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Axe on 16 MLAs! Dy Speaker sets June 27 for show-cause

Rebels say they are part of Sena, name self 'Shiv Sena Balasaheb'

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

 F^{ive} days after they rebelled against Shiv Sena president and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's leadership, the Sena rebel faction, led by senior minister Eknath Shinde, began to face the heat on Saturday as Deputy Speaker Narhari Zhirwal issued notices to 16 Sena rebel MLAs,

including Shinde.
The Deputy Speaker has sought explanations from them by the evening of June 27 on the representation made by the parent party seeking their disqualification for violating the party discipline.

Acting on the basis of a letter written by Shiv Sena's chief whip Sunil Prabhu seeking their disqualification under The Members of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1986, principal secretary of the Maharashtra Rajendra Bhagwat issued notices to 16 Sena rebel MLAs asked them to submit written response before 5.30 pm on June 27 (Monday) supported by all the necessary doc-

"If the written response to the summons is not submitted in a given period, it would be considered as you have no say over it. The office will initiate necessary action based on the complaint filed by Shiv Sena's chip whip against you," the

notice stated. outfit Shiv Sena passed five resolutions, including the ones reaffirming confidence in the leadership of Uddhav Thackeray and asking the rebel MLAs not to use the name of late Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray, the rebel Sena group — which claims to have the support of 37 Sena MLAs out of the total 55 Sena MLAs in the State Assembly — floated a parallel Sena group named



Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut interacts with the media outside Sena Bhavan after Shiv Sena's meeting at Dadar in Mumbai on Saturday

as "Shiv Sena Balasaheb". Apart from their leader

Eknath Shinde, 15 other rebel Sena MLAs who have been issued show-cause notices by the office of Deputy Speaker are: Abdul Satar, Sandeep Bomre, Prakash Surve, Tanaji Sawant, Mahesh Shinde, Anil Babar, Yamini Jadhay, Sanjay Shirsat, Bharat Gogavale, Balaji Kinikaer, Lata Sonawane, Sadasarvankar, Prakash Ambedkar, Sanjay Raimulkar and Ramesh Bornare.

These 16 MLAs are among the 37 rebel Sena MLAs who have given a letter to the Deputy Speaker, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, and secretary to the Maharashtra Legislature, re-affirming their confidence in the leadership of he would continue as the leader of the Shiv Sena Legislature Party till 2024.

The 37 Sena rebel MLAs (who account for more than the requisite two-third strength i.e, 36 MLAs out of total 55 Sena MLAs in the State Assembly) if they move out of the Shiv Sena en block will attract penal action under the

anti-defection law. However, if the Deputy

Speaker disqualifies 16 Sena rebel MLAs, including Eknath Shinde, the development will result in the rebel Sena camp – the strength of which will be reduced to 21 MLAs against the earlier 37 MLAs, attracting action under the anti-defection

On its part, the rebel Sena camp played down the import of the notices issued to 16 rebel Sena MLAs.

Yes, we have received notices from the office of Deputy Speaker. There is nothing to worry about. We will not be disqualified. We will respond to the notices. If need be, we will move the court against the notices issued by the Deputy Speaker," rebel Sena MLA Bharat Gogawale

Rebel Sena MLA Deepak Kesarkar, speaking on behalf of the Shinde camp, said that the rebel Sena MLAs were very much part of the Shiv Sena and that they would set up a separate block of the party in the State Assembly.

"We are not going to merge with any political party. We will be setting up a separate block of the Shiv Sena in the State Assembly," Kesarkar said.

My fight is to rescue Sena from clutches of 'python' MVA: Shinde

Mumbai: Rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde late on Saturday evening said Shiv Sena workers should under-stand that he was fighting to save the party from the clutch-es of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) (MVA).

Shinde's appeal came after Sena workers loyal to party president and Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav against the rebel MLAs led by him by defacing their banners hurling stones in some places and vandalising the office of an MLA in Pune. In a tweet in Marathi, Shinde, who is camping in Guwahati with his group of MLAs, said, "My dear Shiv Sena workers, try to understand the machinations of the MVA. I am fighting for rescuing the Shiv Sena and Sena

workers from the clutches of



the python of the MVA." "I dedicate this fight to the interest of Shiv Sena workers," he

Shinde and his supporters have said earlier that they want the Sena to pull out of the "unnatural" Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition with the Congress and NCP, and revive the alliance with BJP.

Like Shiva, Modi swallowed poison of riot charge: Shah

HM cites **SC** verdict, says charges were **'politically** motivated'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Aday after the Supreme Court upheld the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) clean chit to 64 people, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the 2002 Gujarat riot case, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said Modi endured pain for the last so many years without speaking a word and followed Lord Shiva, who swallowed poison and held it in his throat.

Shah said that allegations against the PM were "politically motivated" and that the truth had come out, "shining more than the gold".

He said "a trio of Opposition parties, ideologically-driven certain journalists, and an NGO was behind false allegations" against the Prime Minister aimed to "tarnish his image" and keep the case going

as long as it is possible."
"They had a strong ecosys tem so everyone started believing lies to be truth," he said.

Speaking at length in an interview with ANI, Shah said the Supreme Court verdict described the charges as "politically motivated" and "cleared a blot on BJP".

He said the court said the then Chief Minister "did best

efforts to control riots" in 2002. Asked how does it feel Home Minister said "Satya jab itni lambi ladayi ke baad bahar ata hai, uski chamak sone se bhi zyada hoti hain, bahut achha lagta hain...", he said.

He named civil rights activist and journalist Teesta Setalvad as a person fuelling charges against Modi. Shah her had given baseless information about the riots to the

"I have read the judgment very carefully. The judgment clearly mentions the name of Teesta Setalvad. The NGO that was being run by her — I don't remember the name of the NGO — had given baseless information about the riots to the police," he was quoted as **PTI** saying in the interview.



Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah chairs the meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi

Gujarat ATS arrests Teesta, ex-DGP **RB** Sreekumar

Setalvad taken to Ahmedabad day after SC dismissed plea against SIT clean chit to Modi in Gui riots

PTI MUMBAI/ AHMEDABAD

Activist Teesta Setalvad was Aon Saturday detained by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) from Mumbai, and taken to Ahmedabad in connection with an FIR registered against her at the Ahmedabad city crime branch, Gujarat former DGP RB Sreekumar too was arrested.

Setalvad, on her part, lodged a complaint with Santacruz police station in Mumbai claiming that the "arrest" was illegal and she apprehended a threat to her life. Teesta Setalvad has been picked up by the Gujarat ATS Gujarat ATS said.

A day earlier, the Supreme Court had dismissed a petition challenging the clean chit given by the SIT to then Gujarat Ćhief Minister Narendra Modi and others in the 2002 post-Godhra riots cases.

Bringing the curtains down on the bid to reopen the probe into the 2002 riots, a bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar on Friday had also



Activist Teesta Setalvad at Santacruz police station after being arrested by Gujarat Police ATS, in Mumbai, on

spoken of "the devious stratagem to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design" and said disgruntled officers of the Gujarat Government need ceeded with in accordance with law for creating a sensation by making false revela-

Setalvad's NGO had supported Zakia Jafri, who had filed the petition alleging a larger conspiracy behind the riots, throughout her legal battle. Jafri's husband and former Congress MP Ehsan Jafri was killed during the

Counter-terrorism, food security, energy on Modi's agenda at G7

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

 $P^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}}_{\text{Modi will discuss a range of}}$ issues, including counter-terrorism, energy, food security, and the environment with world leaders during his visit to Germany to attend the G7 summit. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the situation in the strategically important Indo-Pacific may also come up for discussion.

Ahead of his visit to Germany starting Saturday, the Prime Minister said he will exchange views with the leaders of the G7 grouping and its partners on issues such as energy, food security, counterterrorism, environment, and democracy

He is visiting Schloss Elmau in southern Germany on June 26 and 27 for the summit of the G7. It is a combination of the world's seven richest nations, including the USA, the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, Canada, and the European Union. The G7 leaders are expect-

ed to focus on the Ukraine crisis that has triggered geopolitical turmoil besides fuelling a global food and energy crisis. Modi is attending the G7



by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The summit is being hosted by Germany in its capacity as the chair of

"In an effort to strengthen international collaboration on important global issues impacting humanity, Germany has also invited other democracies such as Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal and South Africa to the G7 Summit," Modi said in a statement

ahead of his visit. "During the sessions of the Summit, I will be exchanging views with the G7 counties, G7

international organisations on topical issues such as environment, energy, climate, food security, health, counter-terrorism, gender equality and democracy," he added.

Modi said he was looking forward to meeting leaders of some of the participating G7 and guest countries on the sidelines of the summit.

The Prime Minister said he was also looking forward to meeting Chancellor Scholz again after the "productive" India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) last month.

Maya backs Murmu, JMM likely to support NDA presidential candidate

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

iving a further boost to the Spresidential nominee of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Draupadi Murmu, BSP supremo Murmu, BSP supremo Mayawati on Saturday extend-ed her party's support to Murmu, giving her a decisive edge against the Opposition candidate and former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha.

Murmu is also expected to gain support from Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, which is under pressure to break ranks from the Opposition and back a tribal leader.

Murmu, a Santhal tribal leader herself, also called up the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) chief and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren seeking his support for her candidature, sources said.

JMM — a constituent of the Congress-led UPA — is in

power in Jharkhand in alliance with it. A meeting of JMM parliamentarians and legislators was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of party supremo Shibu Soren, sources said. The Chief Minister will soon visit New Delhi and meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah before



tribute to Bhimrao Ambedkar at Parliament House, before filing her nomination papers, in New Delhi on Friday

the party takes a final call on

sion on supporting a presi-

support to Murmu. "We have some grievances the meeting. to be discussed with him.

dential candidate," JMM MLA Nalin Soren told reporters after

spokesperson Thereafter, we will take deci-Supriyo Bhattacharya said var-

ious issues, including the pres-

idential election and the political situation in the country were discussed in the meeting. "The decision in regard with extending support to a presidential candidate has not been taken yet. When the time comes, we will declare it," Bhattacharya told PTI.

However, well-placed sources said that JMM will finally have no option but to support Murmu. Other Regional parties like the JD(U), the BJD, the YSR Congress have already extended support to the NDA pick.

The BSP's backing to Murmu has further bright-

Murmu has further bright-ened her winning prospect vis-a-vis Sinha as the BJP is still making effort for an unopposed victory for its NDA nominee.

Speaking to reporters at Lucknow, Mayawati, while clarifying that her party's decision to support Murmu is not a support to the BJP, attacked the Opposition for "ignoring" the BSP while deciding their candidate for the presidential polls. "Our decision is neither in support to the BJP nor register the opposition. it has against the opposition.....it has been taken after having kept in view the ideology of the BSP, which is to support the dalits and tribals," she said.

Biden signs landmark gun bill, says 'lives will be saved'

Dresident Joe Biden on Saturday signed the most sweeping gun violence bill in decades, a bipartisan compro-mise that seemed unimaginable until a recent series of mass shootings, including the massacre of 19 students and two teachers at a Texas elementary school.

"Lives will be saved," he said at the White House. Citing the families of shooting victims, the President said, "Their message to us was to do something. Well today, we did."

The House gave final

approval on Friday, following Senate passage on Thursday, and Biden acted just before leaving Washington for two summits in Europe. The legislation will toughen background checks for the youngest gun buyers, keep firearms from more domestic violence offenders and help states put in place red flag laws that make it easier for authorities to take weapons from people adjudged to be dangerous. Most of its \$13 billion cost

will help bolster mental health programs and aid schools targeted in in mass shootings.

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GUEST COLUMN

Agnipath- much ado about nothing

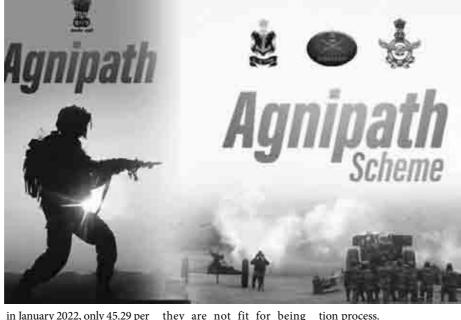


Divya Negi Ghai

Tndia's youth is so focused that I they are already working at their full potential. They have experienced adults guiding them all the time. They engage only in productive activities. They do not roam around and are totally devoted to their careers. Never ever will you find a young individual standing at the nooks and corners of the roads whiling away time. They have no confusion about the career they want to choose.

After completing their school education with flying colours, they start preparing for their chosen career options and the remaining start their entrepreneurial ventures with all the funding available to them. There is no shortage of ideas, the entrepreneurial courage or the capital required to start a business of any size and scale. Several of them are doing various courses to upskill themselves which will make them a member of the skilled workforce we have in the country. Our country has a great reservoir of trained and motivated youth ready to take up challenging jobs in different sectors of the economy. We all wish this was the reality of our country but alas, it is not so.

Being an academician for more than a decade now, one has witnessed this problem on a daily basis and Covid-19 has aggravated this problem further. We are struggling with huge numbers of unmotivated youth who don't have any aim or focus in life. According to the India Skills Report released



in January 2022, only 45.29 per cent graduates were found to be employable, a decline from 46.21 per cent in 2020 and 47.38 per cent in 2019. This means that these young people are qualified graduates but

employed. There are jobs in the market but these young people will not be employed by different companies because they do not seem to have the basic skills at the time of the selec-

But when the government comes up with a plan to combat these challenges in the long run, we start criticising it. The government has gone for a multi pronged approach by

introducing the Agnipath scheme. It is not only a shortterm method of employing young people in the army but a vision to transform the young generation of the country. The generation of the country. The ripple effect that these Agniveers will create by coming out to the society as a disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled workforce might take some time to be visible for all of us but it will surely happen soon enough pen soon enough.

