profit of ₹1,208 crore in the year-ago period. Its total income in the first

quarter of the current fiscal increased to ₹20,119.52 crore compared to ₹19,915.83 crore, according to a regulatory filing. The lender's interest income also rose to ₹18,937.49

crore from ₹17,052.64 crore a year ago. Non-interest income during Q1 FY22 improved by 12 per cent to ₹8,838 crore, boosted by fee income that climbed 15 per cent.

However, operating profit for the quarter declined by 19 per cent to ₹4,528 crore from

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance



₹5,707 crore a year ago.

On the asset quality front, the lender's gross non-performing assets (NPAs) improved in the June quarter to 6.26 per cent from 8.86 per cent in the year-ago period.

In absolute terms, the gross NPAs or bad loans declined to the first quarter of FY23 compared to ₹63,028.78 crore a year earlier. The net NPA too declined to 1.58 against 3.03

per cent a year ago.

As a result, provisions other than tax and contingencies for bad loans declined to ₹1,684.80 crore in the April-June FY23 against ₹4,005.40 crore in the year-ago period.

As of June this year, the Provisioning Coverage Ratio stood at 89.38 per cent while the net interest margin was stable at 3.02 per cent.

Domestic advances of the bank increased to ₹6,95,493 crore, registering a growth of

The capital adequacy ratio (CAR) at the end of the quarter stood at 15.46 per cent with CET-1 at 12.97 per cent on a

Jharkhand to have three more airports: Scindia; IndiGo starts Delhi-Deograh flight

New Delhi: Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said the government was working on three more airports in Jharkhand, after the first direct flight between the national capital and Deoghar was flagged

Budget airline IndiGo will operate daily flights between Delhi and Deoghar, and the flight on Saturday was captained by BJP leader and former civil aviation minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy.

IndiGo will deploy its A320

on the route. With the new service, there will be 11 departure flights from Deoghar daily, according to an official The Deoghar airport was constructed at a cost of Rs 400 crore, making it the second air-

neo, the 180-seater twin tur-

bofan engine passenger aircraft,

port in Jharkhand after "We are also working on three more airports in Jharkhand Bokaro, Jamshedpur and Dumka --

taking the total number of air-

ports in Jharkhand to 5. We have announced 14 new routes connecting Jharkhand," Scindia said in the release. Out of the 14 routes, flights

from Kolkata and Delhi to Deograh have commenced. In the coming days, Deoghar will be connected with Ranchi and

Kolkata," the minister

"Along with this, we will connect Dumka with Ranchi and Kolkata. Bokaro airport once completed will be con-Deoghar was virtually flagged nected with Patna and

"Baba Baidya Nath Dham in Deoghar is an international religious heritage, and it gives me immense pleasure to state that my ministry has helped millions of pilgrims to visit Deoghar...," he added.

Under the regional air connectivity scheme UDAN, as many as 425 routes, 68 airports, heliports and waterdromes have been operationalised. On Saturday, the flight to

31,2022 standalone profit was off by Scindia and Minister of at ₹2,146.71 crore. State for Civil Aviation V K Singh (Retd).

reports Q1 standalone profit at ₹565.66 cr **Chennai:** Cholamandalam under review grew to ₹2,770.93 Investment and Finance crore from ₹2,478.21 crore

Company Ltd has reported a standalone profit for the quarter ending June 30, 2022 at Rs 565.66 crore, the company said on Saturday. The city-based company

had registered standalone profit at ₹326.80 crore during corresponding quarter previous For the year ending March

The standalone total income during the quarter

registered same quarter last year. For the year ending March 31, 2022 standalone total income stood at ₹10,138.77 In a statement, the com-

pany said consumer confidence continued to improve with the economy growing at 14-15 per cent in Q1 in spite of the higher than expected inflation and tightening of monetary policy by the Reserve

Aggregate disbursements

in Q1 were at ₹13,329 crore as against ₹3,635 crore registered in same period last year which was impacted due to Covid-19 second wave, resulting in lower disbursements and profitability. Vehicle finance disburse-

ments were at ₹8,562 crore during the quarter under review as against ₹2,846 crore registered corresponding quarter previous year. Loan against property including affordable segment disbursed ₹2,169 crore in Q1 FY 2023 as compared to ₹386 crore registered same period

Digital healthcare launches surgery care facilities New Delhi: Digital healthcare

standalone basis

platform MediBuddy on Saturday announced the launch of Surgery Care services in 60+ elective procedures across its partnered hospitals covering all the major cities, thereby expanding its ever-growing and vast array of digital healthcare services. Satish Kannan, co-founder and CEO, MediBuddy, said, "The launch of Surgery Care is a significant step in providing comprehensive medical solutions all under one roof."



LIFTER SANKET SARGAR WINS SILVER TO OPEN INDIA'S ACCOUNT

Partially fulfilling the promise he made to himself four years back, young weightlifter Sanket Sargar won a silver medal in men's 55kg category, putting India on the medal tally at the Commonwealth Games here Saturday. He targetted a gold medal but injured his right elbow while attempting to lift 139kg in clean and jerk to even-

tually settle for a second place. The 21-year-old managed a total of 248kg (113kg+135kg) to finish just one kilogram behind Malaysia's Mohamad Aniq, who smashed the Games record in clean and jerk as he lifted 249kg (107kg+142kg) to win the gold.

Sri Lanka's Dilanka Isuru Kumara 225kg (105kg+120kg) took home the bronze.

Someone who was managing a paan shop with his father in Sangli, Maharshtra it indeed is a feat to cherish. Life has thrown challenges at him and he accepted them with grace and found a way to overcome

"There were no errors committed during the lift. I felt a sudden load on my right elbow so I couldn't control it and there were two clicks I heard," Sargar said at the mixed zone.

"In training, I lift 143kgs. I had to go for it as there was a gold at stake. I am not happy with myself because I have been training for the last four years only for the gold.

"I am a bit happy but mostly feel I could have done better. Í did not take the risk to go beyond my national record because completing a lift is important as well." Sargar said he had to take the risk of lifting 139kg as a "gold was on "Before the last lift, sir

(coach Vijay Sharma) asked me whether I wanted to go ahead. He tried to stop me at first but later encouraged me. I lift more than this in practise.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the young athlete. "Exceptional effort by

Sanket Sargar! His bagging the

start for India at the Commonwealth Games. Congratulations to him and best wishes for all future endeavours," Modi tweeted.

The lifter said he would undergo scans to know the extent of his injury.

"I will go for X-ray after the dope samples were collected

and the actual status will be known. Currently I'm in a lot of pain, please let me go fast," he pleaded at the Indian scribes.

"I want to dedicate this medal to all the freedom fighters who didn't care for their lives and gave us independence," said Sargar who became the second Commonwealth medalist from Sangli after

wrestler Bharti Mane.

"Yes people would be happy back home but I'm disappointed of losing out on a gold. Hope to come back stronger," he added.

The three-time national champion opened up a huge gap with his second lift in snatch and virtually sealed it in his third attempt when he

113kg.
At the break, Sargar had the pole position with a lead of six kilograms.

He climbed to the lead spot

when he lifted more than dou-ble his weight (111kg) in his second attempt, as the Kasdan fell behind.

But the Indian was only able to execute one lift in the clean and jerk section as he looked in agony after he failed to lift 139kg in his second

The third attempt was worse. He could not even hold for more than one second as he had a brief fall with his right knee, failing to take the load.

In the last edition, Indian lifters brought home a rich haul of nine medals including five golds. This year too they are expected to reign supreme.

Later in the day, P Gururaja (61kg), Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu (49kg) and S Bindyarani Devi (55kg) will vie for the top honours in their respective events.



Gururaja Poojary wins bronze in men's 61kg category weightlifting

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Weightlifter Gururaja Poojary clinched a bronze medal in the men's 61kg category at the Commonwealth Games, adding to India's tally here on Saturday.

Ğururaja, a sliver medallist at the 2018 CWG at Gold Coast, lifted a total of 269kg (118kg+151kg) to finish in the third place. Malaysia's Aznil Bin Bidin Muhamad grabbed the gold medal

with a Games record lift of 285kg (127+158). Morea Baru of Papua New Guinea bagged the silver with a total lift of 273kg (121+152). It was India's second medal at the ongoing edition of the Games after Sanket Sagar won a silver in the men's 55kg



India steamroll Sri Lanka 5-0, qualify for knockouts in mixed team badminton

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m ndian}$ shuttlers dished out another splendid show to outclass Sri Lanka 5-0 in their second group A match of the mixed team competition at the 22nd Commonwealth Games here on Saturday. India were by far the bet-

ter team on display as they completely dominated the proceedings at the Arena Birmingham.

A day after blanking another convincing win to go top of group A and qualify for the quarterfinals with one tie still remaining in the league stage of the competition.

India made a strategic decision to split the mixed and men's doubles pairing as Ashwini Ponnappa and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy were back together for the opening match.

before getting past Sachin Dias and Thilini Hendahewa 21-14 21-9 to put India 1-0 ahead.

World Championships

bronze medallist Lakshya Sen, who is playing his first match after recovering from a shoulder injury, prevailed 21-18 21over veteran Niluka Karunatne, who has competed at the Olympics in 2012, 2016 and 2020. Akarshi Kashyap, who had made it to the team after topping the selection trials in April, went past Vidara the women's singles to hand India an unassailable 3-0 lead.