The proposed scheme has already been discussed and

compared by several experts. The positive points of the scheme are already out in the open and we already know them by now. Under this voluntary scheme, the girls and boys of age 17.5 years to 21 years called Agniveers will be allowed to serve the Indian armed forces for four years. Only for this year, relaxation in maximum age is upto 23 years to accommodate youth who missed recruitment cycle due to Covid-19. Every year 46,000 Agniveers will be recruited and slowly the intake will go up

After the completion of four years of service 25 per cent of the Agniveers will be selected for permanent commission for further 15 years based on merit and organisational needs. The rest will be released from the armed forces with a good amount of corpus at their disposal. After they are released, they can join any other sector or services- the government plans to give 10 per cent reservation for the Agniveers in various services. Many corporates have come forward to declare that they will happily recruit Agniveers. UGC has already declared that it will work towards recognising skills gained by recruits under the scheme and the list goes on. Similar schemes of recruitment in the armed forces have already been in place in vari-

has been a successful model. By the time the first batch of Agniveers completes its tenure of four years several exciting avenues might become a part of the ecosystem devel-

ous developed countries and it

oped for them. Inspite of it being a path-breaking reform to reduce the average age of the armed forces and make them more efficient and tech-savvy, there are several objections put forward by the opposition, ex-army officers, youngsters and other sections of the society. We as a society seem to have developed this tendency of criticising everything positive. Criticism is good for improvement but criticism just for the sake of it is just a waste of time and energy and in this

case, public property too. Several arguments are being put forward by the people opposing it most of which are baseless, but even if there is some logic there is no reason that justifies the violent protests that were purposely conducted and were clearly politically motivated. There are peaceful ways available to put forward our opinions no matter how many objections we have against the matter of discussion. But the question faced by youth is whom do they listen to? And whom do they believe?

(The author is an academician based in Dehradun and works for youth through a voluntary organisation. Views expressed are personal)

Rishikesh prepares to ban single- use plastic from July 1



PNS HARIDWAR

The Municipal Corporation of Rishikesh (MCR) has completed its preparations to impose a complete ban on single use plastic.Rishikesh Mayor Anita Mamgai and officials of the municipal corporation held a meeting with the traders and appealed them to not to use plastic measuring below 75 microns. Following the orders issued by the Ministry of Environment

and Forests, orders have been issued the MCR to completely ban single-use plastic. There will be a complete ban on items made of plastic less than 75 microns in MCR area from July 1.

Rishikesh municipal commissioner Girish Gunwant said that from July 1, there will be a complete ban on things made of plastic measuring less than the 75 microns in the area under the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation of Rishikesh. If any merchant, shopkeeper or small trader is found storing, using or distributing the prohibited polythene or single use plastic, then strict action will be taken against him or her. Vyapar Mandal of Rishikesh also agreed and stated that they will fully cooperate in the efforts to stop plastic use.

IORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN/C/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Ter against following Tender Notice, closing date & time are mentioned against eac oloumn. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing dat and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manu offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against the inder towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payme nodes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are no

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Name of Work	Provision of officers rest house at BJO with two suits an improvement of existing officers rest house at NBO an other affed miscellaneous works under DEN/W/MB						
Contract Type	Works						
Tender Closing Date	19.07.2022						
Tender Closing Time	16:00 hrs						
Advertised Value (Rs.)	1.04.87,664.73						
Earnest Money (Rs.)	2,02,400.00						
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	NE						
Period of Completion	04 months						
Bidding Start Date	05.07.2022						
Tender No. DEN-IV-38-DE	RM-MB-22-23 Dt. 24.06.2022 1564/2022						

कार्यालय नगर निगम, देहरादुन

सार्वजनिक सूचना

पर्यावरण वन और जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत शरकार, नई दिल्ली द्वार दिनांक 12 अगस्त, 2021 को जारी अधिसूचना संख्या:- सरव्कावनिव्हर1 (अ) के क्रयम से विभिन्न Single Use Plastic से निर्मित उत्पादों (75 माईक्रोन से कम) के विनिर्माण, आयात, भंबारण, वितरण, बिकी और उपयोग पर दिनांक 30.06.2022 से पूर्णतयः प्रतिबन्ध लगाया गया है। तद्कम में सर्वसाधारण को सुधित किया जात हैं कि नगर निगम, देहरादून क्षेत्रान्तर्गत उक्त अविसूचना के अनुसार दिनांक 01 के जुलाई, 2022 की तारीख से पोलीस्टाइरीन (धर्माकाल) वस्तुओं सहित निम्नालिखित एकल प्रयोग— ग्लास्टिक वस्तुओं के विनिर्माण, आयात, मंडारण, वितरण, बिक्री और उपयोग का निषेध किया जाएगा >

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Role of media vital during disaster situations

PNS DEHRADUN

The role of the media in times of disaster becomes very important. Coordination between the media and the disaster management system is vital, said Disaster Management additional secretary Anand Srivastav. He was speaking at a workshop on the role of media in disaster management here on Saturday.

Executive director Piyoosh Rautela said that geological and geographical conditions along with weather related aspects make Uttarakhand highly vulnerable to varied disasters. Considerable loss of life and property is caused by such disasters every year. The damage caused by disasters can be mitigated through increased public awareness, said Rautela. He further said that the media can play an important role in keeping the morale of the disaster affected people up by publicising relief, rescue and rehabilitation works after the disaster.

The swift broadcast of



were accorded special focus in the workshop. It was also stated that during coverage, the media should discharge its responsibilities with sensitivity while also maintaining privacy of the victims. Officials

the public should be such that it does not have a negative impact. In addition to raising public awareness, it is also vital to ensure that correct

Speakers in the workshop also laid stress on the need for period training of those involved in disaster management and providing informainformation reaches the public tion related to disaster manin order to minimise the dam- agement related activities to the

UJVN Ltd holds training session on labour codes



(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)

PNS DEHRADUN

Atwo day training programme on the proposed new Labour Codes was organised at the headquarters of UJVN Limited on Friday and Saturday. In the programme the deputy chief labour commissioner of government of India, R G Meena and secretary Uttarakhand Productivity council, S P Singh imparted training on the various aspects of the labour code. In the programme 42 officers of UJVN Limited took part and they

labour laws and new labour codes proposed by the Uttarakhand government. The General Manager of the UJVNL Sandeep Singhal said that the objective of the programme was to provide information to the officers so that the proposed laws are effectively implemented in the organisation. Director operations Purushottam Singh and addressed the participants. The executive director human resources Rajendra Singh and deputy general manager Babita Kohli and other officers attend-

Birla Vidya Mandir alumnus wins three golds



PNS NAINITAL

n alumnus of Birla Vidya A Mandir school in Nainital, Bhagwan Bansal has won three gold medals in the central Asian championship in Kyrgyzstan. He won gold medals in different categories weight lifting. Congratulating him, school principal Anil Sharma said that Bansal was a student of the 1972 batch. He was an impres-

sive player even during his school days. Stating that winning three gold medals at an international level competition is a matter of honour, the principal said that Bansal's feat has also made the school proud. After his return, a function will be held in the school to felicitate him. Bansal is a resident of Bareilly in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh. He did his schooling upto class XII from the Birla Vidya Mandir



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Minority welfare joint association expands executive

PNS DEHRADUN

⁴he Alpsankhyak Kalyan Karmchari Sainyukt Sangathan expanded its executive on Saturday. Sanjay Rawat was made the vice president, Swar Singh Bisht was made the co secretary, Mohammed Ali the

auditor and Prakash Singh Danu the publicity minister. In the ministerial cadre, Sanjay Rawat was made the vice prese n t,

Prince Kaushal the co secretary and Suraj Paliwal auditor Jasvinder was made the vice president, Arun Saini the co

secretary and Bobby the audi-

Apart from this the joint organisation also held a cleanliness campaign in the Alpsankhyak Kalyan Bhawan. It was decidwhile in the ADO cadre ed on the occasion that such a campaign will be undertaken regularly every month.



Bagnath to be developed on lines of Badri-Kedar

PNS BAGESHWAR

The Bagnath temple in Bageshwar will be developed on the lines of Badrinath and Kedarnath with infrastructural development and tourist facilities under the Central government's PRASAD scheme. Tourism secretary Dilip Jawalkar said this while visiting Bagnath on the third day of his Kumaon tour on Saturday. He said that under the scheme, all shops in the temple complex will be developed in a uniform manner in the traditional mountain style.Ghats will be constructed on the banks of the Sarayu river while light and sound show in the temple complex and construction of a museum will also be facilitated. A façade around the temple and murals will be used to lend a new look to the temple. Further, construction of ropeway from Chandika temple to Neeleshwar temple, beautification of bridges and souvenir shop for Prasad will



also be facilitated. Jawalkar said that the temple complex will be thoroughly cleaned and a parking facility will be developed outside the temple complex to better regulate the traffic. The secretary also held a meeting with district officials at the

district headquarters. He told the officials that works should be done so that the number of devotees visiting Bagnath increases every year. Development works should be done to ensure that all the travelers are able to reach the temple conveniently and safely. The focus should also be on

improving the economy of the local residents, he added. Jawalkar said that there is considerable scope in this region for development of cultural, historical, religious and heritage tourism, and employment generation. Stressing on the development of tourism circuit, the secretary said that development should be facilitated on a theme suitable to the area by amalgamating religion, culture and heritage. Bageshwar district magistrate Vineet Kumar, additional CEO of Tourism, Pooja Gabryal and other officials were also present on the occasion.



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India world's biggest democracy due to struggle & sacrifices of activists: Dhami

Corruption will not be tolerated, strict action to be taken against the corruption: CM

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In the democracy to protect which the democratic activists played a vital role, the law is doing its task. Stating this, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the democracy as envisioned by the democracy activists is established in the nation. He further said that strict action will be taken against the corrupt in Uttarakhand.

Dhami said this at an event in Rudrapur in which those who struggled for democracy and were jailed during the Emergency were felicitated here on Saturday. A total 27 such persons and their family members were felicitated in the programme held at the Bharatiya Janata Party office here.

Dhami said that during the Emergency, the people of India and youth had said with considerable gusto "vacate the throne, the public is coming". Due to the struggle and sacrifices of democracy activists and their long struggle against the Emergency, the nation is today established as the largest democracy in the world. Dhami said that the BJP and its organisation works on the principle of 'nation first, organisation second'. Prime Minister



transparent and clean government to the nation. The CM further said that corruption will not be tolerated in Uttarakhand, adding that strict action will be taken against the corrupt in the State.

Whether it be officials or employees, those who indulge in corruption will not be

If any personnel stalls work without reason and demands bribes, citizens should lodge a complaint regarding the same on 1064. Stating that the complaint should be genuine, the CM assured that action will be taken on each complaint.

He said that complaints received are being put under surveillance while action is being taken on various complaints.

He further said that the government is working on the mantra of simplification, solution and disposal.

The CM said that officials have been directed to address public grievances in their office from 10 AM to 12 PM on every working day.

The works of the public should be done in a transparent and time bound manner, he stressed.

Referring to the Agnipath scheme, the CM said that it will bring about a revolutionary change in the nation in the coming times.

In Uttarakhand, the Agniveers will be accorded priority in jobs in police, disaster management, Char Dham Yatra and in various depart-

Bureaucracy should not exceed its limits: Minister Uniyal

PNS DEHRADUN

Amid the ongoing turf war between the Cabinet minister Rekha Arya and a secretary of her department, Cabinet minister Subodh Unival said on Saturday that the officers should work within their constitutional limits. He said that the executive should execute the orders and should refrain from taking decisions on their own. The minister also added that the ministers should understand how to rein the horse (read Bureaucracy).

The statement of Unival shows that he has come in support of his cabinet colleague Rekha Arya. It also shows that the ministers are increasingly getting irked by the behaviour of the bureaucrats who are acting on their own.



A war of wits started between Arya and the secretary and Commissioner of Food and Civil Supplies Department Sachin Kurve when the latter transferred six District Supplies done without taking her into action

Officers (DSO). He had also sent DSO of Nainital Manoj

Barman on compulsory leave. These transfers annoyed the minister Arya as they were

confidence. The minister also ordered cancellation of these transfers and wrote a strongly worded letter to the commissioner. She also took the matter to the Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and said that the action of the commissioner is an infringement on her authority and is against the rules of business. She also added that the commissioner should be sent to LBS academy Mussoorie for training. Kurve on his part is maintaining that he is well within his powers to transfer the officers of the department. He added that the transfers act clearly mentions that there is no need to take the permission of the minister in transfers. The ball is now in the court of the CM who is likely to intervene in the row and take

Covid-19 cases on rise in U'khand

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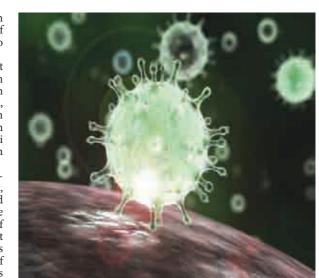
Tn a clear indication that the LCovid-19 cases are again increasing in Uttarakhand, the state health department has reported 196 cases of the disease in the last four days. On Saturday the department reported 54 new cases of the disease.

Death of no patient was reported in the state on the day. The authorities also declared 23 patients cured from the disease on the day. The department has so far detected 93,409 new cases of the disease from January 1 this year till date. A total of 89,605 patients have recovered from the disease so far in this year while 277 patients have died in the state since January 1 this year. The recovery percentage of the dis-

ease was at 95.93 per cent on Saturday. The positivity rate of the disease further increased to 4.21 per cent on the day.

The health department reported 29 new patients each from Dehradun, 11 from Haridwar, five from Uttarkashi, three from Nainital, two from Almora and one each from Chamoli, Champawat, Pauri and Udham Singh Nagar on Saturday.

No new cases were report-from Bageshwar, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh and Tehri districts on the day. The number of active patients of Covid-19 in the state is now at 214. Dehradun with 135 cases is at the top of the table of active cases while Haridwar has 17 active cases. Bageshwar and Rudraprayag have no active cases of the disease. In the



ongoing vaccination drive 7260 people were vaccinated in 791

Allegation of drivers of govt vehicles; Oppn targets govt for failing to control officers

The federation of contractual drivers has alleged that they are forced to do domestic chores by the officers



PNS DEHRADUN

Amemorandum submitted to the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami by the federation of the contractual and outsource drivers has created furore in the bureaucracy of the state. In the memorandum the federation has alleged that the senior officers badly treat the drivers and they are asked to bring vegetables from market, drop and pick children of officers from their schools and also tend their pets. The federation has also alleged that if any secretary heads five departments then he is using government vehicles of all these departments.

These allegations gave an opportunity to the opposition to attack the government. The Spokesperson of Uttarakhand Congress Garima Dasauni said that the complaint of the drivers has exposed the manner in which the government is functioning in the state. She said that the BJP leaders should do an introspection of the works and activities of the government. Dasauni said that everyone is now watching what action CM Dhami takes on the complaint of the drivers. The media in charge of

Garhwal of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Ravindra Singh Ananḋ said that asking the drivers of government vehicles to do menial work is against the rules. He said that the officers have become out of control because of the weak leadership of the state government. Anand said that it is a pity that on one hand the state is getting buried under the burden of debt, the government officers are having fun at the cost of state exchequer. He said that the misuse of the government vehicles. fuel and exploitation of drivers should immediately stop.



उत्तराखण्ड शैव सर्किट

के प्राचीन मंदिर - श्रद्धा और आस्था के केंद्र

देवभूमि उत्तराखण्ड में भगवान शिव अनेक रूपों में विद्यमान हैं। आदि काल से ही यहाँ के असंख्य शिवलिंग श्रद्धालुओं की अपार आस्था के केंद्र है। आप भी आगामी श्रावण शिवरात्रि के पवित्र पर्व पर उत्तराखण्ड के शैव सर्किट की परिक्रमा कर भगवान शिव के दर्शन का पुण्य लाभ अर्जित करें।





एकेश्वर महादेव, पीडी मान्यता है कि पीड़ी के एकेश्वर विकासखण्ड में न्यापित इस सिद्धपीठ के दर्शन से मक्तों की मनोकामना पूर्ण होती है।



मगवान शिव के बारह ज्योतिर्लिंगों में से एक केदारनाथ मंदिर की स्थापना आदि शंकरामार्थ द्वारा आठवीं शताब्दी में की गई थी।



मदमहेप्रवर महादेव ल्लीमत सद्यवान चौत्यमा जिल्ला की तलकरी पर विधान इस मंदिर में भगवान शिव के नाभि लिंगम की पूजा होती है।



यहाँ गगवान शिव की भुजाओं की पूजा होती है। भान्यता है कि यहाँ पर स्थित रावण शिला पर बैठकर लंकापति रावणं ने तपस्या की भी।



कदनाम शिव नीदेर, धमोली प्यकेदार के अंतर्गत प्रतिष्ठित इस गविर के निकट चन्द्र कुण्ड, मानशकुण्ड, सूर्य कुण्ड और तार खुण्ड

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नीति गाँव में बना यह गुफा मंदिर श्रद्धालुओं

की आस्था का केंद्र है।



कोटेश्वर महादेव, रिडरी भागीरथी नदी के तट पर स्थित इस धाम के विषय में मानवता है कि बाई आने से संतानहीन

दंपतियों को संतान प्राप्ति होती है।



काणी विश्वसम्बद्ध सलस्काणी लगनन 150 वर्ष पुराना यह मंदिर जलरकाशी में मागीरथी नदी के तट पर निर्मित है।



दश प्रकापति मंदिर, कनखल, शरिद्वार भगवान शिव की ससुराल माने जाने वाले कनखल में स्थित इस मंदिर के विषय में यह मान्यता है कि यहाँ पर दक्ष प्रजापति द्वारा यदा किया गया था।



PNS DEHRADUN

The agitation of government employees for restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS) has gathered momentum. The National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS) would organise a mega conclave in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand on Sunday. The state president of Uttarakhand chapter of NMOPS, Jeetmani Painuli said that a mega "Jaighosh Pension Maha Sammelan' would be organised on Sunday in Jharkhand's capital Ranchi. He said that the chief minister of Iharkhand Hemant Soren would announce the restoration of OPS in Jharkhand. He said that the national president of the NMOPS Vijay Bandhu, national general secretary Neeraj Pati Tripathi and other leaders of NMOPS have arrived in Ranchi. He claimed that lakhs of the employees from many states of the country would participate in the



convention.From Uttarakhand, Painuli, state general secretary Mukesh Raturi, state treasurer Shantanu Sharma and others are participating. The New Pension Scheme (NPS) was started in the year 2004 by the Manmohan Singh government to reduce the ever increasing burden of pension on state exchequer. Under it a portion of the salary of the employees is deducted every month and the government makes an equal contribution.

This is invested in different

debt and equity instruments to build up a corpus for the employee and on his retirement he or she receives the pension from the interest incurred from the corpus. The employees are finding the NPS non lucrative and are demanding the restoration of OPS in which the retiring employee gets 50 per cent of his last drawn salary as pension. In the OPS the employees also get the benefit of Dearness Allowance (DA), family pension and com-



मान्यता है कि राजा पृथ्वी ने इस मंदिर को अपने पिटा बिंदु की माद में बनामा था। वैकुंत चतुर्दशी तथा कार्तिक पर्णिना पर यहाँ मेले का आयोजन होता है।



लैंसडाउन में रिधत यह मंदिर भगवान शिव के सिद्धपीठ के रूप में प्रतिब्ठित है।

तो मास्क अवस्य पराने 🕮 आपस में कम दो कम ६ फुट की हुटी बनाए रठों 😂 कुछ भी छुए तो सम्बुन से कम हो कम ३० सेकड सक छान घीए



लाखा - अर्थात अनेक और मंडल अर्थात मंदिर। मान्यता है कि महामारतकाल में युधिन्छिर में इस मंदिर का निर्माण करवाया था।

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सभी तीर्थ यात्रियों से अनुरोध है कि वे तीर्थ स्थलों की स्वच्छता का विशेष ध्यान रखें। किसी भी प्रकार का कचरा अथवा कूड़ा नियत स्थान पर ही डालें और परिसर को स्वच्छ रखने में सहयोग करें।



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Cong announces 'Agnipath Ki Baat, Yuvaon Ke Saath Vishwasghath'

The Congress on Saturday announced a mega public outreach imitative coinciding

with Prime Minister's monthly radio programme, Mann ki Baat, scheduled for Sunday.

The party had dubbed its imitative as "Agnipath Ki Baat, Yuvaon Ke Saath Vishwasghath'.

The party would hold simultaneous Press conferences at 20 top cities. The pressers would be addressed by party spokespersons, including for-mer Union Ministers Ajay Maken, MM Pallam Raju, Manvendra Singh amongst others like Pawan Khera and Kanhaiya Kumar.

The party had earlier said it will be doing a satyagraha on June 27 over the same issue. It said the Agnipath scheme will create two categories of soldiers, which will impact the cohesion of combat units and government of playing around with national security.

Former Lok Sabha member Lt. Col. (Retd) Manvendra Singh said, having soldiers with different privileges fight-ing in the same unit could be a potentially "dangerous" situ-

When there is difference of status, difference in pay, perks, allowances between two soldiers doing the same duties, it is a very dangerous situation and sure shot disaster," Manvendra said at AICC press

Congress has alleged the biggest impact would be on the scale of recruitment in terms of sheer numbers and the principle of regional balance that was usually followed by the armed forces in national interest.

The grand old party also questioned the effectiveness as well as motivation of a combat soldier with just a six-month



"Has the government given any thought to the risks of releasing a large number of trained military personnel into an environment of scarce jobs and temptations from criminal quarters, or worse?" asked the

The party has also strongly countered the government's assertion that Agniveers would be absorbed in Central armed police forces (CAPF), Coast Guards, public sector undertakings (PSUs) and Assam Rifles, among others, with cur-

rent data on re-employment. The party said that according to 2021 Ministry of Defence data, ex-servicemen were entitled to 10% of Group C and 20% of Group D jobs in the Central government, but the actual numbers were 1.29% and 1.66%. The CAPF had a 10% quota, but ex-servicemen accounted for 0.47% in Group C, 0.87% in Group B and 2.20% in Group A posts, said

a Congress statement and

pointed to an identical situation

for Central PSUs.

NIA raids 5 locations in Mizoram in recent explosives seizure case PNS NEW DELHI Stered as FIR No. 1/2022

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has conducted searches at five locations in Mizoram's Aizawl, Champai and Kolasib districts in a recent case of explosives seizures allegedly for destabilizing the cross-border Government in Myanmar.

The case relates to the recovery of a massive 2,421.12 kg of explosives including 1,000 detonators, 4,500 metres of detonating fuse, and Indian and Myanmar currency from a vehicle in the Zawnling area under Tipa police station in Saiha district.

"This consignment was meant for a Myanmar-based outfit Chin National Front (CNF) which is in the process of accumulating arms and ammunition for resisting the government of Myanmar," the NIA said in a statement.

The case was initially reg-

January 21, at Tipa police station, Saiha which was re-registered by NIA on March 21.

During the searches, digi tal devices and incriminating documents were seized and further investigation in the case is continuing.

The probe in the seizures

assumes significance in the wake of the bilateral cooperation between India and Myanmar against anti-India insurgents operating out of that country, officials said. Myanmar government has

in the past assisted Indian agencies in checking the activities of the anti-India insurgent groups which is a key for maintaining the security posture in the entire Northeast region.A number of insurgent outfits active in the Northeast seek to find safe haven in Myanmar for carrying out the nefarious activities from there, they added.

of 2 flying schools citing serious safety concerns

DGCA halts operations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

he Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has stopped operations of two flying training schools in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra-Chimes and Shirpur from flying for three weeks because of serious safety concerns.

According to a statement issued on Saturday, the DGCA said that in one case, it has been stopped till such time the runway is suitable for flying operations. During the inspection, it was observed that it had loose gravel and an uneven surface and was unsafe for fly-

In the second case, it was observed that three aircraft of a flying school had dysfunctional fuel gauge indicators and they were still being operated, it said. "The flying operations at this school (the second case) have been stopped for three weeks. It will be allowed to operate only when things are in order," it noted.

The DGCA said it has stopped "flying operations" at these two schools, which are located in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, respectively, due to the aforementioned "serious safety concerns". The regulator's statement did not mention the names of the two training

Sources said reworking the runway has already started in the case of Madhya Pradesh. "For two years operations were on halt due to which state government didn't carry out maintenance work of strip The airstrip is owned by the MP government," said the sources.

The DGCA had on June 26 had said it has audited 30 out of the total 32 flying training organisations (FTOs) in India since March 21 and found them violating multiple safety regulations.

India's Covid surge dips 8% in 24 hrs, logs15,940 cases

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

India's tally of Covid infec-Itions dipped by 8 per cent on Saturday from a day ago to touch 15,940. The active caseload increased to 91,779, according to the updated Union health ministry data. The death toll climbed to 5,24,974 with 20 more fatalities.

Active cases rose by 3,495 in a day and now comprise 0.21 percent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.58 percent, the health min-

istry said.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.39 percent while the weekly positivity rate was 3.30 percent, according to the health ministry.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,27,61,481, while the case fatality rate was 1.21 percent.

According to an official



from the Ministry, as states register a spike in Covid-19 cases, the rise and fall in infections from time to time is a common phenomenon when an infectious disease transitions from pandemic to endemic phase. Underlining the current rise in coronavirus cases is so far limited to certain districts of the country, they attributed it to people not wearing masks, increased travel and social interactions and low uptake of booster doses of Covid vaccine.

According to official sources, 51 districts in India, including 12 from Kerala, seven

from Mizoram, and five each from Maharashtra and Assam, are reporting a weekly Covid positivity rate of over 10 percent. In 53 districts, including 10 from Rajasthan and five from Delhi, the weekly positivity is between five and 10

According to the ministry 196.94 crore doses of the Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far. India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5, and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20, and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

The country crossed the grim milestone of two crores on May 4, three crore on June 23 and four crores on January

Climate change likely to impact omega 3 fatty acids production PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

Climate change is likely to impact the production of omega-3 fatty acids produced by plankton at the base of the food web in the ocean bed, according to a study.

This means less omega-3 fatty acids available for fish and for people. Omega-3 fatty acid is an essential fat that the human body cannot produce on its own, and is widely regarded as a "good" fat that links seafood consumption to

The first-ever survey of planktonic lipids in the global ocean predicts a temperaturelinked decrease in the production of essential omega-3 fatty acids, an important subset of lipid molecules.

The survey analyzed 930 lipid samples across the global ocean using a uniform highresolution accurate mass spectrometry analytical workflow, "revealing heretofore unknown characteristics of ocean planktonic lipidomes," which is the

Survey of planktonic lipids in the global ocean predicts a temperature-linked decrease in the production of essential omega-3 fatty acids, an important subset of lipid molecules

entirety of hundreds to thousands of lipid species in a sample, according to a new paper led by authors from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI).

"Focusing on ten molecularly diverse glycerolipid classes we identified 1,151 distinct lipid species, finding that fatty acid unsaturation (i.e., number of carbon to carbon double bonds) is fundamentally constrained by temperature. We predict significant declines in the essential fatty acid eicosapentaenoic acid [EPA] over the next century, which are likely to have serious deleterious effects on economically critical fisheries," states the paper, Global ocean lipidomes show a universal relationship between temperature and lipid unsaturation, published in

EPA is one of the most

nutritious omega-3 fatty acids, has been linked to numerous health benefits, and is widely available as a dietary supplement. "The lipids in the ocean affect your life," says journal article co-author Benjamin Van Mooy, senior scientist in WHOI's Marine Chemistry Geochemistry Department. "We found that the composition of lipids in the ocean is going to change as the ocean warms. That is a cause for concern. We need those lipids that are in the ocean because they influence the quality of the food that the

'All organisms in the ocean have to contend with water temperatures. With this study, we have revealed one of

ocean produces for humanity.



Henry C. Holm, a doctoral student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) -- WHOI Joint Program in Oceanography/Applied Ocean Science and Engineering.

"These findings about EPA were made possible by

using a method that gives us a very complete picture of the gylcerolipids in each sample. We saw that temperature was linked with the saturation of cell membranes everywhere

we looked in the ocean. 'These trends are also evi-

dent in all the other glycerolipid classes as well as the total aggregated lipidomes of all glycerolipid classes," the paper states. "Indeed, it is striking that the relationship between temperature and unsaturation emerges from our dataset despite spanning such diverse and disparate planktonic communities, from the nutrient-depleted subtropical gyres to the highlyproductive Antarctic coastal shelf," says the study.

DGCA orders probe after fuselage door Mantri Developers' director held in warnings light up on SpiceJet planes

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ **NEW DELH**

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered a probe in which fuselage door warnings lit up on two separate Spicejet planes while taking off on Friday and Saturday, forcing the aircraft to abandon their journeys and return. There have been a total of four incidents -- including the aforementioned two -- on SpiceJet flights during the last week. According to DGCA officials, the regulator is probing all four incidents.