While the opening game was a walk in the park, Kashyap was briefly troubled by the Sri Lankan in the second game before she found her bearing to zoom ahead. One half of the mixed doubles pair, B Sumeeth Reddy then combined with Chirag Shetty to beat Dumindu Abeywickrama and Sachin Dias 21-10 21-13 to make it 4-0.

The former world number 19 pair looked rusty initially

Nataraj books final berth in men's 100m backstroke, Kushagra finishes last

PTI BIRMINGHAM

ndian swimmer 📕 Srihari Nataraj has qualified for the finals of men's 100m backstroke after clocking 54:55 seconds in the semifinal of the ongoing Commonwealth Games here. The 21-year-old

finished fourth in his heat and seventh

overall to secure a berth in the medal round that will take place on Sunday.

South African Pieter Coetze, however, was the fastest swimmer across both the semifinals, clocking 53.67s on day one of the com-The Bengaluru swimmer will now set his

sights on becoming only the second Indian swimmer to bag a medal in the Commonwealth Games since Prasanta Karmakar's historic bronze in the para-swimming event at the Delhi CWG in 2010. At the Tokyo Olympics last year, Nataraj had

become the first Indian to swim in the classification A heat. The young swimmer had clocked 54:31s to finish 27th in the men's 100m back-

On Saturday, Kushagra Rawat finished last in his heat in the men's 200m freestyle event. Rawat clocked 1:54.56 seconds in heat 3,

which was won by Elijah Winnington of Australia with a timing of 1:46.87s South Africa's Matthew Sates finished sec-

ond and qualified for the final with a timing of 1:48.25s. The top two from the eight-member field in heat 3 qualified for the final

Lawn Bowls: Choudhary suffers third loss at CWG

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Tania Choudhary suffered her third successive loss in women's singles competition of lawn bowl event at the ongoing Commonwealth Games here on The 26-year-old Choudhary

had suffered twin losses on the opening day of the competition - against Dee Hoggan and Daphne Choudhary, who has represented India at the 2010 and 2014

Arthur-Almond of the Falkland Commonwealth Games as well, Islands. On Saturday, the Guwahati-born player went down to Laura Daniels 21-10 in another lop-sided contest. Daniels, who led 7-2 after the

sixth end, did not allow Choudhary to make a comeback and eventually won the game without much fuss.

will face Northern Ireland's Shauna O'Neill in her final section B match. Meanwhile, the men's triples team comprising Navneet Singh (lead), Mridul Borgohain (second) and Chandan Kumar Singh (skip) settled for a 16-16 tie

The men's triples team had suffered twin losses - against New Zealand and Scotland on the opening day of the competition. On Saturday, against Malta,

they were cruising 11-5 ahead after the 10th end but then allowed their opponent team comprising Peter John Ellul (lead), Tory Lorimer (second) and Shaun James Parnis (skip) to stage a comeback. From the 13th end, it was a

neck-and-neck contest and eventually both the teams settled for a

Boxer Hassamuddin cruises into pre-quarters of 57kg

PTI BIRMINGHAM

Indian boxer Mohammad Hussamuddin cruised into the prequarterfinals of the men's featherweight (57kg) category of the Commonwealth Games here on

Hassamuddin, a bronze medallist in the last CWG in 2018, defeated 5-0 in an unanimous verdict.

Hassamuddin used his quick hands and nimble footwork to overpower his rival. The Indian kept his shape from

the onset and didn't allow his opponent to take the initiative in any of the three rounds.

While the South African tried his



deny any opening to his rival.

Hossain of Bangladesh in the next

Hassamuddin will face Md Salim

best to unsettle the experienced Indian,

Hassamuddin was up to the task to

round for a place in the quarterfinals.

Nitendra Singh Rawat finishes 12th in men's marathon **PTI** ■ BIRMINGHAM

Chess Olympiad: Red-hot India

'B' team thrashes Estonia 4-0

Tndia's Nitendra Singh Rawat finished 12th in the men's marathon race in the Commonwealth Games here on Saturday.

The 35-year-old Rawat clocked 2 hour 19 minutes and 22 seconds in the race won by Uganda's Victor Kiplangat (2:10:55).

Simbu (2:12:29) and Kenya's Michael Mugo Githae (2:13:16) took the silver and bronze respectively.

Rawat has a personal best of 2:16:05 he had clocked at the New Delhi Marathon in March. He was eight minutes 27 seconds behind the gold



At one point, Kiplangat appeared to be going the wrong way from the race course.

The people riding the motorcycles were confusing me. They told me to turn back but I still made it to the finish," said Kiplangat.

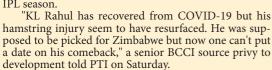
Rahul injured again, Chahar, Sundar make comeback to ODI fold

PTI NEW DELHI

Senior opener KL Rahul has been left out of the India squad which will travel to Zimbabwe for an ODI series next month after aggravating his hamstring injury, a development which could potentially jeopar-dise his T20 World Cup chances. India will play 3 ODIs in

Zimbabwe on August 18, 20 and 22. Off-spinner Washington Sundar, who has made a stellar start to his English county career with Lancashire is back in the squad along with seamer Deepak Chahar after successful completion of his rehabilitation following hamstring and back

Chahar has not played competitive cricket for five months now and also missed the 2022 IPL season



Meanwhile, Virat Kohli, skipper Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya have all been rested from the tour as ODIs aren't top priority for the side with less than three months left for the World T20.

'Virat had spoken to selectors that he would be available from the Asia Cup onwards. The first team players will hardly get rest from Asia Cup till end of World T20. Hence this is a two-week window after Windies tour when they can rest," the source said.

Indian men, women paddlers record second straight wins in team events

The Indian men and women table tennis players continued their impressive show at the Commonwealth Games, recording their second straight wins in the team events here on Saturday.

First up, the women's team, led by Manika Batra, outclassed Guyana 3-0 in a Group 2 match while the men's side also thrashed Northern Ireland by an identical margin in a Group 3 game. The women's team, defending the title it had won at Gold Coast four years ago, had enjoyed a winning start to its campaign on Friday after crushing South Africa and Fiji by identical 3-0 margins.

On the second competition day, the first to turn up was the pair of Sreeja Akula and Reeth Tennison

and they steamrolled Natalie Cummings and Chealsea Edghill 11-5 11-7 11-7 to put India 1-0 ahead.

Then, reigning Commonwealth Games champion Batra, who became the first Indian table tennis player to win a gold in the women's singles in the last edition, decimated Thuraia Thomas in straight games 11-1 11-3 11-3.

In another woman's singles match, Reeth fought hard to register a 11-7 14-12 13-11 win against Chealsea Edghill, who put up a spirited show. Reeth's win ensured that India won the tie convincingly.

In the men's team event, veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal paired up with Harmeet Desai to beat James Skelton and Owen Cathcart 11-39-11 11-6 11-1 in men's doubles to hand India a 1-0 lead.

India midfielder Navjot to fly back home after testing Covid positive

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Tndia midfielder Naviot Kaur's campaign at the Commonwealth Games came to an abrupt end as she is set to fly back home after testing positive for COVID-19. The 27-year-old from Kurukshetra

had been in isolation for the past two days. Sonika replaces her in the 18-member Indian women's squad. India opened their campaign with a 5-0 win over Ghana on Friday. "She has been kept in isolation. Her CT value is not infectious and she has no symptoms. She tested +ve in the first test but in the second test her CT value improved and she can't infect others. She has been cleared to fly back home

by the organisers," said a team source.



The India 'B' team blanked Estonia 4-0 in the second round of the Open section in the 44th Chess Olympiad here on Saturday.

PTI ■ MAMALLAPURAM

Second-seeded India 'A' team defeated Moldova 3.5-0.5 for its second straight win. World champion Magnus Carlsen, who had missed the first round, beat Georg Meier to star in third-seeded Norway's 4-0 victory over Uruguay. The formidable USA team struggled for the second straight day in the Open section as the top seeds could only manage a 2.5-1.5 win over Paraguay after having dropped half a point against unfancied Angola on day 1.

In the women's section, topseeded India 'A' took the winning lead against Argentina. Koneru Humpy, playing on

top board, was held to a draw by Marisa Zuriel in 44 moves but Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni notched up victories over Maria Campos and Maria Belen Sarquis respectively to give the team a second consecutive victory.

R Vaishali was involved in a battle against Maria Jose Campos on the second board. The India 'B' team was battling it out against Latvia with Mary Ann Gomes providing a win over Nellija Maklakova. Padmini Rout drew her game with Ilze Berzina to put the team 1.5-0.5 ahead. The third host team in the women's section --India 'C' -- defeated Singapore 3-1. P V Nandhidhaa and Easha Karavade won their matches. Pratyusha and Vishwa were held to draws by Yang Hazel Liu and Kun Fang respectively.

Barcelona auctions NFT of iconic Cruyff goal for \$693,000

AP BARCELONA, SPAIN

 $B_{\mbox{\footnotesize piece}}^{\mbox{\footnotesize arcelona has auctioned off a digital art}$ Johan Cruyff for \$693,000 as it seeks new revenues to battle its way out of massive debt, the Spanish club said.

Barcelona said that the auction run by Sotheby's in New York for the club's first NFT, or non-fungible token, closed at \$550,000 on Friday. The auctioneer's fees increased the final sale price to

The art piece depicts Cruyff's memorable goal from 1973 when the Netherlands great soared through the air with his leg outstretched to score. In the image, Cruyff appears to be dipped in



gold. The NFT is called "In a Way, Immortal," inspired by a quote by Cruyff, who left his mark as both a player and coach at Barcelona. Barcelona has been searching for new

forms of revenue as it struggles to pay down 1 billion euros (\$1 billion) of debt. That has includ-

ed selling Camp Nou's naming rights to the Spotify audio-streaming service and recently sell-ing off 25% of its Spanish league television rights

for 25 years

An NFT is a one-of-a-kind digital image that cannot be copied. There is a booming market for collectors and artists interested in this form of digital art.

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ARMAAN MALIK

The singer-songwriter, who is known for singing in multiple languages and is represented by Warner Music India and Arista Records, speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his latest third Hindi single Tu, his association with Spotify, how has the music landscape changed over the years and more. He is also the the first Indian artist to perform at Grammy's Global Spin series

■ What is your song *Tu* about? Tu is a big thank you and a

warm hug to my fans. It's the Hindi version of the original record You, my fourth English single. It's about finding that per son who just fills your life with the best feeling. The feeling of being happily lost in love.

> ■Song You released earlier this year you are the first Indian artist to perform at Grammy's Global Spin series. How has the response been? How does it feel to be the 'first

one'? There's been no word invented that would possibly capture how precious that moment was for me. As an artist, while I love reaching multiple 'firsts', I've always been more focused on bringing out India to the world. The fact that this achievement crossed both of them off is just surreal.

■ Song Tu was released on your birthday. Was it planned?

Yes, it was planned. I would like to thank my fans who

have stayed by my side all these years. You has received so much love from them that I couldn't help wanting to create a Hindi version of the song for them. It is just a small return gift for all the

■ Tell us about your association with Spotify. How has Spotify helped you make a mark?

Every artist knows how important good collaboration is, and Spotify has been extremely supportive of all my releases. I think our shared vision of taking Indian music to global audiences is what makes this collaboration between us so meaningful and important. Spotify has been instrumental in making my songs reach out to a much wider audience and it's definitely helped me make a mark as a global artist.

■ What do you think about music streaming apps? Are they changing the space?

I am all for music streaming apps. It's a great way for people to discover new artists. I love finding new artists to listen to too, and that's only possible because these spaces allow easy discoverability. Speaking from an artist's perspective, I am still in awe when I find my songs reaching people from all over the

According to you, how has the music landscape changed over the years?

I think just as how society changes over generations, people's lives change over time and music grows with them. Music has always reflected the era we live in and I love how I'm a part of the generation where music transcends boundaries and cul-

■ Singing started quite early for you. When and why did you plan to become a singer? How has your journey been so far?

I started singing at the age of 4 and by the age of 8, I had made up my mind that I want to become a professional singer. My musical journey has been quite an exciting one. There have been a lot of ups and downs and major transitions from a child singer to a teenage singer and now an adult vocalist. Moreover, one thing that's remained constant is my love for my craft. I am a student of music and will always be.

■ You have also collaborated with Ed Sheeran. How did that

Ît all started when Ed's team reached out to Warner Music India, who I am associated with and they wanted me to jump on the remix and do a verse. Well, I wasted no time and jumped into a writing session with lyricist Kunaal Vermaa and we came up with a very cool verse in just a few hours. Within two to three days, I completed my vocal dubs and sent it to Ed's team. wo weeks later, my version of 2step was all ready for release. I still can't believe I sang a verse on a record with one of my favourite artists in the whole world!

From getting an idea to actually penning down the lyrics, how much work goes into creating a song?

Well, there is no written rule to that. Some songs are easy to write and come together almost instantly in one sitting. Others take some time to be developed and structured. I think the melodies and words that come naturally to you without giving too much thought tend to be the

Plan Your Day

LOLLAPALOOZA IN INDIA

conic music festival Lollapalooza sets to breach a new frontier in what will be the eighth destination of the festival in Mumbai, India, bringing with it its brand of unique, diverse and exciting flavours from the world of music. With the inaugural, first-ever edition in Asia, Lollapalooza finally brings its multi-genre music experience to Indian shores, with a world-class experience that's never been seen before in the subcontinent.

Lollapalooza India will be a two-day musical extravaganza held in the heart of Mumbai on January 28 and 29, 2023.

Lollapalooza India are live on lollalndia.com until July 31,



Be the first to get your hands on tickets as limited early bird tickets for pre-registered users go live on August 1, 2022.

The star-studded artist lineup for the first-ever India edition of the coveted festival will be

Registrations for

Sound of.

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

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)

THE SCIENCE BEHIND SPIRITUALITY

To be spiritual means to know the facts, to live in reality. To not to know the truth and to live blindly is stupidity. So, being spiritual is simply about not being stupid! ACHARYA PRASHNAT delves deeper

t is very disheartening that 99 per cent of what we call spirituality today is just illogical, unscientific and superstition. What is even worse is that it is being peddled very loudly and very daringly. There is a lot in the spiritual market that says, 'Oh! Keep your intellect aside. Your intellect will not understand the real thing". Please be cautious of such statements.

Remember that a real spiritual man will never contradict science. There is nothing in spirituality that will be against logic.

What is spirituality?

It merely means that you are not being stupid. To be spiritual means to know the facts, to live in reality. To not to know the truth and to live blindly is stupidity. So, being spiritual is simply about not being stupid!

Spirituality is not at all organised religion. It is not about customs, rituals or beliefs. It is an awakened state of mind in which the mind really understands. If water and poison are kept in front of you; 10 cups of water and 10 cups of poison, and you have to make 10 choices, 10 out of 10 times I will pick water. It's as simple as that. Spirituality means making the right decision every time. Even if you pick poison once, it's curtains for you. It's like batting. How many times can you get out? Just once. Now would you say, "Must we never get bowled out? You know, five out of six balls I will play rightly, but one ball per over, I want to see my stumps uprooted"?

Spirituality equals to honesty

Basic honesty is spirituality; knowing both the world and yourself. If you are not honest with yourself, anything you observe in the world or about the world is bound to be wrongly seen by you, because you are not being honest. What is it to be intelligent? To be intelligent is to be able to tell apart the false from the true. That alone is spiri-

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mystery, the novel explores the

complicated web of relation-

ships and their ramifications,

particularly when divided by the

fault lines carved out by class

system, ambitions, religion, cor-

ruption, personality differences

peace, we fail to look within. We chase happiness but fail to

make people around us happy. Sense of a Quiet is a story that

delves into such complex aspects of life and narrates it in

a simplistic yet nuanced man-

ner. The story is about Milind

and Diya, a doctor couple set-

tled in Haridwar, who are strug-

gling with career and relation-

ship issues. They are visited by

their common medical college

friend Rohan, who is facing an

impending divorce. Diya does

Often, while trying to find

and societal pressures.

Science & spirituality

It is not as if truly spiritual people reject inventions and discoveries, it is just that they do not stop at inventions and discoveries.

They say: "Science is good, science is wonderful, but I need to go beyond science. Now that I know science, now that I know the fundamental principles of the philosophy of science. I need to go beyond that."

That great desire is called the desire for realisation, that great desire is called devotion, and remember that great desire is not opposed to science. It is just bigger than science. It includes science. It is just that science is small in front of it.

A spiritual man is not at all at odds with the scientists. In fact, he will agree with science. A spiritual man will fully agree with science. He will just say, "Science is wonderful but limited". Because science takes no cognizance of consciousness. Science just takes the world as the material reality without ever asking to whom is the world a material reality?

Science will say, "That exists, that exists, that moves, that rises, that falls, that is that way." But science does not ask who is saying all this, to whom does all this appear and why does all this appear? That is why science is not

false but just incomplete. Spirituality completes science. Spirituality is a step beyond science, not opposed to science. Science is fully contained in spirituality. Spirituality that does not contain science, is superstition. However, science is too small to overlap with all of spirituality. But one thing is certain, when you are scientific, you are spiritual as well. However, all spirituality is not science. Spirituality goes way beyond science.

The difference

There is nothing in spirituality that will ever violate science. It is just that spirituality will venture into areas where science never goes at all. Spirituality, for example, will talk about you. Science never talks about you. That's the difference. That's the only difference!



When it comes to the world, science and spirituality will fully agree. When it comes to you, science will fall silent. There is no chapter in any scientific study or research journal ever at any place titled "I". Science does not touch the letter "I". Science has nothing to do with "I". Science only has to do with the world. Spirituality has to do with both "I" and "I's world". Spirituality does not say 'the world, spirituality says "I" and "I's world".

False spirituality is unscientific Sometimes we say, "Oh! There is a lot of pseudoscience being floated in the name of spirituality." You know, that is not even pseudoscience. To call it pseudoscience is an affront to sci-

It is out and out 100 per cent pure superstition. But the problem is when you have powerful forces that are selling pseudoscience rather than superstition, as spirituality, then the common man gets a very strong and clear message that spirituality means some nonsensical mumbo-jumbo.

Therefore, the relationship between spirituality and logic gets badly snapped. So obviously, you get the impression that spirituality is not only anti-logic but also against the laws of science.