The fuselage is the central body of the aircraft where passengers and crew members sit. On June 19, an engine on SpiceJet's Delhi-bound aircraft carrying 185 passengers caught fire soon after taking off from the Patna airport and the plane made an emergency landing minutes later. The engine malfunctioned because of a bird

In another incident on

June 19, a SpiceJet flight for Jabalpur had to return to Delhi due to cabin pressurization

Officials said on Friday (June 24), the fuselage warning light on a SpiceJet Q400 plane illuminated when it was on 'rotation' -- when pilots pitched the nose of the aircraft up to climb in the air during take-off.

The pilots of the Q400 aircraft, which was heading from Guwahati to Kolkata, found that the warning was coming from the baggage door at the rear end of the plane, the officials said.

The O400 plane was leveled off at 5,000 feet and the pilots decided to return to Guwahati, the officials noted.

An incident similar to the Friday one took place on SpiceJet's Patna-Guwahati flight on Saturday (June 25). A SpiceJet Q400 aircraft stopped its take-off roll at the Patna airport on Saturday after the blane's fuselage door warning light lit up, officials noted.



In this case, too, it was found that the warning had come from the baggage door at the rear end of the aircraft, they said. The O400 plane returned to the parking bay of the Patna airport after canceling its takeoff, officials noted.

Regarding the Friday incident, SpiceJet said that "Q400 aircraft was operating flight SG-4126, sector Guwahati-Kolkata". At rotation, the fuselage door warning light was illuminated and take-off was continued. Subsequently, aircraft was leveled off at 5,000

feet and pilot-in-command decided to return back to Guwahati," it mentioned.

Air turn back was initiated in coordination with ATC (air traffic controller) and the aircraft landed safely at Guwahati, it said. Regarding the Saturday incident, the airline said, "SpiceJet Q400 aircraft was operating flight SG-3724 sector Patna-Guwahati. During the takeoff roll, the fuselage door warning light illuminated. Subsequently, the take-off was rejected and aircraft

₹1K crore money-laundering case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Sushil P Mantri, Director of Bangalore-based real estate entity, Mantri Developers Private Limited, in connection with a Rs 1,000 crore money-laundering probe.

The ED started the probe in March on the basis of an FIR registered in Subramanyapura police station, Bengaluru in 2020 against the company and its directors as well as other

employees.
"Many home buyers have filed complaints with the police as well as with the ED alleging that accused entities/persons are involved in money laundering and have induced the prospective buyers with rosily painted schemes, showing misleading brochures, falsification of delivery timelines and window dressing and collected more than Rs.1,000 crore as advance money from thousands of buyers," the ED said in

However, they have not been given possession of their flats even after the passage of seven to 10 years after the booking. During the investigation, it was also noticed that the company offered various Ponzi-like schemes which were styled as buy-back plans and advance money was collected for the flats/homes, it said.

In some cases, the company has not refunded the amount to the buyers even after a clear direction from the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

The ED probe further revealed that the company diverted for personal use the amount it collected from the buyers leading to stalling of the project.

Currently, the group has total outstanding loans to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore from various financial institutions, out of which about Rs 1,000 crore



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is overdue and some of the loan has been termed as non-performing asset (NPA).

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Following his arrest, Sushil P Mantri was produced before the court which granted his custody to the ED for 10 days,

Powers under preventive detention law 'exceptional', can't be exercised in routine manner: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

he Supreme Court has said 1 that powers under the preventive detention law are "exceptional" and cannot be exercised in a routine manner as it strikes hard on the freedom and liberty of an individ-

The apex court observation came as it set aside the October last year order of detention of two persons in Telangana.
The detention order was

passed by the Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Commissionerate, on the grounds that these two persons were involved in gold chain snatching offences, wherein the victims were mostly

A vacation bench of Justices C T Ravikumar and Sudhanshu Dhulia noted that although according to the authority, the detenus were involved in more than 30 cases but only four cases of chain snatching were considered as ground for detention, as the other cases were reported to be behind the proximity period and out of the jurisdiction of the commissionerate.

The top court also noted that offences in these four cases were allegedly committed within a span of two months between May 6 and July 26 last year and both the detenus were granted bail by the magistrate cised under the preventive detention law are exceptional powers which have been given to the government for its exercise in an exceptional situation as it strikes hard on the freedom and liberty of an individual, and thus cannot be exercised in a routine manner," the bench said.

The apex court passed the orders on June 22 on two separate petitions filed by the wives of the detenus.

The petitioners had challenged the Telangana High Court's order on March 25 this year dismissing their pleas against the preventive deten-

the prosecution," the bench In its order, the top court

noted that one of reasons assigned by the authority justifying the invocation of the provisions of detention law was that the detenus were granted bail in all the four cases and were likely to indulge in similar crime. "The reason why bail was

granted in all four cases, however, has not been given. Bail was granted in all the four cases due to the inability of the prosecution, which did not complete its investigation in time. The bail had to be given as the charge sheet was not filed by the police in all the cases within the stipulated period of 60

days. The fault thus lies with

It observed that the facts and circumstances of the case, as alleged in the detention order, does reflect a law and order situation which can be dealt with under the ordinary law of land and there was absolutely no occasion for invoking the extraordinary powers under the law of preventive detention.

The apex court said invocation of the preventive detention law in this case against the two persons was "not justified".

It said the distinction between law and order situation and a public order situation has been dealt with by the apex court in a catena of deci-

"In fact, in a recent decision

of this court, the court had to make an observation regarding the routine and unjustified use of the preventive detention law in the state of Telangana," the bench noted.

It said the state is not without a remedy, as in case the detenu is so much a menace to the society as is being alleged, then the prosecution should seek cancellation of bail or move an appeal to the higher

"But definitely seeking shelter under the preventive detention law is not the proper remedy under the facts and circumstances of the case," it

The bench noted that the detention order said that



broad daylight and have thus resulted in creation of fear and panic in the minds of public, especially women, and hence, the government had to interfere in order to "maintain

appeals, the bench set aside the order of detention as well as the order of the high court and said the detenus shall be released forthwith in case they are not required in any other

Russia pushes to block 2nd city in eastern Ukraine

ussian forces are trying to Russian forces are trying to block a city in eastern Ukraine, the region's governor said Saturday, after their relentless assault on a nearby city forced Ukrainian troops to begin withdrawal after weeks of intense fighting. Russia also launched missile attacks on areas far from the heart of the eastern battles.

Serhiy Haidai, governor of the Luhansk region, said on Facebook that Russian forces are attempting to blockade the city of Lysychansk from the south. That city lies next to Sievierodonetsk, which has endured relentless assault and house-to-house fighting for weeks. After Haidai said Friday that

Ukrainian forces had begun retreating from Sievierodonetsk, military analyst Oleg Zhdanov said some of the troops were heading for Lysychansk. But Russian moves to cut off Lysychansk will give those retreating troops little respite.

Russian bombardment has reduced most of Sievierodonetsk to rubble and cut its population from 100,0000 to 10,000. Some Ukrainian troops are holed up in the huge Azot chemical factory on the city's edge, along with about 500 civilians.

Sievierodonetsk Lysychansk have been the focal point of the Russian offensive aimed at capturing all of eastern Ukraine's Donbas region and destroying the Ukrainian military defending it - the most capable and battle-hardened segment of the country's armed forces.

The two cities and surrounding areas are the last major pockets of Ukrainian resistance in the Luhansk region - 95% of which is under Russian and local separatist forces' control. The Russians and separatists also control about half of the Donetsk region, the second province in the Donbas.

Some 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) to the west, four Russian rockets hit a "military object" in Yaroviv, Lviv regional governor Maksym Kozytskyy said. He did not give further details of the target, but Yaroviv has a sizable military base used for training fighters, including foreigners who have volunteered to fight for Ukraine. That base was hit by Russian

rockets in March, killing 35 people.The Lviv region, although far from the front lines, has been hit by other rockets during the war, destroying fuel storage areas.

About 30 Russian rockets were fired on the Zhytomyr region in central Ukraine on Saturday morning, killing one Ukrainian soldier, regional governor Vitaliy Buchenko said.

In the north, about 20 rockets were fired from Belarus into the

Chernihiv region, the Ukrainian military said.

A senior U.S. defense official, peaking in Washington on condition of anonymity, on Friday called the Ukrainians' move out of Sievierodonetsk a "tactical retrograde" to consolidate forces into positions where they can better defend themselves.

This will add to Ukraine's effort to keep Russian forces pinned down longer in a small

area, the official said.
Following a botched attempt to capture Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, in the early stage of the invasion that started Feb. 24, Russian forces have shifted their focus to the Donbas, where the Ukrainian forces have fought Moscow-backed separatists since 2014.

After repeated Ukrainian requests to its Western allies for heavier weaponry to counter Russia's edge in firepower, four medium-range American rocket launchers have arrived, with four

The senior Ú.S. defense official said Friday that more Ukrainian forces are training outside Ukraine to use the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, and are expected back in their country with the weapons by mid-July.

The rockets can travel about 45 miles (70 kilometers). Also to be sent are 18 U.S. coastal and river



Biden signs landmark gun bill, says 'lives will be saved' Newtown, Connecticut, and Park'

President Joe Biden on Saturday signed the most sweeping gun violence bill in decades, a bipartisan compromise that seemed unimaginable until a recent series of mass shootings, including the massacre of 19 students and two teachers at a Texas elementary school. "Lives will be saved," he said at the White House. Citing the families of shooting victims, the president said, "Their message to us was to do something. Well today, we did."

The House gave final approval Friday, following Senate passage Thursday, and Biden acted just before leaving Washington for two summits in Europe. The legislation will toughen background checks for the youngest gun buyers, keep firearms from more domestic violence offenders and help states put in place red flag laws that make it easier for authorities to take weapons from people adjudged to be

dangerous.

Most of its \$13 billion cost will help bolster mental health programs and aid schools, which have been targeted in

Florida, and elsewhere in mass shootings. Biden said the compromise hammered out by a bipartisan group of senators "doesn't do everything I want" but it does include actions I've long called" for that are going to save lives.

"I know there's much more work to do, and I'm never going to give up, but this is a monumental day," said the president, who was joined by his wife, ll, a teacher, for the signing.

He said they will host an event on July 11 for lawmakers and families affected by gun violence.

Biden signed the measure two days after the Supreme Court's ruling Thursday striking down a New York law that restricted peoples' ability to carry concealed weapons.

While the new law does not include tougher restrictions long championed by Democrats, such as a ban on assault-style weapons and background checks for all gun transactions, it is the most impactful firearms violence measure produced by Congress since enactment a long-expired assault weapons ban in 1993.

Iraqi PM to head to Saudi Arabia, Iran for new dialogue

Iraq's caretaker prime minister is set to fly to Saudi Arabia, followed by Iran, carrying a new initiative aimed at renewing talks between the two regional arch foes, an official said

The official said Mustafa al-Kadhimi was scheduled to travel to Riyadh later in the day for meetings with Saudi officials. He will then travel to Tehran on Sunday.

Al-Kadhimi's visit seeks to open new avenues that would reactivate Baghdad-mediated dialogue between Saudi Arabia and Iran, according to the official, who is privy to the Iran-Saudi dialogue track. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to divulge the information to the press.

The talks aimed at defusing yearslong tensions between the regional foes began quietly in Iraq's capital in 2021 as Saudi Arabia sought a way to end its disastrous war against Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. The conflict has spawned one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters and brought bombs from rebel drones and missiles raining down on Saudi airports and oil facilities.

A fifth and last round of talks was held in Baghdad in April before they were suspended again amid soaring Middle East tensions.

Iran, the largest Shiite Muslim country in the world, and Sunni powerhouse Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties in 2016 after Saudi Arabia executed prominent Shiite cleric Nimr al-Nimr. Angry Iranians protesting the execution stormed two Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran, fueling years of animosity between the Iraq borders both Iran and Saudi

Arabia and is often caught in the middle of the two nations' proxy wars. Al-Kadhimi has stressed he wants

balanced relations with the two neighbors. Improving relations with Saudi Arabia was a key policy of his administration when he took office in

US Army Guard troops risk dismissal as vax deadline looms **AP** ■ WASHINGTON

Up to 40,000 Army National Guard soldiers across the country - or about 13% of the force - have not yet gotten the mandated COVID-19 vaccine, and as the deadline for shots looms, at least 14,000 of them have flatly refused and could be forced out of the service. Guard soldiers have

until Thursday to get the vaccine. According to data obtained by The Associated Press, between 20% to 30% of the Guard soldiers in six states are not vaccinated, and more than 10% in 43 other states still need shots.

Guard leaders say states are doing all they can to encourage soldiers to get vaccinated by the time limit.

work with the roughly 7,000 who have sought exemptions, which are almost all for religious reasons.

"We're going to give every soldier every opportunity to get vaccinated and continue their military career. Every soldier that is pending an exemption, we will continue to support them through their process," said Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen,

director of the Army National Guard, in an Associated Press interview. "We're not giving up on

anybody until the separation paperwork is signed and completed. There's still Defense Secretary Lloyd

Austin last year ordered all service members - activeduty, National Guard and Reserves - to get the vaccine, saying it is critical to maintaining the health and readiness of the force.

The military services had varying deadlines for their forces, and the Army National Guard was given the longest amount of time to get the shots, mainly because it's a large force of about 330,000 soldiers who are widely scattered around

the country, many in remote

The Army Guard's vaccine percentage is the lowest among the U.S. Military with all the active-duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps at 97% or greater and the Air Guard at bout 94%.

The Army reported Friday that 90% of Army Reserve forces were partial-

New plot to oust British PM Boris Johnson after by-election defeats

 $B^{\text{ritish Prime Minister Boris}}_{\text{Johnson on Saturday is facing}}$ another brewing rebellion against his leadership of the Conservative Party after the governing party faced two crushing by-election defeats.

In a triple blow, Johnson not only lost a Tory stronghold in the southern England constituency of

Tiverton & Honiton and an important seat in Wakefield in northern England but was also hit with the resignation of his ally and Tory chairman Oliver Dowden.

Now, according to UK media reports, two Tory MPs who have been critical of Boris Johnson say they may stand for election to the committee which runs the party's leadership elections to trigger another leadership challenge.

Johnson, 58, survived a vote of hat into the ring and stand for elecno confidence in his leadership earlier this month even though 148 of his MPs voted to oust him and under the rules of the powerful 1922 Committee of backbench Conservative MPs, Johnson should be safe from a further challenge for

But Andrew Bridgen, a Tory MP for North West Leicestershire, has said he is minded to throw his tion to the committee's executive, telling the BBC he would "be in favour of rule change and effectively that would be another vote of confidence".