Somebody is saying, "You know, water has memory!", somebody is saying that using *Rudraksh* you can figure out whether the food is contaminated or not, and you do not question these things. You do not ever apply your intelligence to these things. You don't even ask a counter-question. You can be pardoned because usually when all such nonsense is being propagated, counter-questions are not even allowed. Lab experiments are not even allowed because the moment an experiment is conducted in an honest environment in a laboratory, the truth will be out, the godman will be exposed.

It is really saddening that religion and spirituality have become dirty words now. Religion and spirituality have become words, not at all associated with logic anymore.

True spirituality is the culmination of the scientific mind

If you are really logical, you will turn spiritual. You have no option. Spirituality is the natural destiny of logic. All logic concerns things outside of you. Ultimately, if logic is honest it will have to turn towards the logician. Logic will need to ask, 'Who is the one applying the logic? Who is the one coming up with the arguments?" Because the arguments cannot be understood without understanding the arguer. A point comes when you clearly see that. When you see that then you realise that logic has reached its highest flowering, its utmost potential. That is the utmost potential of logic. It will bring you to spirituality.

And spirituality is not a cult;

spirituality is not at all this that you are seeing all around you. Spirituality is not this godman business. Spirituality is not this Jadu-tona (magical stuff) and all kinds of foolish stuff. The "I" is suffering and it is suffering because it is caged within itself. Spirituality has just this single objective and nothing else at all. Spirituality will talk just about the "I", the ego.

If you find spirituality talking about anything else, for example, how to improve your eyesight, how to improve your digestion, how to live longer, then you must understand that it is not spirituality and it is not medical science either. Let doctors talk about all these things. What is a spiritual guru doing, talking about eyesight and how to have more hair cover on the head and how to lose weight?!

Real spiritual men actually went along very nicely with scientists. They never had a bone to pick against scientists. Look at Krishnamurthy's conversations with physicist David Bohm, for example. And remember that a real spiritual man will never contradict science.

> Acharya Prashant, Vedanta teacher & founder of Prashant Advait Foundation

Masterstroke



sun, it is important to know how sunscreens work and which will work the best for you. Now that we have a wide range of options available for all skin types and purposes, it is easy to choose the right one. From keeping skin complexion even to reducing the risk of various skin cancers, sunscreen play a role. Howbeit, it is equally important to choose the right sunscreen first and follow all the right methods to make the best use of it.

We have numerous products available but there are a few that promise to make you happy while also doing the job like SunScoop Invisible Sunscreen. It is an ultra-thin translucent gel that moisturises, protects and gives your skin a gorgeous, natural finish. It's a chemical sunscreen with an SPF of 40 that resists sweat and water. Its silicone-like texture makes it suitable for use as a foundation base. All skin types can use it and it offers the skin an undetectable finish while shielding it from damaging UV rays, blue light, pollution and coral reef

Priced at ₹675 — Rohit Chawla, Co-Founder & CEO, Innovist

Deepak Kripal's book Sense one of the sought after **J**genres in India, more so of a Quiet explores intricate if you are a fiction lover. Sense of a Quiet by Deepak Kripal is web of relationships one of the books that has created waves among readers and critics alike in recent times. A realistic closer-to-life contemporary drama with high emo-

not approve of his visit as she sees Rohan as impractical and impulsive, as someone who does not have worthwhile motives in life. In Haridwar, Rohan makes new acquaintances and friends-a carefree rickshaw-wala, a diffident 'ugly looking maid, and a rude elderly retired army man. Meanwhile, Milind gets trapped in a corruption scam, and Diya finds herself in a situation that she does not want to share with Milind and ends up in a further conflict with Rohan. As Rohan gets into an altercation with an MLA's aide, his stay in Haridwar sets off a chain of events that turns the relationship between Diya, Rohan and Milind into a quagmire spirals completely out of control before they know

Where will life take these

three individuals who seem to

be at the crossroads so entwined

and complex that all they can do

scars from the Holy Ganges whilst they sit at its banks waiting for their fate to unfurl? Read the book to find out what transpires next. While the story and char-

acters are nuanced and complex, Kripal has kept the narration simple while promising a sense of relatability to the characters and events. Running high on the success of his novel, he told us that it took him four years to finish the book. He even went to a slum for six months

is ask for deliverance instead of

and had tea at a place where rickshaw-walas used to gather so that he could get their world Kripal, who is a practicing

doctor, authored his debut novel The Devil's Gate: An Impossible Journey under Leadstart Publishing in 2013. It was not only critically acclaimed but was also first of its kind in Indian writing landscape, putting animals against demons. Apart from being a doctor, and author, he has deeply studied subjects like Psychology, Philosophy and Sociology that has hugely influenced the stories and thoughts he chooses to tell. Both his novels are of totally contrasting genres (first was a fantasy thriller while second one being contemporary drama) and are polar opposites in terms of treatment and story-telling, which is a testament of his versatility and appetite for good stories. He likes to experiment yet stay true to real life issues that concern human existence in varied aspects of life. He credits his love for stories to the bedtime stories told to the imaginative child in him by his late

How metaverse is helping education

Online learning has only recently become widespread, and now a few of businesses in India are reinventing the future of education by trying to incorporate the metaverse into daily lessons. Both users and programmers can personalise it by creating anything ranging from a metaverse institution to virtual sports venues.

A teacher can discuss about discoveries while also showing them to students in an interactive 3D environment. Using their lesson ideas, educators can create virtual landscapes. Virtual reality in schools can supplement traditional education models by allowing students to tour historical sites or perform risky experiments in a safer virtual environment.

Maninder Singh Bajwa, CEO and founder, Iscuela says: "The metaverse has numerous educational opportunities. The way we educate children and outfit teachers must advance in order to keep up with the ways that technology is advancing and providing us new immersive and imaginative worlds. Researchers, educators, decisionmakers, and digital designers now have the chance to set the course rather than getting sucked into the undertow, while the metaverse infrastructure is still being built. Even if there is still more to be expected from it, the metaverse has already shown tremendous potential, especially in the gaming world. Some meta verse experiences allow players to interact freely with one another and even take part in occasions like concerts and festivals using their avatars.

"Students will be able to reach new levels of understanding concepts like never before and teachers will have a broader bandwidth of creating and bending the reality of a virtual environment to make learning more engaging and interactive. Moreover, metaverse is bound to become the next frontier to improve communication and mitigate location barriers in education. It's only a matter of time until immersive virtual learning becomes the new normal," says Diwakar Chittora, CEO and Founder, IntelliPaat.

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My whole life I trv to comedy, so it would be nice to see that onscreen





This year, the transfer rate in the Sales Tax department was between ₹18-20 lakh for a posting in western UP. In the Labour department, an official is ready to pay between ₹12-15 lakh to get a posting in Hapur, Ghaziabad, and other creamy positions in western UP writes BISWAJEET BANERJEE

he threat to quit the Yogi cabinet by Dalit Minister Dinesh Khatik has exposed the dark underbelly of the transfer industry, which helps the politicians and bureaucrats fill their coffers. Besides Khatik, two other ministers -Brijesh Pathak and Jitin Prasada - are in the eye of the storm over the alleged transfer of officials in their departments in violation of the transfer policy.

Pathak is Deputy Chief Minister in the Yogi cabinet and heads Health Department, while Jitin Prasada is PWD Minister considered one of the creamy portfolios. The talk of the town is the diary that Ajay Kumar Pandey, OSD of Jitin Prasada maintained. Insiders reveal that the diary contains details of the transfers carried out in the PWD and who recommended them. It even talks about the money that might have exchanged hands.

As it is known, the 'transfer industry' is the biggest corruption machine in the state. Money exchanges hands for effecting transfers or stopping them. Government employees prefer postings where the money comes easy — and for this, they pay handsome amounts to their bosses. There is no exact figure for how much money exchanges hands, but a rough estimate suggests that it is no less than ₹20,000 crore industry. A retired Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh revealed that this amount depends on demand and supply and varies from department to department. Officials pay money to get posted in a particular district, while others pay money to cancel the transfer if they are posted out of the city.

THE TRANSFER RATE This year, the transfer rate in the Sales Tax department was between ₹18-20 lakh for a posting in western UP. In the Labour department, an official is ready to pay between ₹12-15 lakh to get a posting in Hapur, Ghaziabad, and other creamy positions in western UP. In the PWD and Health Department, the transfer rate of doctors is ₹10-12 lakh, while for para-medics it is between ₹5 lakh to ₹8 lakh. A doctor is ready to pay anything between ₹10 lakh-12 lakh to get a posting as a Medical Officer (in-charge) of even PHCs, because PHCs is the center of government's national campaigns and these

centers regularly get government funds. The same is the case with the police department where every transfer carries a price REPRESENTATIVES TRY OFFICERS USUALLY WILL SUFFER IF HE IS POSTED OUT

THE BIGGEST MALAISE CONFRONTING THE **ADMINISTRATION** TODAY IS THE UNDUE **POLITICAL** INTERFERENCE IN TRANSFERS. ELECTED TO DICTATE WHO SHOULD BE POSTED TO THEIR CONSTITUENCY. SUCH END UP BECOMING STOOGES OF THE LOCAL MLA. SOMETIMES ONE LEGISLATOR WANTS THE TRANSFER OF A **GOVERNMENT** EMPLOYEE, WHILE THE OTHER **ADVOCATES HIS** VIRTUES AND SAYS HOW THE DISTRICT

tag. One recorded incident is in 2020 when the then SSP of Gautam Buddh Nagar Vaibhav Krishna leaked details as to how money was being paid in the transfer of inspectors. He alleged that ₹80 lakh exchanged hands and also revealed the involvement of senior officials and journalists in this scam.

Some officials recount that in one of the previous government's regimes, note counting machines were installed in Chief Minister's residence and some trusted officials, including one posted in the CM office, used to count the currency in the evening hours. A story goes like this--- once an employee was carrying a bag from a car to the note counting center when it fell down and wades of currency notes spilled on the road. The security personnel posted around the CM's residence collected those notes and passed them on to the official who was counting currency

The burgeoning transfer industry in Uttar Pradesh is a matter of concern for Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. It has emerged as a wart in his shining armor of zero tolerance toward corruption. In his first meeting with the legislators after Yogi won elections for the second time, he asked the lawmakers to stay away from transfers because he knew the ramifications this industry can have on his government. He even suggested that legislators and MPs should not suggest the transfer of any officials as it should be left for the officials to carry out the transfer as per the requirement. After a cabinet meeting, the Chief Minister asked ministers not to trust their staff blindly. He directed the ministers to keep a watch on their department officers and their activities. The officials were asked to follow the policy in letter and in spirit while carrying out the transfer.

People are aware of how the game of corruption is being played in transfer-posting.

POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN THE TRANSFER

The biggest malaise confronting the administration is the undue political interference in transfers, with elected representatives dictating who should be posted to their constituency. Such officers usually end up becoming stooges of the local MLA. Bureaucrats recount as how sometimes they face a piquant situation where one legislator wants the transfer of a government employee while the other advocates his virtues and says how the district will suffer if he is posted out.

All these transfers are carried out after paying bribes. Besides, these officers are always present at the beck and call of the local politicians. This is more pronounced in police as depicted in Ajay Devgan's starrer Gangajal where the local landlord was controlling the police station and in turn, he was providing these officials administrative

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

In his 1.0 government, the Chief Minister took administrative action against over 1000 officials for their involvement in corruption. In 2018, Chief Minister sought records of over 100 tainted class I officers, including IAS, IPS, PCS, and PPS officers, whose names had figured in corruption cases at any point during their service period. Also, in 2019, the Yogi-led Uttar Pradesh government decided to sack seven Provincial Police Service (PPS) officers on charges of corruption. In 2019, the CM warned over 400 corrupt officials of severe punishment and decided to give early retirement to around 200 employees. He also ordered the registration of FIR against more than a dozen policemen when they were found involved in corruption.

A few days ago, Adityanath ordered the suspension of five Public Works Department (PWD) officials and even ordered the removal of PWD minister Jitin Prasada's OSD Anil Kumar Pandey. Early this week, four senior officers of the health department were suspended because of their involvement in carrying out transfers in violation of the policy.

The Yogi government announced its transfer policy in June during its fifth cabinet meeting. As per the transfer policy, the officers of Group 'A' and Group 'B' can be transferred on completion of three years in the district and seven years in the division. Only 20 percent of the present cadre of officers of Group 'A' and Group 'B' can be transferred. In the case of Group 'C' and Group 'D' officers, the figure is around 10 percent. The guidelines specified that transfer of Group 'B' and Group 'C' personnel should be carried out on the basis of merit through an online system.

A RIFT BETWEEN POLITICIANS **AND BUREAUCRACY**

The reports of discontent among bureaucracy and ministers in the Yogi 2.0 government is emanating for the last few

weeks but they came to the fore during the transfer session. This is no longer a secret that in the majority of the departments the Ministers are not on the same page with officials of their departments. This often leads to rifts and public spat. The turned into a major controversy when Minister of State Jal Shakti Department Dinesh Khatik raised the issue of how he was neglected in the departmental meetings. He accused his departmental principal secretaries Anil Garg and Anurag Srivastava of not listening to his views. He mentioned this in his letter as how a Principal Secretary banged the phone when he was raising a departmental

Not only Khatik, but even the powerful Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak also got the taste of bureaucratic power when he started conducting raids in hospitals and godowns of the Health Department. During his raids, he crossed swords with Additional Chief Secretary Amit Mohan Prasad, who has been in this department for more than four years. The same is the case with Public Works Department Minister Jitin Prasada and his influential Principal Secretary Narendra Bhushan. Then there is the case of Secondary Education Minister Gulabo Devi, who is not able to keep pace with her Principal Secretary Aradhana Shukla.

The same is the case with Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj Department where Agriculture Production Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh is holding the fort. He is often accused of passing orders and ignoring the departmental ministers.

There are allegations that departmental heads do not accommodate the choice of officers in the transfer list leading to conflict. There are reports that Dinesh Khatik wanted his candidates to be included in the transfer list. When this was not done, he played the Dalit card and sent his resignation to Union Home Minister Amit Shah alleging corruption in the transfer of officials.

It will be a tough balancing act for Chief Minister. On one hand, he has to accommodate the demand of his ministers, while on the other he is committed to giving a clean administration. How he manages it, only time will tell.

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MEMOIRES OF AN UNCONVENTIONAL DIPLOMAT

Former Ambassador to Fiji Ajay Singh would have been so happy to see the publication of his fascinating love story with the island. It's a truly remarkable memoir of a man who successfully dabbled in journalism, politics and diplomacy, writes RANA BEHAL

his remarkable, posthumously published book, was incomplete when Ajay Singh, the author, passed away on June 9, 2021. It was finally completed and published by his close friend and collaborator Mahavir Singh. It is a fascinating and absorbing tale of the incredible bond between Fiji, the Pacific Island nation, and four generations of Ajay's family. It is also a rare and exceptional contribution to the distinguished historiography of "girmitiyas", the Indian indenture labourers who were recruited and shipped from India during the nineteenth century to work on British overseas colonial plantations in the Caribbean, Mauritius, Malaya, Fiji and South Africa.

The book is rare and exceptional because out of the hundreds of

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al because out of the hundreds of thousands 'girmitiyas" transported as indentured labourers, Ajay's family maintained very close contacts with Fiji over four generations, despite not settling there permanently. The book presents a history of this long generational relation-ship with the Fiji, based on family and Fiji National archives documents, personal experiences, oral testimonies, publications and memories relayed from the first to the fourth generation of his family. It helps to understand and learn about the nuances of a colonial plantation society and everyday lives of the migrant labour force in an alien and oppressive labour system. Most significantly it reveals an authentic voice of the "girmitiya" family that is not mediated and inhibited from the colonial official gaze.

Ajay introduced the book as 'my Agy introduced the book as my story; the story of my love for the Fiji Islands, its people and of one person in particular'- his Fijian born life partner late Shiromani Singh. The story of four generations of his family is very skillfully woven around their connection with Fiji Islands for more than a century. It began in 1884 when his great grandparents, from the agrarian part of Agra district, Ram Chander and Padam Kaur, were recruited and labourers, to work in sugar plantations in Fiji Islands. While telling the story of their recruitment and travel to their destination Ajay authentically weaves the narrative of wide spread Arakati system of labour grandparents' experience, and colo-



Standing from left to right are Ajay Singh, SP Malviya, Kartar Singh, Chaudhary Charan Singh with stick in hand and Mulayam Singh Yadav at the other end

nial policies in several parts of British India.

Ram Chand and Padam Kaur experienced hardship and struggle in Fiji plantations that became a part of the folklore of "girmitiya" lives, condemned by the contemporary critics as slavery. They established lifelong friendships as well as adversaries within among "girmitiyas" on the plantations. Ajay's grandfather, Bere Singh, was born in Fiji where he studied in a Catholic school. After successfully fighting the case of his wrongful imprisonment Ram Chand and 13 year old son on 5 July 1901. Bere Singh, after further higher studies in India, decided to go back to Fiji to join Fijian Civil Service in 1910. His employment in the Fijian Civil Service strengthrecruitment, based on his great ened and reinforced the family social network among the second

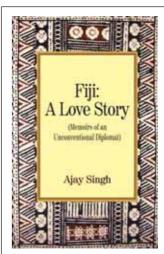
generation of educated children of generation of educated children of Indian "girmitiyas". Ajay highlights the emerging situation in Fiji during his grandfather's stay of 16 years there. Growing criticism of the indenture system and Indian nationalist opposition, led to the abolition of indenture recruitment in India in 1917. Bere Singh took premature—retirement—and premature retirement and returned, like his parents, to his home in India.

Ajay's father, Bhagwan Singh, born during his father's long leave in India, was raised by his grandparents while his father returned to experienced upward social mobility. Bhagwan Singh studied in college and at the end of his masters, joined the British Indian army as an Indian Commissioned Officer in 1941. Bhagwan Singh's carrier went a nautch higher when he was selected in the India Civil Service



Ajay Singh and Shubha Singh with Father Captain Bhagwan Singh on their first arrival at

Ajay Singh being administered oath of secrecy as a Minister by Shri R Venkataraman,



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Unconventional Diplomat Ajay Singh Shipra Publisher

in 1944 that was to become Indian Administrative Service, after Independence. The family's Fiji connection was transformed when Bhagwan Singh, a "girmitiya" progeny, was appointed as India's High Commissioner to Fiji in 1971, now an Independent country. Bhagwan very successful and respected Indian diplomat in Fiji. He earned diplomatic goodwill for India and reinforced his family and personal contacts among the Indian origin elite as well as with the Fijian indigenous elite. He established strong cultural, social and political

ties between India, where he was born, and Fiji, the land of his father's birth.