Steve Baker, MP for Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, also said he hoped colleagues would "consider allowing him to serve" although he would not comment on changing

From the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda, Johnson said he expects people will "beat me up" after two by-election defeats, but insisted he was not worried about Conservative MPs plotting to replace him while he is abroad.

"Î'm not going to pretend these are brilliant results. We've got to listen; we've got to learn," he told reporters in Kigali.

Norway terror alert raised after French lawmakers want abortion rights in Constitution deadly mass shooting

gunman opened fire in Aguillian opened and Aoslo's night-life district early Saturday, killing two people and leaving more than 20 wounded in what Norwegian security service called an "Islamist terror act" during the capital's annual Pride festival.

Investigators said the suspect, identified as a 42-yearold Norwegian citizen originally from Iran, was arrested after opening fire at three locations in downtown Oslo. The PST security service

raised its terror alert level from "moderate" to "extraordinary" - the highest level after the attack, which sent panicked revelers fleeing into the streets or trying to hide from the gunman.

PST acting chief Roger Berg called the attack an "extreme Islamist terror act" and said the suspect had a "long history of violence and threats" as well as mental health issues.

Upon the advice of police, organizers canceled a Pride parade that was set for Saturday as the highlight of a weeklong festival. One of the shootings happened outside the London Pub, a bar popular with the city's LGBTQ community, just hours before the parade was set to begin.

Police attorney Christian Hatlo said the suspect was being held on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and terrorism, based on the number of people targeted at multiple locations.

"Our overall assessment is that there are grounds to believe that he wanted to cause grave fear in the popu-

lation," Hatlo said. Police said two of the shooting victims died and 10 people were being treated



for serious injuries, but none of them was believed to be in life-threatening condition. Eleven other people had minor injuries.

Olav Roenneberg, a journalist from Norwegian public broadcaster NRK, said he witnessed the shooting.

"I saw a man arrive at the site with a bag. He picked up a weapon and started shooting," Roenneberg told NRK. "First I thought it was an air gun. Then the glass of the bar next door was shattered and I understood I had to run for

Another witness, Marcus Nybakken, 46, said he saw a lot of people running and screaming and thought it was a fist fight. "But then I heard that it

was a shooting and that there was someone shooting with a submachine gun," Nybakken told Norwegian broadcaster Prime Minister Jonas

Gahr Stoere said in a Facebook post that "the shooting outside London Pub in Oslo tonight was a cruel and deeply shocking attack on innocent people.

He said that while the motive was unclear, the shooting had caused fear and grief in the LGBTQ commu-

nity.
"We all stand by you," Gahr Stoere wrote. Christian Bredeli, who was at the bar, told Norwegian newspaper VG that he hid on the fourth floor with a group of about 10 people until he was told it was safe to come

"Many were fearing for their lives," he said. "On our way out we saw several injured people, so we understood that something serious had happened.' TV2 showed footage of

people running down Oslo streets in panic as shots rang out in the background.

Investigators said the suspect was known to police, as well as to PST, but not for any major violent crimes. His criminal record included a narcotics offense and a weapons offense for carrying a knife, Hatlo said.

Hatlo said police seized two weapons after the attack: a handgun and an automatic weapon, both of which he described as "not modern' without giving details. He said the suspect had

not made any statement to the police and was in contact with defense lawyer. Hatlo said it was too early

to say whether the gunman

specifically targeted members of the LGBTQ community.
"We have to look closer at

that, we don't know yet," he

Still, police advised organizers of the Pride festival to cancel the parade Saturday. "Oslo Pride therefore

urges everyone who planned to participate or watch the parade to not show up. All events in connection with Oslo Prides are canceled," organizers said on the official Facebook page of the event.

Inge Alexander Gjestvang, leader of FRI, the Norwegian organisation for sexual and gender diversity, said the shooting has shaken the Nordic country's LGBTQ community.

'We encourage everyone to stand together, take care of each other. We'll be back later, proud, visible but right now it's not the time for that," he told TV2 King Harald V offered

condolences to the relatives of victims and said the royal family was "horrified" by the "We must stand together to defend our values: freedom, diversity and respect for

each other. We must continue to stand up for all people to feel safe," the monarch said. Norway has a relatively low crime rate but has experienced violent attacks by right-wing extremists, including one of the worst mass shootings in Europe in 2011, when a gunman killed 69 people on the island of Utoya

In 2019, another rightwing extremist killed his stepsister and then opened fire in a mosque but was overpowered before anyone there was

after setting off a bomb in

Oslo that left eight dead.

The right to abortion in France is already inscribed in a group of lawmakers belong-Agroup of lawinakers golden 1975 law relating to the volun-Emmanuel Macron's party will tary termination of pregnancy propose a bill to inscribe aborwithin the legal framework that decriminalized abortion. A contion rights into the country's constitution, according to the stitutional law will cement aborstatement by two members of tion rights for future generations, parliament on Saturday. The said Marie-Pierre Rixain, a move comes after the U.S. member of Par and of Macron's Supreme Court overturned a 50-

The Republic on the Move party. "What happened elsewhere must not happen in France," a provision that would make it "impossible to deprive a person of the right to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy," according to the statement, released by two members of the National Assembly, France's most powerful house of parliament.

Aurore Berge, the leader of Macron's party group in the parliament, said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to revoke abortion rights is "catastrophic for

"We must take steps in France today so we do not have any reversal of existing laws tomorrow," Berge said in an interview with the public radio station France Inter on Saturday.

Macron's party and his centrist alliance have the most seats in the National Assembly, although it lost its majority in Sunday's legislative election as voters opted for parties on the far right and the far left.

Hasina opens B'desh's longest bridge, calls it symbol of country's pride

PTI ■ DHAKA

The landmark Padma Bridge is not a pile of brick and cement but a symbol of Bangladesh's pride, capacity and dignity, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said on Saturday as she inaugurated the country's longest bridge entirely built with domestic funding.

year-old ruling and stripped

women's constitutional protec-

The 6.15-km-long road-rail four-lane bridge is built over the Padma river connecting southwestern Bangladesh with the capital and other parts of the country. The multipurpose road-rail

the Bangladesh government, has been constructed at a cost of USD 3.6 billion. The inauguration of the Padma bridge carries a lot of significance as the structure was built entirely with domestic financing, defying skepticism from some financial analysts if Bangladesh, which will only grad-

uate from the UN's Least

Developed Countries (LDC) list

in 2026, could mobilise the fund

bridge, which is fully funded by

depending on domestic resources. Hasina expressed deep gratitude to the people involved with the construction of the Padma

"I have no complaints against anyone, but I reckon those who opposed the Padma Bridge construction plan and called it a 'pipe wonders as well as technological

dream', lack self-confidence. I hope this bridge will boost their confidence," the prime minister said. "This bridge is not just bricks, cement, iron, and concrete... This bridge is our pride, a symbol of our capacity, our

This bridge belongs to the people of Bangladesh," she said. "The bridge belongs to the people of Bangladesh. It encapsulates our passion, creativity, courage, endurance and perseverance," she said.

strength and our dignity.

She said the much-cherished bridge stands on the turbulent Padma River overcoming many obstacles and breaking the web of conspiracy. Today, I am happy, proud,

and overwhelmed along with millions of people of the country," said Hasina. The Padma Bridge project witnessed several engineering

challenges. It emerged as the wonder structure for Bangladesh and saw the use of state-of-theart machinery and know-how. The project was initially

expected to be funded by a consortium led by the World Bank. In 2012, it cancelled the proposed credit saying it had "credible evidence" of high-level

corruption among Bangladeshi officials. Bangladesh has all through denied these allegations and preferred not to approach the international global lender for

funding. Meanwhile, India has congratulated the Bangladesh government on the completion of the massive project.

"Felicitations Government and people of Bangladesh on completion of the landmark Padma Bridge project, from India!" the Ĭndian High tweeted ahead of the inau-

Protesters gather as G-7 leaders set to arrive in Germany **AP** ■ MUNICH

About 3,500 protesters gathered in Munich on Saturday as the Group of Seven leading economic powers prepared to hold their annual gathering in the Bavarian Alps in Germany, which holds the G-7's rotating presidency this year. Police said earlier they

were expecting some 20,000 protesters in the Bavarian city, but initially fewer people showed up for the main protest which started at noon, the German news agency dpa reported. Fifteen groups critical of globalisation, from Attac to the environmental organisation WWF, will participate in the demonstrations. Their various demands include a phase-out of fossil fuels, the preservation of animal and plant diversity, social justice on the planet and a stepped-up fight against hunger.
"My demands for the G-

7 are, that they have a clear commitment to energy transition, that is the exit from fossil fuels, all forms of fossil fuels, by 2035 at the latest, so we can stop financing wars and conflicts," said Kilian Wolter from the environmental group Greenpeace who participated in the

GST compensation cess levy Inflation sparks global wave extended till March 2026

New Delhi: The Government has extended the time for levy of GST compensation cess by nearly 4 years till March 31,

As per the Goods and Services Tax (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022, notified by the finance ministry, the compensation cess will continue to be levied from July 1, 2022 to March 31,

The levy of cess was to end on June 30 but the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising state FMs, decided to extend it till March 2026 to repay the loans taken in the last two fiscal years to make up for the shortfall in their revenue col-

After the 45th GST Council meeting in Lucknow in September last year, Sitharaman had said the regime of paying compensation to states for revenue shortfall resulting from subsuming their taxes such as VAT in the uniform national tax GST, will end in June 2022

However, the compensation cess, levied on luxury and demerit goods, will continue to



be collected till March 2026 to repay the borrowings that were done in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to compensate states for GST

In order to meet the resource gap of states due to short release of compensation, the Centre has borrowed and released Rs 1.1 lakh crore in 2020-21 and Rs 1.59 lakh crore in 2021-22 as back-to-back loan to meet a part of the shortfall in cess collection.

The Centre has repaid Rs 7,500 crore as interest cost for the borrowing in 2021-22 and Rs 14,000 crore is to be paid this fiscal year. From 2023-24, the repayment of principal

amount will start which will continue till March 2026.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in the country with effect from July 1, 2017 and states were assured of compensation for the loss of any revenue arising on account of implementation of GST for a period of five years.

Though states' protected revenue has been growing at 14 per cent compounded growth rate, the cess collection did not increase in the same proportion and COVID-19 further increased the gap between protected revenue and the actual revenue receipt including reduction in cess collection.

of protests for higher pay, aid

Washington: Rising food costs. Soaring fuel bills. Wages that are not keeping pace. Inflation is plundering people's wallets, sparking a wave of protests and workers' strikes around the world.

This week alone saw protests by the political oppo-sition in Pakistan, nurses in Zimbabwe, unionised workers in Belgium, railway workers in Britain, Indigenous people in Ecuador, hundreds of U.S. Pilots and some European airline workers. Sri Lanka's prime minister declared an economic collapse Wednesday after weeks of political turmoil.

Economists say Russia's war in Ukraine amplified inflation by further pushing up the cost of energy and prices of fertilizer, grains and cooking oils as farmers struggle to grow and export crops in one of the world's key agricultural regions.

As prices rise, inflation threatens to exacerbate inequalities and widen the gap between billions of people struggling to cover their costs and those who are able to keep spending. "We are not all in this together," said Matt Grainger, head of inequality policy at antipoverty organisation



Oxfam. "How many of the richest even know what a loaf of bread costs? They don't really, they just absorb the

Oxfam is calling on the Group of 7 leading industrialized nations, which are holding their annual summit this weekend in Germany, to provide debt relief to developing economies and to tax corporations on excess profits.

This isn't just a standalone crisis. It's coming off the back of an appalling pandemic that fuelled increased inequality worldwide," Grainger said. "I think we will see more and more protests."

The demonstrations have caught the attention of governments, which have responded to soaring consumer prices with support measures like

expanded subsidies for utility bills and cuts to fuel taxes. Often, that offers little relief because energy markets are volatile. Central banks are trying to ease inflation by raising interest rates.

Meanwhile, striking workers have pressured employers to engage in talks on raising wages to keep up with rising prices.

Eddie Dempsey, a senior official with Britain's Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, which brought U.K. Train services to a near standstill with strikes this week, said there are going to be more demands for pay increases across other sectors.

"It's about time Britain had pay rise. Wages have been falling for 30 years and corporate profits have been going through roof," Dempsey said.

Raw coking coal production likley to be 140 MT by 2030

New Delhi: The Government on Saturday said the country's domestic raw coking coal out-put may touch 140 million tonnes (MT) by 2030 from the present 51.7 MT. Coking coal is an essential raw material for the production of iron and

"With...Transformative measures taken by Ministry of Coal under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of PM, domestic raw coking coal production is likely to reach 140 MT by 2030," the coal ministry said in a statement.

To further increase the output of raw coking coal, the Centre has auctioned 10 coking coal blocks to the private sector, with a peak rated capacity (PRC) of 22.5 MT during the last two years. Most of these blocks are expected to start production by 2025.

The ministry has also identified four coking coal blocks and the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) will also finalise geological reserves (GR) for 4 to 6 new coking coal blocks in the next two months, the statement said. These blocks may be

offered in subsequent rounds of sale for the private sector to further step up domestic raw coking coal supply in the coun-

Coal India Ltd (CIL), which accounts for over 80 per cent of domestic coal output, has planned to increase raw coking coal production from existing mines up to 26 MT and identified nine new mines with peak rated capacity of about 20 MT by FY25.

Also, CIL has offered six discontinued coking coal mines, out of the total 20 such mines, on an innovative model of revenue sharing to the private sector with an expected PRC of about 2 MT, according to the statement. The country produced 51.7 MT of raw coking coal during 2021-22, which is 15 per cent more compared to 44.8 MT during FY21.

Domestic raw coking coal production continues to witness an increasing trend in current fiscal as well with production of 8.3 MT, as per figures up to last month, which is 20 per cent more compared to 6.9 MT during the same period of the previous year. *PTI*

Future Enterprises defaults on ₹4.10 crore interest payment for NCDs

New Delhi: Debt-ridden Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) has defaulted on interest payment of ₹4.10 crore for its nonconvertible debentures.

The due date for payment was June 24, 2022, FEL said in a regulatory filing. "The Company is unable to service its obligations in respect of the interest on Non-Convertible Debentures was due on June 24, 2022," it said. This is the fourth default in June by the Kishore Biyani-led Future group firm.

Earlier this week, FEL

defaulted twice on interest payments of ₹85.71 lakh and ₹6.07 crore for its non-convertible debentures. FEL had made another default on the payment of interest of ₹1.41 crore, earlier this month. The latest default is on the interest of securities issued for a sum of

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₹40 crore. FEL has defaulted on interest payment for the period between June 24, 2021, to June 23, 2022, it said. The debentures are secured and have a coupon rate of 10.25 per cent per annum.

In April, FEL had informed the exchanges about a default of ₹2,835.65 crore towards its consortium of banks. Its due date was March 31, 2022.

FEL was a part of the 19 group companies operating in retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing segments, which were supposed to be transferred to Reliance Retail as part of a ₹24,713 crore deal announced in August 2020.

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Boxory Logistics, Cargonix Xpress: NTC Group's two new businesses

Chennai: Diversified business conglomerate NTC Group under its flagship company NTC Logistics has unveiled two new verticals — Boxory Logistics Pvt Ltd and Cargonix Xpress Pvt Ltd – as part of consolidating its operations in the country, an official said on Saturday.

Boxory Logistics would focus on freight services like air freight, multi-city transportation, warehousing, while Cargonix Xpress would be focused on same day delivery, milk run among At an event here, the company unveiled a 70

metre truck trailer for the first time in the country which would be used for transporting windmill blades. NTC Group company MAHA Auto Components has manufactured the truck trailer to serve the renewable energy logistics space, a company statement said here.

Equipped with advanced features like load sensing valves, anti-lock braking systems among many others, the trailer ensures safety and reliability by providing more thrust to logistics of windmill blades, company chairman K Chandramohan said in a company statement. Tamil Nadu Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu formally unveiled the truck at an

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event held here in the presence of Chandramohan among senior officials. According to Chandramohan, the company has been taking up projects in the renewable energy sector under its entity— Everrenew Energy — which offers logistics to site construction activities for wind and

Besides serving the domestic market, the NTC Group has presence overseas including Hong

Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and has entered into partnerships with companies in Asia, Australia, the Middle East among others. The company has with the opening of a new office in Malaysia recently, the statement added.

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Flipkart inks MoU with Telangana's SERP to enable market access for FPOs, SHGs

Hyderabad: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, on Saturday said it signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Telangana to enable market access for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in

The MoU was exchanged between Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Telangana and Smrithi Ravichandran, Vice President and Head of Grocery, Flipkart, at an event held here, a press release from the e-commerce

giant said.

Through this partnership,
Flipkart aims to empower local farming communities and SHGs of Telangana by providing pan-India market access to more than 400 million customers on its platform. As part of this collaboration, Flipkart will directly



es, millets, staples, and spices from the local farmers, contributing to improve income and business growth. Flipkart will further engage with these communities through virtual and on-ground training and capacity-building initiatives to provide them with an understanding of quality, pricing, and licenses required to be a part of FPO ecosystem.

SERP will extend support with infrastructure and necessary approvals to take this partnership forward. Speaking on the occasion, Errabelli Dayakar Rao, Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply Minister said, SHGs and women from Telangana will now be able to sell their products to a pan India consumer base for an improved livelihood and gaining more visibility.

"There are 4,36,000 SHGs consisting of 46 lakh members in the state. We wish to sup-port all of them, especially women, for whom we have a target to provide loans of Rs 500 crore this year. We believe that SHGs will work hard and use these initiatives to accelerate their development and to grow their businesses," Dayakar Rao said.

NBFCs should diversify risks VFS Capital plans to measuring 117 Sq. Yds., Ward No.05, Waka Siwana Mauiha Andar Abadi Lal Dora Farukh Nagar, Tehsil Farukh Nagar, District Gurgaon expand portfolio to (Harvana) vide Transfer Deed (Blood across sectors: Ex SBI chief Relation) dated 22.11.2016 (vide Docume No.2275) and intend to mortgage against the financial assistance from Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this PUBLIC NOTICE

Kolkata: Non-banking financial companies need to diversify risks across sectors and geographies, as well as maintain capital adequacy norms and introduce core banking solutions going ahead, former State Bank of India chairman Rajnish Kumar said.

Kumar also said the risktaking abilities of NBFCs are higher than banks, and that the regulatory stance will become tougher, with the regulation arbitrage between lenders and non-banking entities ceasing to exist.

"Regarding asset quality review (AQR) of lenders, as pointed out by former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan, the NPA problem started with the NBFCs. The whole issue boils down to risk management and governance.

"There is a need for NBFCs to take a diversified approach across sectors and geographies and also be mindful about risk matrix," he



said during an event organised by micro-finance institution VFS Capital here on Friday evening.

Kumar said the NBFCs

will have to maintain capital adequacy norms, introduce core banking solutions and make adequate disclosures by 2025. Nearly 23 per cent of lending in the financial sector happens through the NBFCs, he said.

Regarding NPA in banking sector, the former SBI chief said lenders cannot escape their share of blame, adding that "faulty" government policies in "power, coal, telecom and road sectors" are also responsible for bad

₹1500 crore, expand branch network Kolkata: VFS Capital (formerly Village Financial Services Limited) plans to increase its assets under management from Rs 803 crore to Rs 1,500 crore

branches across the country, an official said. MD & CEO of VFS Capital Kuldip Maity said at an event here on Friday night that the NBFC-MFI has 247 branches at present, and added that plans are there to add 35 more this

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fiscal and also to enter the state of Rajashthan. Maity said during the last

two years of the pandemic, the focus was not on increasing business, adding that VFS plans to provide loans for affordable housing and MSME loans. He also said the new RBI regulations on MFIs will help the sector to grow, particularly the deregulation of interest rates across the entities.

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"This visit underscores

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US delegation to visit economic crisis-hit Lanka

Colombo: A high-level US delegation will visit Sri Lanka to hold talks with the country's top leadership to help it resolve the current economic crisis as the island nation, which is on the brink of bankruptcy, is struggling to pay for the import of essentials, including food and fuel.

Sri Lanka is facing a severe forex crisis which forced the island nation to declare a default of its international debt in April, becoming the first Asia-Pacific country in decades to default on foreign

The delegation representing the US Department of the Treasury and the Department of State is due to engage in a visit to Sri Lanka from June 26 to 29, the News First newspaper reported. The delegation will

include Robert Kaproth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Asia, and Ambassador Kelly Keiderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, it said. The visitors will meet

to support Sri Lankans in

with a wide range of political representatives, economists and international organisations, and will explore the most effective ways for the US

our ongoing commitment to the security and prosperity of the Sri Lankan people," US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung said. "Ăs Sri Lankans endure some of the greatest econom-

ic challenges in their history, our efforts to support economic growth and strengthen democratic institutions have never been more critical," the envoy said.

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Construction of Food Godown at Saraikhet, District - Almora The tender form can be downloaded from e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 25.06.2022 at 17:00 hrs. to 09.07.2022 at 17:00 hrs. information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or

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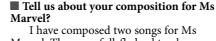
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ATIF AFZAL AKA A-ZAL

The singer, who is also a New York-based songwriter and composer is known for his compositions for American TV series Loki. NCIS: Los Angeles and The Twilight Zone and for the films Resort to Love, Prague, Pune 52, among others. He speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his association with Marvel, his journey and more

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Marvel. These are full-fledged tracks as opposed to the more dreamy track I did for Loki last year. Both of them are romantic and appear in the montage where the chem-

istry is building between Kamala Khan and Kamran. These tracks are very unique.

I was in talks with Marvel for a Bollywood style song since last year just after we finished Loki. So, when they approached me for it in April

2022, I initially thought it was for the same project.

However, this turned out to be a new one. What's interesting is that we wrapped up the entire process from the brief till the actual release was just

two months.

How did your association with Marvel first

It first started when they reached out to me last year for Loki. However, what's interesting is that I was never told that it was for Loki since the project is kept confidential. But, I was amazed to know that I am going to be a part of the Marvel universe. It is Hollywood at its best.

■ Tell us about your journey into music. How did you make it

from composing music for Marathi films to Bollywood and Hollywood?

The first film that I signed was Prague. It so happened that the Marathi film Pune 52 released before Prague. Interestingly, I was approached by the producers of Pune 52 after they saw the trailer of my film Prague. I knew the journey would be tough. I knew I was a crazy guy with a crazy dream and I knew I had to take one step at a time. I had no one in the industry at all. Not a single soul who would help me navigate

this journey.
When I started in Bollywood in 2013, I did films like Prague and Monsoon Shootout which had western music and an international style score. Further, it had official selections at multiple global film festivals which gave traction to my career and recognition at the global level. Monsoon Shootout was at Cannes, which was a big deal.

Soon, I was approached for a German film called Gift for ARD Degeto Network in

Germany. Then I did a thesis film at the New York University called The Alternative. That was my first independent American film. I worked on several advertising commercials in the USA. And finally, the big breakthrough came when I did NCIS:Los Angeles and The Twilight Zone. This really propelled me to the giant projects which I did for Marvel.

So, it was one step at a time! ■ How did the pandemic take a toll on you

professionally? I'm going to give you an answer that you probably wouldn't expect. I got my biggest breakthrough in Hollywood during the pandemic. The pandemic struck New York, and after a couple of months, CBS reached out to me for NCIS:Los Angeles. And, soon after I finished it, they roped me in for The Twilight Zone

■ What's your take on India's music scene when you compare it globally?

When I compare it globally, I know one thing. Indian music is one of the oldest music forms existing in the world today, and we need to retain that and stop copying the West. I feel we need to stop following what is trending and adopting a formula-based approach, but create what is unique and different. The Bollywood industry has an incredible amount of talent for sure!

What's your personal style as a music artist? Who do you take inspiration from?
When it comes to film scoring, my personal style is very experimental. I take inspiration from composers such as Clint Mansell who has composed iconic scores and gave the world a new sound. As a pop singer, I take inspiration from Ed Sheeran. I love British singers. My singing style and songwriting style is very similar to that of Ed

■ What's next?

I am in talks for another song for Marvel. There is also an interesting project going on with Netflix. What I'm most excited about is my American pop album called 17 & 11 Nights; Phonebook, Ride, Autopilot are a few songs from the album. The singles will be released later this year and that will, for the first time, bring the artist side of me to the world. I am currently shooting the music videos for my album.

Plan Your Day

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ingle with, peruse and shop from queer Shop trom queen entrepreneurs and small business owners at a dedicated space for all things queer made. And if that wasn't enough, there will be music, food and drinks. All brought to you with pride and love by queer performers and caterers

Sip on Bira's new summer collection or some amazing

cocktails from Roku, Toki, Oaksmith and many more.

Fashion, art, merch, home decor, zines — if you can think of it, you can probably find it at Queer Made Weekend! What: Fun fair

Where: DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi When: June 26, 2022 Time: 5 pm to 10 pm



/illage Square in partnership with The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) celebrated World Localisation Day at NCUI Auditorium, New Delhi with prominent rural changemakers, urban youth, development professionals and artisans from across India.

The event was designed to raise awareness of local goods and artisan products and to promote eco-friendly living. It is a platform to learn about local influencers, opportunities, and products.

The storytelling session was the highlight, where five young rural changemakers gave an insight into their endeavors and challenges.

Masterstroke

Flat weaves, with their distinctively bold patterns and eyecatching colours, look equally at home in an airy beach house as they do in a sophisticated city apartment, and are a stylish way to keep those laid-back summer vibes going long after the season has passed

These rugs



basically come in rich colours and intricate patterns and are known for their flexibility Lacking the pile or a backing, they are quite light in nature. The other quality of these rugs is that they are reversible and are easily used from both sides. Flat weave rugs are available in different variations despite following the basic technique, adopting different patterns and styles in different regions around the world. A few such styles include Kilims, Dhurries and Navajo rugs.

The flat-woven kilim has been a staple of the rug world for centuries, and has regained some of its former glory in recent years. Saraswati's Zara collection is a nod to the current trend in the home decor market, but with fun colors and updated patterns make its collection unique. Also, the Zara collection is thicker than a typical kilim, making it more stable and durable

over time, and thus, a better overall rug. Lovable from the outset, the Zara collection will win hearts without breaking the bank. These wool Rugs are Naturals/Reversible/Durable and come in different colours like Green, Mushroom, Gold, Dusty Orange, Blue, Charcoal, Grey & Jade

MORE THAN A BODY

Body positivity is about knowing and accepting your body type as it is. Unlearn and challenge the unreal beauty standards that the popular culture and society have been claiming to be ideal

all have doubted the shape of our bodies at some point in our lives; how our curves are reflected in the mirror has led to a drop in confidence and paved the path for disbeliefs and doubts in our minds. The unsolicited comments that we encounter throughout our lives plant the seed of uncertainties and doubts that may lead to eating disorders, feeling belittled and social anxiety.

We can't stop people from expressing their minds in words but we can work on ourselves. When we make an effort to understand that we don't have to pay attention to their words; opinions don't shape us and shouldn't become the ideologies we have to live our lives by. We need to understand the importance of living an abundant life and working towards bringing body positivity and self-confidence into our lives. Body positivity is about knowing

and accepting your body type as it is irrespective of sizes, shapes, physical abilities and colours. Loving yourself in all of its forms and living with confidence and fortitude. It is about al beauty standards that the popular culture and society have been claiming to be ideal.

We have often heard the term body positivity and let's take three steps in inculcating it in our lives and embodying it.

Know your body

It's not easy to defeat darkness without even knowing what it is and how it's affecting your life. Take time to reflect on your daily routine and you'll find tiny changes that you can add to your lifestyle to be more mindful of your body confidence. Sit back and think about what are the things that encourage you to be authentically you without adulteration from the world. Put effort into knowing what makes you feel good about your body. Is it the new dress



hanging in your cupboard or a new rather than accepting and loving our exercise routine or even a new way bodies as we are. Accepting can there are no bad or good body types. Try to learn about your body type and take time out from your usual schedule to get to know your body and what makes it tick.