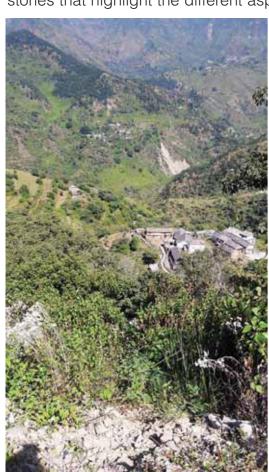
The author, Ajay Singh, grew up in Delhi while his father worked in different parts of India on official postings. He studied as a boarder in Modern School and then inSt Stephens college for his graduation. He visited Fiji while his father was posted there and did a course on journalism in New Zealand. He met and married Shiromani in Fiji before returning to India. Her parents were a well-established business Fijian family of Indian origins. After returning to India Ajay Singh's life went through dramatic turns from being a successful journalist to a politician and finally a diplomat. He became a Minister of State in VP Singh's short-lived government. The Fijian connections, that were kept alive through correspondence and occasional visits, were reinforced once again in 2005 when he was appointed India's High Commissioner to Fiji. This was an incredible transformation once again, for the fourth generation ʻgirmitiya' family of Fijian plantation connection. Ajay was very pleased with his appointment but also apprehensive of being compared with his father's towering status as the most successful Indian diplomat in Fiji. Ajay gave all credit to Shiromani for allaying his apprehensions and was a great partner and help in his job as the First Lady in India House in Fiji.

not confined to his family history alone. Ajay displayed a very deep understanding and knowledge of Fijian society, its political dilemmas and tensions between and Indian origin and indigenous communities. He learnt a lot from his father's experiences and benefitted from the latter's good will as well as family connections. A lot had changed in Fijian political and social world in Fiji since his father's days. He analyzed his own experiences and contributions as India's High Commissioner as critically given his personal unique situation. He reinforced India's goodwill and restored cultural, political and social ties between the two countries he admired and loved most. It is a book worth reading both by academics of labour history and

The narrative in the book is

A fascinating journey through the changing rural life

Author Siniwali's recently published book "Gulabi Nadi ki Machhaliyan" is a collection of nine stories that highlight the different aspects of rural life.



henever we think about a typical Indian village, a beatific picture of peace surfaces in our mind: happy people, rippling ponds, greenery, and innocence. But the reality is so different. The villages of India are beset with the same evils that have haunted the country for ages: caste and class differences, economic inequalities, illiteracy, superstition, and reli-गुलाबी नदी

gious divides. The villages are now faced with another problem; that is of old people abandoned to fend for themselves. Now there are many villages where most of the youth have gone forever in search of green

In this collection, published by Antika Prakashan, different problems of rural areas have been depicted in detail. Her earlier book "Hans Akela Roya" was also focused on rural life. In this collection, rural India is again at the center, and each of his stories brings some serious and contem-

porary topics to the center of discussion.

Commenting on the book, well-known Hindi author Maitreyi Pushpa writes, "In the guise of the democratic system, not only cities, but the villages are also victims of conspiracies, by their own people. If any man does not refrain from being ruined due to his hollow assumptions, then he does not even hesitate in polluting the environment.

A large number of the villagers are being subject to greed and by doing this, they put all the healthy rules on hold. The writer (Siniwali) is seeing all these things and is reflecting these in her stories...'

The author observes closely rural life and brings to the fore the problems of the village, its tricks, and its complexities.

Take the example of a beautiful love story-"Gulabi Nadi Ki Machhaliyan" which is the title story of the book. The writer has tried to capture the fulfillment of love and the trauma of separation in this touching

story.
"Dulha Babu" is about getting older without getting married. Later, the difficulties of the boy who is going to be the groom bring in some comic relief to the readers. . "Apne Log" is another story included in the collection. It is a story of a young man who ran away from home to the metropolis because of his father's abusive behavior.

People, who go to big cities in search of work from the village, spend a large part of their

Gulabi Nadi Ki Machhaliyan

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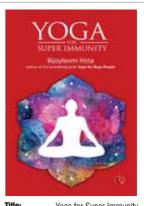
meager income on food and shelter. Similarly "Rahaun Kant Hoshiyar" is another important story in the collection which is based against the backdrop of villages being hit by pollution. Sadly, only a handful of villagers are serious about solving this problem.



Yoga and Immunity

→ he last few years have seen a massive upsurge in pop-ularity of Yoga. After the United Nations decided to celebrate International Yoga Day every year on June 21, since 2015, millions of people across the world are taking to Yoga asanas and paranayama as a way of life. This has also seen a phenomenon boom in literature on Yoga. Yoga for Super Immunity, authored by Bijoylaxmi Hota is one such book that hit the stand last month.

The book focusses on yoga practices to boost up immunity, something that has become a buzz among the people in the post-covid ear. The book talks



Yoga for Super Immunity Bijoylaxmi Hota

about Yoga practices for healing, boosting up energy, cleaning of body and mind, inducting proper sleep, healthy diets among other things.

The book contains techniques to detoxify the system, destress the mind, plant the right belief inn subconscious, maintain correct ph value, and improve the function of all the concerned body parts. It also suggest right diet and necessary lifestyle changes to maintain supremely healthy body .

The author Bijoylaxmi Hota is a noted integrated yoga therapists who has written as many as nine books on Yoa and diet. These include bestseller like Yoga for Busy People.

Capitol Hill enquiry: America challenged

Most of the global observers, analysts, media commentators and mandarins are taking a long view of the insurrection which occurred at the Capitol Hill on January 6, 2021. The key motif was that former President Donald Trump refused to accept the electoral victory of candidate Joe Biden who had won at the hustings. Now, the quizzing of Trump's aides at the White House, along with the abortion debate, has touched a raw nerve in the larger political vortex of the US.

Personages such as Steve Bannon, Meadows and former Governor of New York City Rudy Guiliani have been interrogated and have deposed before both the Senate Hearings Committee and a historical enquiry undertaken by the US Justice Department. Interestingly, the US Justice Department states that the enquiry initiated by it has no precedence in the US keeping in view the nature and scope of the posers on the aggrieved ethos of democracy in the US.

After the enquiry in the case study of President Nixon's impeachment, it is the first instance of both the Senate and the Justice Department taking up the task of quizzing the highly seated perch of Trump. Even his daughter Ivanka and Jared Kushner, her husband, have not been spared the exigencies of the Justice Department enquiry. Such is the high pedestalled mandate of the hearings on the Capitol Hill insurrections, which brings yet another tumult in the political circus in the US.

Does the dictum of "no one will be spared if found guilty" work so effectively in the American homestead?

It has been pithily contended by the US Justice Department portal that the extent of personages being interrogated has led to the rise in significance of the ambit of working of the hearings. The Justice Department portal contends, "Three former Justice Department officials — former



Acting Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue, former Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen and former Assistant Attorney General Steven Engel — testified before the committee on Thursday."

Donoghue showed handwritten notes he had taken during a call with Trump, in which the former President said, "Just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the Republican congressmen."

The recent outreach by the Senate and the Justice Department hearings pinpoint the complicity at the highest level at the White House as far as the mayhem which ensued in the Capitol Hill is concerned. Also, as an attendant fact, the entire nation and the nowhere did he completely

world are looking askance at a daze as one of the sacrosanct symbols of democracy in the American nation was pillaged upon and it has found in the subsequent hearings that the several key officials fled the scene of the insurrection as the protesters ruthlessly stormed the heady portals of the Capitol Hill. How they managed to breach the security establishment has stirred up a hornets' nest for the conspiracy theories to churn out their versions of the ghastly and deplorable inci-

The current tirade is targeted at Trump as he corrected and re-corrected the notes which he had given to his White House aides and

belittle the insurrections as he had been informed in advance by some of his aides that the public and shameful carnage was expected in the Capitol Hill. The debate, accusation and counter accusations are being bandied about, and the relentless search for truth goes on as a stately continuum in the Capitol Hill's insurrections enquiry. The US Senate releases inform us that even in the past, the ilk of Vice Presidents and even the Presidents have been brought to the cage and interrogated which pinpoints the stately and traditional ideal of "no one is above law" as has been dexterously and assiduously adhered to in the estab-

lishment's fray in the US. One can cite a US Senate

Central University

AMU

BHU

source which pithily informs us that how the process dates back to the 19th century when President Abraham Lincoln was quizzed about a ticklish matter pertaining to the fourth estate. The Senate's portal informs us that, "President Lincoln today voluntarily appeared before the House Judiciary Committee," reported the New York Tribune, and gave testimony in the matter of premature publication in the Herald of a portion of his last annual message.

Lincoln's message to the Congress in December 1861 had been published in the New York Herald on the same morning that it was sent to Capitol Hill. The House Judiciary Committee, chaired

by John Hickman, investigated the leak and called Herald correspondent Henry Wikoff to testify. Wikoff refused to divulge his source, citing "an obligation of strictest secrecy." It can be argued that when the American nation was creating its own "self" through invention, innovation and experimentation through territorial purchases, reviews of the political process and further external inventions in nations such as Spain and the Philippines, then at that point of time the nation spared no one and the posers are a part and parcel of the general narrative of the grandiose march ahead of the American nation and civilisa-

The United State's Senate

FUNDS ALLOCATED/RELEASED (7 IN CRORE)

2021

411.1

407.5

1214.6

1303.0

102.8

2022-23 (upto

30.06.2022)

106.0

124.7

302.3

325.3

45.3

Resolution number 60 spawned the Senate select Committee on the election campaign activities of President Nixon and it came to be popularly known as the Senate Watergate Committee which shook the entire soul of the American population as the US had just emerged out of the military and diplomatic debacle in Vietnam and the grandiose notion of the entrepreneurial and rules-based America had taken a beating.

The allegations on the American President ranged from campaign finance procedures and the practice of state espionage which cast a dreary shadow at the one-upmanship of the American political system. Sam Ervin chaired the Watergate Committee and indicted around 40 State department officials and its findings played a key role in ushering in the impeachment proceedings of President Nixon in the stupendous seventies when questions were being asked for the first time and the city on Mount Sinai had to look inwards and a stately and timely delving in exercise was comprehended as the political need of the hour.

In the case of the January 6 insurrection, the testimony of Cassidy Hutchinson proves evidence of the complicity of the White House when the secret service guards in and around the Capitol meticulously ignored the scare signals for the portending disturbance at Capitol Hill. Though, those days will historically go down as a blot on the zeitgeist of the grandiloquent American "way", such scuffles and hiccups come and go and are never indelible in nature as America and the rest of the nations steady themselves in the rumbustious lurch of the Ukraine war, the pandemic and other internal challenges asking questions at the American "way."

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% Change from

2020-21

81.4

10.9

125.5

69.8

143.3

Fund Allocation(in crores) to AMU, BHU, JMI, and JNU

to 2021-22

55.4

20.9

80.2

94.6

157.4

The quizzing of Trump's aides at the White House. along with the abortion debate. has touched a raw nerve in the larger political vortex of the **United States of** America. But the moot point is: Does the dictum of "no one will be spared if found quilty" work so effectively in the American



homestead?

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Total allocation

to 2021-22)

2812.6

2913.4

8424.2

8223.3

Authors' Calculation

629.3

PERSPECTIVE •

Have AMU and JMI's funds really been cut?

293.3

301.3

825.0

749.3

69.9

Source: Unstarred Question No. 131 answered on 18.07.2022 in Lok Sabha

2016

305.9

332.5

894.7

892.5

77.4

2017

333.2

373.5

1106.0

1116.4

79.1

363.0

371.7

1009.7

1084.4

61.8

2019

361.9

416.6

1180.0

1271.1

101.3

2020

479.8

373.5

1520.1

1137.2

97.1

2014-

264.5

336.9

674.0

669.5

39.9

The fact is quite the opposite. The total fund allocation in the last 8 years of the Modi Government, from 2014-15 to 2021-22, was ₹8,223 crore for BHU, while for AMU it was ₹8,424 crore, which is clearly ₹201 crore higher than that of BHU



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The fund allocation to any Lentity (whether State or educational institutions or sector or any other project) has always been used as a yardstick to measure the priority and preference of any Government. The issue becomes more

sensitive when it is related to higher education institutions, especially in the present context when these institutions have become highly politicised and are perceived to be aligned to particular ideological and party

The case in point is a news item doing rounds in the media that the Central Government has doubled the budget allocation to Banaras Hindu University (BHU) while the fund allocation to Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has been sharply reduced. It all began with TN

Prathapan, a Lok Sabha member, asking an unstarred question (No. 131) related to fund allocation to some of the Central universities in India. The question was "whether the Government has the details of fund allocation to these universities: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU); Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI); Aligarh Muslim University (AMU);Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar (RGU); Banaras Hindu University (BHU); and if so, the details thereof since

The question was replied to on July 18 this year in Parliament, and within a day of replying, a lot of mainstream newspapers and news websites (National Herald, The Wire, Free Press Kashmir, Ground Report, Navjeevan Express, etc., here onwards

called news publications), misreported the reply in a manner which suggested that the Government of India is reducing the budget of only Muslim minority institutions, and is hence completely against the Muslim community.

Even a famous education portal Careers360.com and (https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=uQSntR4h3Yg) too reported the same thing (see Table-1).

However, a look at the unedited table (table-2) provided by the Ministry of Education in their reply to the unstarred question of said parliamentarian itself reveals the truth. A few points are noteworthy:

- The sharpest increase in the annual fund in the year 2020-21 compared to the same in 2014-15 was of RGU (143%) followed by AMU (125%), JMI (81%), BHU (69%) and JNU
- Even the fund allocation for the year 2021-22 compared to 2014-15 shows that the sharpest increase was noticed in RGU (157%) followed by BHU (94%) AMU (80%), JMI (55%) and JNU (20%).
- The year-to-year analysis shows a mixed picture. In the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2020-21, the fund allocated to AMU had been higher than BHU, while in the years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2021-22, the fund allocation to BHU was higher than AMU.
- The budget allocation to JMI and AMU increased by 32.6 per cent and 28.8 per cent respectively in 2020-21 compared to the previous year while the same fell by 10.5 per

PUBLICATION HEADLINE Career360 JMI, AMU face sharp decline in funds, BHU grants double: Education ministry data The Wire Funds to JMI, AMU Reduced Sharply; Budget for BHU Doubled; Allocation for JNU Stagnant

HEADLINES OF VARIOUS NEWS PUBLICATIONS

National Herald Funds to JMI, AMU reduced in 2021-2022; Budget for BHU doubled Free Press Kashmir Budget for Jamia Millia, Aligarh reduced, Banaras Hindu University funds doubled by Gol Funds to Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim North East Now University reduced; Budget for Banaras Hindu University doubled Sharp Decline In Funding Of Jamia, AMU; Big India Tomorrow

cent for BHU. Interestingly, none of the publications in question ever reported this phenomenon but they produced an incomplete picture by only considering the figures of the very next year when the budget allocation for JMI and AMU decreased by 14.3 per cent and 20.1 per cent respec-

Muslim Mirror

for BHU by 14.6 per cent. ■ The total fund allocation in the last 8 years, from 2014-15 to 2021-22, was Rs 8,223 crore for BHU, while for AMU it was Rs 8,424 crore, which is clearly Rs 201 crore higher than

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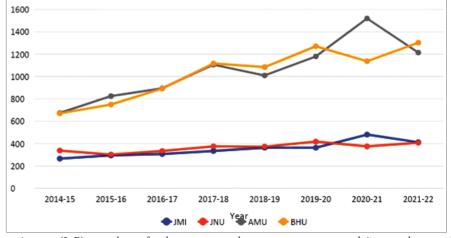
Rise For BHU, Rajiv Gandhi University

Budget for Jamia, AMU reduced,

fund to BHU doubled

The real value (adjusted for inflation) of the total allocation in these 8 years also shows the same result (total allocation to AMU was higher than BHU).

We have confined our analysis to just fund allocation to each of these institutions to determine if BHU is being given preference over or at the cost of others since these news publications have just used this criterion to make comparisons. There are many other factors responsible for the fund allocation i.e. institution of



eminence (IoE), number of new courses introduced, permanent faculty recruitment, scholarships, etc, which we are leaving out for the sake of

brevity and understandability. It raises serious doubts as to why so many news publications have come to the same erroneous conclusion based on the same data set within such a short time. It is important to notice that all of these publications have credited the story to their own reporters or

news desks. More importantly, the headlines used indicate that

they came to the same perverted and wrong conclusion given the same data. It is said while the same correct answer cannot be conclusive proof of copying in an exam, the same wrong answer is a definite proof of collusion.

The biased news publications sow seeds of hatred in the hearts of the youth of the Muslim community against the elected Government of the

They can be seen doing this for a long time, and such acts are only increasing the gap between various religious groups, doing great harm to the integrity and unity of the nation, apart from tarnishing the image of the country across the globe.

It is also surprising that despite the hard numbers being available in black and white in the public domain, the socalled vigilant fact-checkers have chosen to remain mute spectators in this case.

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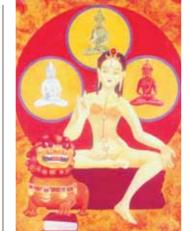




ARIES March 21-April 19

You need to balance your health efforts with your personal and professional responsibilities. Be sure that you are taking time for your own life, for rest and healing. If you put yourself last on the list of things, your health situation will suffer. Make sure you are taking adequate rest and sleep too. On the professional front, if you are looking for a job, you have the ability and the skill to find it. If you are already employed, you find a better position. If there's no room for a promotion at your current job, give serious thought to finding something where there is this possibility. On the relationship front, if you are committed, don't hesitate to speak your mind to your beloved. You stand with pride and express your feelings. This will only improve your relationship.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you are likely to feel stressed out. You may be suppressing your emotions, and this will impact your body negatively. You must be careful how, when, and where you vent your emotional reactions. Anything that reduces your stress level will be helpful now, even a five-minute walk. Think positive. Stay calm and connected. Anger is a silent killer. On the career front, tension is indicated. Be positive, this is a temporary phase. If you are trying for a job change this is the right time. Making plans only will not help, execute them with sincerity. You have the potential to achieve the desired position. On the personal front, the time is right for soul-searching and discovery of the inner realms. It is a very positive time for you and an excellent opportunity to strengthen relationships of all kinds.