Accept yourself I was told throughout my childhood that I was too fat to the point in my later years that I developed an eating disorder. Things became even more difficult for me because I'm an emotional eater. I like to eat when I'm overwhelmed or happy or sad and it is always followed by guilt. It took me years and a lot of professional help to

accept myself and my body as it is. Before we can move onto the path of pride, we will have to accept ourselves and accept our bodies. For years, we've spent our time wishing about how we should've looked

have to tune out all the negativities and mean comments and thoughts you've been unconsciously enter-

My advice would be to remind ourself of your divinity and sexy, brilliant self. Once you start saying it to yourself every day, it won't be long before you start believing in it. When you accept that you are sexy and brilliant as you are, you will feel a surge of confidence and pride in yourself and your body. Unlearn for authentic living
We all have heard what a beau-

tiful person should look and dress like, what are the foolproof methods to get 'that' body and what you should and shouldn't eat to get the definitive body type that people admire. Say no to them. It's your turn



Devina Kaur Founder, Sexy Brilliant Non-Profit Foundation

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to unlearn those definitions, remarks, and beliefs and make rules for yourself as you like them. The notions that have been idealised for years now are deemed to be toxic and should be unlearned and unheard of now. that make you shine and feel comfortable on your skin and your body and from there it will be easier to live authentically.

Do what makes you happy and feel healthy, go out on walks, exercise regularly, surround yourself with positive people and add meditative sessions so you spend enough time with yourself to know what your body actually wants. Remind yourself that you are your top priority and self-care is the most important kind of love that you can show yourself. Listen to your inner calling, challenge the negative thoughts and follow that path. It will be a challenging path but it'll be worth your efforts and time. Practice radical self-acceptance. embrace your inner self and let it shine in front of the world.

"Determination. hard work and passion have helped me reach this place" says Rahul Gangwani

Everyone dreams to attain big status at some point in time but very few work hard and reach their destination. Similarly, entrepreneurship is a journey that requires diligence and unmatched motivation to achieve success. The whole strata



of success is based on how much you are investing in your journey of entrepreneurship. When we see people with exponential growth have reached an acumen, they have the unmatched potential

Entrepreneurship also requires a fair amount of investment, by investing one has better leverage over the startup or the business. As we all know in the Middle East, luxury cars are in demand and luxury car rentals are the future of Dubai. In this, Rahul Gangwani is investing large amounts of money to buy the latest fleet of luxury cars. His determination, passion and hard work have helped the company to reach greater heights in the recent past. We have seen in recent times that the luxury car rental segment is increasing at a rapid pace and will attain a huge market share by the end of 2025 in the Middle East. After understanding the opportunities and the progress of the luxury car rental world, Gangwani decided to invest in the RG Rental Business. Also, categorising luxury cars from normal cars will help them to create a separate sector. It is a promising name in India and is now expanding its footprint in Dubai. Also, renting a prestige car is far more economical as most people think that it would be very expensive. In this wake, RG Rent A Car is making a big leap.

Iman Zaidi bags the Bhartiya Kala Ratna Award

man Zaidi's phenomenal art of beautifying brides has captured the attention of young women throughout India. Wedding wish lists are incomplete without 'bridal makeup by Iman Zaidi'. She is not only admired by brides but also by many makeup enthusiasts. She is regarded as a great influence and inspiration for budding makeup artists.

Zaidi's work and talent was recognised by Global Scholars Foundation and she qualified as a nominee for Bhartiya Ratna Awards (Jewel of India). Dr VijayKumar Swarupchand Shah, Padmashri title holder was the chief guest and presenter of the Noble

She was the only nominee from the Indian bridal and beauty industry. Her effort in bringing forth recognition for the Indian makeup styles was highly appreciated by Dr Shah and the organisers.

"While many makeup artists are appreciated in the glamour industry, very few artists are working towards recognising the art of traditional bridal makeup styles of India. Makeup artists, especially those who work closely with Indian cultures must be recognised for their efforts as they use their talent in justifying a makeover for modern day women into a traditional one." says Zaidi.

She has worked with more than thousand brides throughout India and takes personal interest in different cultures and heritage of Indian aesthetic art.

Through her art she wishes to preserve the different traditional and cultural aspects of bridal makeup in the modern age. Her aim is to bring honourable recognition to Indian bridal makeup artists.

This plan is here to save your child's future financial needs

ife is filled with uncertainty and worries about the future. While Lemany things are not under our control, as a parent; the emotional, physical, mental and financial security of your child is of utmost importance. In this ever-changing world, when you don't know what's going to happen next and how it will affect your child's future, it's essential that as parents, it is your responsibility to protect their financial future and ensure that their needs are not compromised and timely fulfilled.

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Ensures the child's higher education needs Therefore, it is crucial to secure the child's future

HARMANPREET LEADS INDIA TO SEAL SERIES AGAINST SRI LANKA

India win by 5 wickets in 2nd T20

PTI ■ DAMBULLA

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur contributed with both bat and ball to steer the Indian women's cricket team to a series sealing fivewicket win over Sri Lanka in the second T20 here on

Vice captain Smriti Mandhana's (39 off 34 balls) experience complemented by the exuberance of both Shefali Verma (17 off 10 balls) and Sabbhineni Meghana (17 off 10 balls) helped India chase down the 126-run target in

India stuttered in what should have been a comfortable run chase before Harmanpreet took India home with an unbeaten 31 of 32 balls.

Sri Lanka squandered a fine start to post a below par 125 for seven

The third and final T20 will be played here on



It was a day to remember for Mandhana who became the second fastest Indian woman to reach 2,000 runs T20 runs.

Mandhana reached the feat in her 84th innings, becoming the third Indian woman after the legendary Mithali Raj (70 innings) and current skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (88 innings) to cross the

Opting to bat first and with the series on line, it was the duo of captain Chamari Athapaththu (43 off 41 balls) and Vishmi Gunaratne (45 off 50 balls) provided an ideal start for the Lankans by taking the Indian bowlers to the cleaners.

The duo also put up Sri Lanka's best opening stand (87) in T20s to leave the Ìndians frantically rummaging for breakthroughs.

However, as both Athapaththu and Gunaratne departed, it was a sorry state of affairs for Sri Lanka as they lost a slew of wickets, only managing an underwhelming total.



Archery World Cup: Abhishek-Jyothi pair grabs maiden compound mixed team gold

 $I_{\text{Cup}}^{\text{ndia}}$ won its maiden World Cup gold in compound mixed team archery event after the duo of Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam outclassed their experienced French opponents at the Stage 3 edition here on Saturday.

Riding on a spectacular start, the Indians withered late resistance from the French pair of Jean Boulch and 48year-old Olympic medallist Sophie Dodemont to seal the contest 152-149, a first-ever World Cup gold for India in the

compound mixed team event.
The gold also opened the

account of Indian archers, who have assured a second medal in the women's recurve team event where the trio of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur will fight for the yellow metal on Sunday. Making a comeback after more than seven months, world

no. 3 Jyothi, who was sidelined in the Asian Games trial, is also in the hunt for another medal as she takes on French veteran Sophie in the individual semifinal later in the day.

A Beijing Olympics bronze medalist, Sophie switched to compound discipline after failing to make the 2012 London Olympics squad.

got off to a flier, drilling in four Os that included two Xs to race to a three-point lead and put early pressure on the French pair. The Indians managed just one 10 in the second end as the French duo reduced the deficit to one-point. The third was a tie, while in the deciding fourth end, Abhishek and Jyothi held their nerves to edge out their opponents by two points to annexe the title. The most successful Indian compound pair of Abhishek and Jyothi have a handful of World Cup bronze medals and their best has been a World Cup Final silver at Yankton last year.

Chennai Open chess: Nitin remains on top

Indian International Master Nitin Senthilvel settled for a draw with compatriot and fellow IM Ravichandran Siddharth in the ninth round lead to stay on top of the standings with 8 points in the 13th Chennai Open International Grandmaster Chess Tournament 2022 here on Saturday.

The draw in the top board saw Nitin's lead being cut to half a point as GM Boris Savchenko (Russia), Alexei Federov (Belarus), Aronyak Ghosh, Him all Gusain (both India)



moved to 7.5 points.

On Friday, tournament leader Nitin missed a win against top seed Grandmaster Savchenko and today he held the upper hand against Siddharth who just hung on to snatch a draw. The final round is scheduled for Sunday

Results: Round 9 (Indians unless specified): Nitin S (8) drew with Ravichandran Siddharth (7), Prasannaa (6.5) lost to Boris Savchenko (Russia) 7.5, P Konguvel (6.5) lost to Alexei Fedorov (7). Aronyak Ghosh (7.5) beat Baghdasaryan Vahe (Armenia) 6.5,

Sajan Prakash, Srihari Nataraj to spearhead Indian swimming campaign in CWG

swimming team at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games next

Apart from Prakash and Nataraj, fast-rising Delhi swimmer Kushagra Rawat and Madhya Pradesh's Advait Page will be making their debuts at the quadrennial event, slated to be held from July 28 to August 8 in Birmingham, UK.



Swimming Federation of India (SFI) had secured four quota places for the 2022 CWG and the The star duo of Sajan Prakash and Srihari
Nataraj will lead a four-member Indian

national body had announced that swimmers who achieve the sixth position time in their who achieve the sixth position time in their respective events from the 2018 Gold Coast CWG would be considered for the

quota slots in this edition.

"In the qualification period of one year Srihari, Sajan, Advait and Kushagra have clocked the sixth position time from the previous CWG. That is the cut off standard SFI had set," SFI Secretary General Monal Chokshi told PTI.



Third straight missed cut for Lahiri. Schauffele in lead

PTI ■ CROMWELL (US)

Tndian golfer Anirban Lahiri's challenge at the stage as he double bogeyed twice on the back nine to miss the cut here. Lahiri had four birdies, three bogeys and two doubles during his round of 3-over 73. Putt alongside his first round of even par, he ended 3-over for 36 holes and missed the cut by five shots. The cut was applied at 2 under, with 2017 winner Jordan Spieth (1-over) also missing out along with Sam Burns (even par), Zach Johnson (4 over) and Jason Day (6 over).

It was the third straight missed cut for Lahiri, who previously exited from the US PGA Championship and the Memorial soon after a run of four Top-15 finishes in five starts.

Olympic champion Xander Schauffele shot his second straight 7-under 63 to take a five-stroke lead. He shot a 31 on the front nine at TPC River Highlands with four birdies, then had a 32 on the back, making birdies on 11, 14 and 17. Schauffele has hit 33 of 36 greens in regula-

tion and is the only player bogey free for two rounds. Kevin Kisner (64), Nick Hardy (64), defending champion Harris English (65), Cam Davis (66) and Patrick Cantlay (67) were tied for second at 9-under. First-round leaders Rory McIlroy and J T Poston followed opening 62s with 70s to drop six strokes back.

Patidar hits ton as MP lay one hand on coveted Ranji Trophy

Rajat Patidar stamped his class with an authoritative century to put Madhya Pradesh on the cusp of their historic Ranji Trophy triumph against 41-time champions Mumbai on a rain-hit fourth day of the sum-

Havens opened up minutes before the tea break, and Madhya Pradesh finished their first innings at 536 soon after resumption with a game-changing lead of 162 runs, courtesy Patidar's superb 122, that had as many as 20 boundaries.

Four hundreds have been scored by batters from either side but none oozed more class and competence than Patidar's, who was in a league of his own when it came to regal drives on both sides of the wicket.

At stumps, Mumbai erased some of the deficit, reaching 113 for 2 with Prithvi Shaw (44 off 51 balls) and Hardik Tamore (25 off 32 balls), promoted up the order, showing some positive intent but throwing away their wickets in desperation for quick

Shaw was dismissed with a classic plan of bowling wide outside the off-stump and he finally chased one from Gourav Yadav straight into cover's hands.



With 95 overs left on the final day, there is very little chance of Mumbai winning this match unless they score around 320-plus runs in 50 overs (including Saturday's overs) and set a target of 150-odd for MP with at least 45 to 50 overs to get the 10 wickets.

The wicket isn't showing any signs of crumbling and hence a chance of an MP collapse in the fourth innings doesn't look imminent at the moment. Especially, knowing that they have a first innings lead, MP will like to down the shutters from hereon as ends will prove the means.

DAY BELONGED TO PATIDAR

When the fourth day started, MP needed seven more runs to get the

first innings lead but what was more important was for Patidar to play at least one session and he did that with minimum fuss which could now prove to be decisive in the context of the game.

Patidar smashed seven more boundaries following his 13 on the third day and by the time he was out for 122 off 219 balls, Madhya Pradesh's lead had gone over 100 runs and the sullen faces of the Mumbai players said it all.

A poker-faced Chandrakant Pandit, who had throughout the four days, sat in one corner of the dressing room, can now afford a wide grin as even a miracle can't turn things around for his "home state".

Madhya Pradesh's innings lasted for exactly 14 hours and two minutes and by the end of it all, they had outbatted Mumbai, a similar kind of torture that the domestic powerhouse is used to inflicting on their opponents over the years. Patidar first hit an on-drive off

then punched him through the coverpoint for a couple to give MP the allimportant lead.

When a player finds his bearing at a higher level, he tends to dominate at a level which is notch below. The IPL might have been a white ball competition but the kind of confidence that Patidar gained from his century against Lucknow Super Giants on May 25 IPL Eliminator came in handy. He put that to best use exactly one month later on June 25 when he got his eighth and most important hundred of his first-class career.

The cornerstone of MP's success this season has been their batting and No. 2, 3 and 4 scoring runs consis-

While Patidar has so far scored 628 runs and is second behind Sarfaraz Khan (937) in the run-getter's list, Yash Dubey (613) and Shubham Sharma (578) have also earned their stripes with match-winning performances.

Kerley, Jefferson win at the US outdoor championships

Olympic silver medalist Fred Kerley flashed a peace sign at the crowd after winning the 100 meters at the U.S. Outdoor track and field championships Friday night.

Kerley crossed the line in 9.77 seconds, followed by Marvin Bracy-Williams and Trayvon Bromell. All three earned spots on the U.S. Team for the world outdoor championships in Eugene next

"It's all about patience and training, and doing what I've got to do," Kerley said after taking selfies with fans.