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Listen to your body with great care and attention. You are either overeating or starving yourself to lose weight. Both situations are bad for health. Bringing balance in food habits not only helps you to maintain your weight but it gives you a confident mindset. You are otherwise hale & hearty enjoy the week. On the work front, investment done in the past is coming to fruition this week. This can be literal such as a bank account returning money to you. You will be reaping what you have sown. You are in the good book of your senior and soon there will be rewards. On the personal front, love and emotions are taking a back seat, you prefer isolation. Those committed must stay connected with their time to keep the spark alive.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

On the health front, you decide to self-validate and believe in yourself as well as your talents. Your motto for a diseases-free happy family will make you busy. It's time to imagine how totally different and wonderfully awesome things could be. Professionally, you are positive and try to bring love and compassion to your work. You are highly intuitive too. People are amazed to see this persona of you. This is a time to focus on your goals and targets. Be firm and determined. Those in business need to be tough in the money transaction. On the personal front, mind, heart, and emotions are going in different ways. This is a highly emotional time in love relationships. Things can quickly become heated. Treat your lover like a friend. Don't be in a hurry to end or begin a relationship.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Pastel colours Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week keep your stress level under control to stay in good health. Deal with any problems that come up physically, don't try to avoid them. Be sure to get enough rest. If you need healing, ask for it. Sensitive people need caring, nurturing, massage, and hugs from dear friends, which will go a long way toward keeping them healthy. On the career front, other people may oppose your new ideas or proposals, but if you know that you're right to go ahead. You are enthusiastic, full of energy and want to put your best, but others are not taking it positively. Leave your simplicity behind, be smart and a little articulate. On the personal front, your relationship will move into a lighter, easier, and more balanced phase when you are sure of yourself.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Thursday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

Tension and depression might take their toll leaving you an exhausted and under-confident person. Reading, meditation, and light exercises will give you relief and good sleep will help to improve your state of mind. Uncertainties and confusion in life will melt away if you have a positive and creative mind. On the work front, you need to make some quick decisions. Make sure your intelligence and logic are used for a good cause and do not waste your time with disputes. A solution for a problem is already there or will come soon. On the personal front, work with your cool mind than with a raging heart. If you are already in a relationship, this can be a make-or-break period. This is a time to get very, very clear about what you want out of your relationships, and then take steps accordingly.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Peach **Lucky day** Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

You are likely to change your mind radically about something that you think is wrong with you physically. Do not ignore everything your doctor has told you rather give it some deep thought. Those suffering from serious ailments need to be under the constant observation of doctors. Others also need prevention from seasonal ailments which might aggravate if timely attention is not taken. On the work front, getting confused about whether to leave the present job, start a business, or some undesirable circumstances is likely to take place. Changing subjects or fields often gets you nowhere. Find out your interest and potential. This is the time to be firm in your decision and keep your ears and eves open. On the personal front, there are hope and happiness on an emotional level, along with a new sense of security, protection and recovery.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week is a good time to enjoy your health and add extra charm to your persona. You are cheerful, hopeful, and full of life. You take good care of yourself, and the people you are concerned with. Compromising health issues is not advisable. Balancing your work and relations is important. On the career front, be cautious if you are in a job, follow the discipline and set rules of the organization you are working with or else be ready to face some displeasure from your seniors. Businessmen should be careful in a money transactions. There are conflicts and confrontations which may lose your calm. On the personal front, you may get involved in a great relationship. You are likely to feel romantic.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Black Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You are a very positive, creative, and happy-go-lucky person this week. This is reflected in your personality. It is an excellent time to flaunt your charm and enjoy the path of personal development. The completeness, sense of vitality and peace of mind will make you a very efficient person. On the career front, you are confident and ready to face any challenges. You may win and attain accolades for your performance this week. You will be in your senior's good book. Do not let this success get into your head. On the relationship front, be careful as there are chances of counterfeit love. Investigate before you take any final decision. Existing relations should clear the doubts and confusion if any to avoid misunderstanding in future.

Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Blue **Lucky day** Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week take some time out for yourself then your health is likely to show a positive increase. You are on the right track now, keep doing what you are doing. Learn more about rituals from the past. They will deepen your spiritual understanding and practice and help you to bring balance On the career front, lots of activity, and getting things accomplished are on the cards. You may make your peers look bad. You don't feel tired; being a workaholic is your passion. Keep your behaviour in check, there are chances of using harsh words that create a hostile situation around you. Maintain your cool and equilibrium whatever the situation, that quality will add a feather to your career. On the relationship front, if you are currently committed, it may well rise to new and better heights soon. Lucky number 21

Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you need a break from normal life. There is a need to slow down from the hectic work pace and relax. Do not push yourself when you are tired, it may cause illness and injury. On the career front, you have the benefits of your communication both verbal and written and will get good news regarding your career. Businessmen can acquire a secure position monetarily. Those in service will get the support of their seniors and boss this week, which is likely to prove a stepping stone in their career. Be cautious, stay focused on what you want to achieve. On the personal front, a new beginning and higher expectations are on the cards. This is the time when you need not put extra effort into the relationship area.

Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week balance is required. Work at balancing your chakras or your body, mind, and spirit is particularly effective and helpful. You should pay adequate attention to all three. Meditation, Pranayam and walking amidst nature work wonderfully. The benefits are far greater than any effort you can put out. Professionally, connection with new people especially people from other lands will be beneficial. This is the time for making new business deals and signing new projects and assignments. Crack your potential. Stars are favouring you. Creativity, change, and development are the themes of the week. On the personal front, new ideas and plans will certainly help you to revitalize your relations with your loved ones. Love is in the air and you are in the full mood to express your feelings. This is a good time to make relations

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Thursday

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Shiva symbolises life running in succession



picking up threads from the previous issue, coming down to the second imagery, Lord Shiva is visualised mounted on a bull, having in His entourage assortment of multitude forms of existences, some of them weird and even invisible. To name a few - divine beings; human beings; devilish existences; animals; birds; goblins, and even invisible existences such as ghost etc. Symbolically, His entourage is indicative of the multipolar manifest world with all its enormity and diversity. This symbol stands for the dynamic world ever on the move at its own pace, as would a bull moving at a constant pace mean. While pulling a bullock-cart, the bull moves unprovoked at a constant pace and would not stop in the way till it reaches a place designated for being fed and taking rest. After a while, the bull again takes the journey forward, and then finally reverts back to its normal place of abode after completing the voyage. The manifest world too, after being on the run for a specified time, reverts back to the primal source to acquire a restful state, so as to get recharged once again. Following

which, out of the seeds of life withdrawn into primal-source, fresh creation cycle takes off.

Mount Kailasha, said to be the place of abode of Lord Siva, is one of the high peaks in the Himalayan range to which lot of perennial rivers are sourced. Contextually, however, only the river Ganges has been named for the sake of understanding. Being a high peak, it is closest to the cosmic world, simultaneously having all round view of life down below. Lord Shiva, with lunar crescent over the head, read together with his place of abode, the Himalayan range having in store perennial rivers, is symbolic of eternity,

The presence of lunar crescent symbolizes the convergence of all nature driven forces. For, Moon's luminosity is drawn out of the light extended by the Sun, as well as all the planets and stars up above in the cosmos. But before all light drawn thus, flows down the line, Moon does its own stamping by turning them into an amiable form. With the play of Damru, the equili-

brated state of the primal source gets

shaken, when the primal sound note

scientific perception, once there is entropy (disorder), it multiplies in geo-

metric progression. So, it happened following excitation of O? sound. Out of that singularity (Om) arose Energytrinity - Sata, Rajasa, and Tamasa. It is symbolised by a Trident - the three phalanges of the trident branching out of the base rod imply three dimensions of energies emanating from a singulari-

The random mutation of the three that followed, led to multitude of differentiated energy streams. The harmony and symphony of these differentiated energy streams that followed, led to all creations, first up above in the cosmos.

The ground thus got laid down for carrying forward the creation chain to the earth plane, in which Moon playing from the front serves as the carrier of cosmic energies. Moon, thus, serves as the interface between the cosmic world above and life mechanism on earth plane. Thus, comes into being a life cycle, which runs in succession, as would the run of river Ganges originating from Lord Siva's hair locks imply. Water travels from its source to the sea, extending life all through its run. We are all aware that but for water there would be no live form-existence. Water running down the river stream as also in the sea evaporates, leaving behind all impurities, takes the form of

cloud, and again rains back to recharge the water bodies on earth on a regular basis. All forms of life follow a similar cycle. We are born and then after pursuing one's journey here in this world for a while, we meet the end of our form-existence. Life's journey however does not end in finality with death. It rather gets recycled with a new rejuvenated body-encasement, charged with fresh vigour and strength, as the water resources get recycled. Life's journey thus continues changing its garb again and again, the way water changes its form when it evaporates, cloud formation, when it rains, or turns into snow. But in all its stages, it primarily remains water only.

Now coming back to Lord Siva's entourage, it exemplifies multitude of existences forming this world. It is pertinent to note that as per Indian perception approximately 8.4 million species are there in existence, which this imagery signifies.

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