Melissa Jefferson of Coastal Carolina, who finished eighth in the 100 at this year's NCAA outdoor championships, edged Aleia Hobbs for the

national title in the women's event. Ryan Crouser, the world-record holder and two-time Olympic gold medalist, won the shot put at 75 feet, 10 1/4 inches (23.12 meters). Joe Kovaks, already guaranteed a spot at worlds as the defend-

ing champion, was second. Allyson Felix, the most decorated woman in track history, surged the final 40 meters of her semi-final in the 400, but did not finish among the top

three and had to wait to see how her time held up. In the end, she made it to the final Sunday "I just appreciate all the support and all the

Athletes were greeted by temperatures in the low 80s and breezy conditions at Hayward Field on

the University of Oregon campus. The top three finishers in each event will be part of the U.S. Team at worlds, track and field's most prestigious international event outside of the

Earlier in the evening, Kerley ran the 100 semifinals in a world-leading and personal-best 9.76 seconds. It also was a meet record. Bromell had the

Bromell won the 100 at the U.S. Olympic trials at Hayward last summer. He was widely expected to do well in Tokyo but failed to advance to the Olympic final.

second-best time in the semis, at 9.81.

Christian Coleman was a late scratch in the race but he already has a spot at worlds as the defending champion at Doha in 2019.

Hobbs, who won the 2018 NCAA outdoor 100 title as well as that year's national championship, had the fastest time in the semifinals earlier in the day with a personal-best 10.81.

But Jefferson, who just wrapped up her junior year at Coastal Carolina, pushed at the finish to win the final in 10.69 (2.9 wind), in front of Hobbs in 10.72. Twanisha Terry finished third to round out the world team.

Strong field awaits Neeraj Chopra in his first Diamond League Meet of season

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

strong field awaits Olympic javelin Athrow champion Neeraj Chopra in the prestigious Diamond League Meet in Stockholm on June 30, which will be his biggest event ahead of the World Championships in Eugene, USA, next

month. The 24-year-old Chopra will come into the Swedish capital with confidence after clinching his first win of the season at the Kuortane Games in Finland on June 18, beating reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada for the second time this

The Indian superstar had won a silver in his first competition of the season at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland on June 14 with a national record throw of 89.30m.

Chopra had a nasty fall during his third attempt at the Kuortane Games but luckily he did not sustain any injury. The conditions were treacherous there



ery due to rains.

His first round throw of 86.64m was, however, enough to hand him a

Peters' name is in the list of par-

complete all his throws in an event at Orimattila in Finland on Wednesday, recording a best throw of 71.94m. The athlete from Grenada has seen a dip in form after winning the Doha Diamond League Meet with a

ticipants in Stockholm but he did not

season-leading throw of 93.07m. After that, he had thrown 86.60m at Paavo Nurmi Games for a third place and 84.75m in Kuortane Games for another third position.

Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic and compatriot Tokyo Games bronze winner Vitezslav Vesely will also be in action. This will be the first time all the Tokyo Olympics medal winners will be in action together this season. Vadlejch, who was sixth at Paavo

Nurmi Games with a best throw of 83.91m, returns after skipping the Kuortane Games. The same is the case for Germany's Julian Weber, who returns after finishing fifth at Paavo break and looked desperate to restore par-Nurmi Games with 84.02m.

India U-17 women's team suffers 1-3 loss against Chile

PTI ■ AQUILEIA (ITALY)

The Indian U-17 women's team suffered a 1-3 loss against Chile in its second match in the four-nation tournament despite an improved performance here. The women's side came into this

match after haplessly going down to the Italian side 0-7 in the opening fixture. Despite a slow start by both the teams in the initial stages, it was India that got a chance to snatch an early lead through

kick failed to put the Chileans in a spot of bother. In the 11th minute, Chile found a breakthrough in the 11th minute through Katerine Ramos, who inflicted a blow to the Indians.

While the Indians tried to bounce back

defender Naketa, whose long-ranger free-

quickly and were in search of an equaliser, Chile doubled their lead in the 19th minute, through a clinical header from

the Indian side's aspirations were soon dashed when, in the 67th minute, when Chile's Ambar Rolino made it 3-1, putting a final nail in the coffin. With the first half ending 2-0 in favour of Chile, India came out after the

the Chileans who walked out of the field



2 when a ball from Neha landed at the feet of Kajol, and the latter skillfully headed the ball into the back of the goal in a flash. However, despite a much-needed goal

The remainder of the game saw the Indians maintaining their attack but it was Dehradun, June 26, 2022

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Failure is a great teacher and, if you are open to it, every mistake has a lesson to offer





Thousand Pillar Temple, Warangal

RELIGIOUS INTERACTIONS — A REAPPRAISAL

As Indians, we must take pride in being a Secular nation and as citizens promote an environment devoid of religious antagonism for the greater good of humanity, writes SUSAN MISHRA

s we stand in the 21st century and witness bitter inter-religion intolerance, a peed into the past is imperative to understand the present. There are numerous instances from the medieval to the modern era in the south, north, and eastern India where Hindu and Muslim communities lived side by side without a feeling of animosity and antagonism.

In Malabar, Islam probably arrived in the 7th century CE along with the Arab traders, and by the 12th century CE, a strong Muslim community existed here. The Zamorins were Hindu rulers of the Kingdom of Calicut (now Kozhikode). They maintained elaborate trade relations with the Muslim Middle-Eastern sailors in the Indian Ocean as Calicut was then an important trading entrepôt on the western seaboard of India. Under the Zamorins, the Muslims enjoyed many commercial, political and religious privileges. The very fact that Zamorin rejected Vasco da Gama's request to banish all Muslims from his kingdom clearly speaks of the significance accorded to Muslims in a Hindu kingdom.

In fact, it is the Portuguese who became the common enemy of the Muslims and the Zamorin. The latter received full support from their Muslim populace in terms of mobilization of manpower, resources, and funding of wars against the Portuguese. The Muchundi and Mishkal mosques in Kozhikode are living examples of assistance provided by the Hindu Zamorin rulers to their Muslim community. The 13th century CE inscription in Muchundi mosque in Kuttichira, Kozhikode records the establishment of the mosque by certain Shahab al-din Raihan, and the Zamorin ruler granted some land to it for certain daily expenses incurred at the mosque. The Mishkal mosque is also located in Kuttichira, Kozhikode, and was built by a merchant ship owner in the 14th century CE. This mosque was attacked, destroyed and burnt in 1510 by the Portuguese.

The Zamorin was furious at seeing the devastation of the city and the destruction of the mosque. The combined efforts and firm determination by the Nairs and Muslims shattered the dreams of the early colonizers in Malabar. Post the victory of the Zamorin in the battle of Chaliyam, the ruler supported the restoration and reconstruction of the Mishkal mosque. It is believed that the stones and the wood from the Chaliyam fort were carried and placed in the yard at Mishkal to be used in the reconstruction of the mosque. The Khasi Foundation of Kuttichira commemorated 500 years of the grand gesture of the religious harmony of the times by honoring the Zamorin. In remembrance of the great harmony between the two communities and for thanking the 'Zamorin King' for his solidarity with the Muslims, the representatives of the Khasi Foundation visited the residence of the current descendants of the erstwhile Zamorin kings and presented him a painting of the Mishkal Mosque.

Turning the focus on 21st century Kerala, at Ponnani a 16th century CE mosque, known as

Misri Palli preserves its original structure due to the efforts of a non-Muslim speaker and legislator. When the work of its demolition began for the purposes of constructing a new mosque, some people contacted P. Sreeramakrishnan, who rushed to the site and stopped the work. He called a meeting of the mosque committee and convinced its members not to dismantle it so that it is preserved under the Muziris- Ponnani heritage conservation project. Erumely/ Erumeli in the Kottayam district

of Kerala is a living example of how myths and legends can bind two religious communities and assimilate a mosque within an important Hindu religious pilgrimage. The Mosque here is dedicated to Vavar who is considered a companion of Lord Ayyappa. Every year multitudes of Hindu pilgrims worship at this mosque before they embark on the arduous trek to the holy shrine of Sabarimala Ayappa Swami. There are many legends about Vavar and according to one, Vavar was an Arab commander who was defeated by Lord Ayyappa. Impressed by Vavar's valor, he became Ayappa's close associate and aided him in the wars in the mountainous region. According to belief, Vavar protects devotees who make the difficult trek through the forests to the main temple at the top of the hill that houses the Sabarimala Temple.

The Hindu Vijayanagara Empire's 14th century CE capital of Hampi and its monuments is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Legends and inscriptions speak of Hindu support to the Muslim populace of the kingdom. At Sindhaghatta in Mandya district of Karnataka, the Muslim community did not have a mosque and Babu setti, a local merchant, built a mosque to which the local officer Rangayya Nayaka gifted a village. What is of interest is that the mosque was not built at a site away from a Hindu settlement, but was located amidst villages granted as gifts to learned Brahmins.

Legend has it that Babbaya, a Muslim Fakir, established himself at Penukonda and had a strong following. After the death of the fakir, a dargah was erected, and the grant of Venkata II records the restoration of certain villages originally granted by Vira Narasingha Raya, Sadashiva, and Venkata I, to the dargah of Babayya in Penukonda. Mangammal, a Hindu Nayaka queen made a gift of some villages in 1701-02 CE in Tiruchirapalli to the dargah of Babanatta.

The other contemporaneous dynasty ruling at Deccan was the Muslim Adil Shahis of Bijapur (1489 to 1686). A Farman of Muhammad Adil Shah dated to 1653 CE records a grant made by the ruler to Namdev Vithal, a Brahmin from Mubarakabad. Namdev was the head of Joshis and had approached the ruler for royal favours and the Sultan obliged by granting land at various localities. He also received a tanka (gold coin) from highway and food grains and was also exempt from payment of taxes.

Ibrahim Adil Shah II (1580 CE to 1627 CE) was a great patron of music and is credited with the composition of the book Kitab i Nauras is a book of couplets and verses dedicated to Hindu

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Hanumangarhi Temple, Ayodhya

deities and Muslim saints. What is of interest is that most are dedicated to Saraswati, Ganesh and other Hindu deities. The text begins with an invocation to Goddess Saraswati for her blessings and favors. Descriptions of Lord Ganesh and Lord Shiva have been beautifully described by the Sultan in his compositions.

In the modern epoch of South India, the seventh Nizam of Hyderabad- Mir Osman Ali Khan (ruled from 1911-1948) deserves special mention. He had a liberal outlook toward religion and provided financial assistance and donations to temples and Brahmins in his kingdom. Mir Osman Ali Khan tended to the repair, and maintenance of the conservation of the

Thousand Pillar Temple at Warangal. The Nizam also donated liberally donated to various temples in his dominions.

Turning towards the region of eastern India, in Orissa Salabega occupies a permanent position among the devotional poets of Odisha. He lived in the first half of the 17th century and was the son of the Mughal Subedar. According to folklore, he was held up on his way while returning from Vrindavan to Jagannatha and he prayed earnestly to the Lord to wait for him on the Nandighosha chariot so that he could see his Lord. The Lord waited there and gave darshan to Salabega, his dear devotee on the Bada Danda, near Balagandi. An ardent devotee of Shri Krishna and Jagannath, Salabega devoted his life to composing bhajans, hymns, and devotional songs in praise of the Shri Jagannath and Radha

In Ahom kingdom, the Muslim populace was well assimilated into the Assamese society and the army included many Muslim soldiers and officers who fought against the Mughals. Ismail Siddique, popularly known as Bagh

Hazarika played a significant role in the Battle of Saraighat in 1671. An inscription of Ahom king Lakshmi Singha issued around 1780 CE records a grant in favour of Hazi Anwar Fakir. Ahom king Kamaleswar Singha reconfirmed all earlier grants made by the Mughal and Ahom rulers in favour of Khadim of Hajo Dargah,

In the context of north India, in the erstwhile region of Awadh, in 1855 at the Hanumangarhi temple at Ayodhya conflict arose between the Hindus and the Muslims. Wajid Ali Shah is said to have appointed a Committee to investigate the matter, and the decision went in favour of the Hindus. On learning about an imminent attack on the temple, Wajid Ali Shah ordered a regiment to guard the temple. Other instances include the 250-year-old Hanuman temple of Lucknow which is believed to have been constructed by Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula's mother Alia Begum. The mosque, popularly called as Padain Masjid in Aminabad was built by Rani Jai Kunwar Pandey, a Brahmin as a gift to her close friend - the Begum of Nawab Saadat Ali Khan.

When we try to look at the past from a 21stcentury lens, we will inevitably see Hindus and Muslims as polar opposites. While there are challenges in Hindu-Muslim relations, it would be naive to dismiss the relative social harmony in which the two communities have coexisted in India. As Indians, we must take pride in being a Secular nation and as citizens promote an environment devoid of religious antagonism for the greater good of humanity.

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A SEARCH FOR SELF-FULBILLMENT

Review by NAVIN UPADHYAY

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ashmir has been a favourite destination for moviemakers, writers, and poets. Before the militancy set in and Kashmir became a graveyard of artistic aspirations and dreams, the pristine valley with its sentinels of age-old chinars and fragrant saffron-inspired celluloid fantasy and small screens blockbusters. Its landscaped charms also wooed poets and writers from far and wide.

After the place turned into a theatre of prey and predators, where guns and grenades. death and decay, grief and torture dominated every aspect of living, the valley provided different types of ingredients to fuel artistic aspirations. The stories that came out of Kashmir were now laced with grief, sadness, nostalgia, and longings. Tarannum Riyaz's BIRDS OF THE SNOW

Originally published in Urdu as Barf Aashna Parindey, the book explores the transformative aspect of Kashmir, the rapid urbanization of the valley, and its impact on the people who have grown up hearing: ar Firdaus bar-rue zamin ast, hami asto, hamin asto, hamin astnot (If there is a heaven on earth, it's here, it's here.)

The book deals with the struggle of a sensitive college student Sheba to strike a compromise between her inner yearnings for freedom and the values and norms her family and society expected her to embrace. It's the story of a girl's poignant struggle to overcome the burden of conditioning and traditionality. The story explores our deepest emotions--love, fear, insecurity, and longing in a way that is both evocative and original.

Sheba wishes to be free, just like the birds that she likes observing, but understands the need to live within social con-

ventions and accept life's responsibilities. When Sheba returns to the valley after years spent studying outside, she is struck by a pang of sadness. Tarannum has captured Sheba's feeling in a poignant passage:



The journey to the village has been her favourite journey but today, waves of sadness washed over her mind time and again. She occasionally looked at the reflection of Amki, Baaji, and Farkhanda in the rear-

view mirror. Baaji's husband was driving and no one to talk to anyone."

Passages like this dominate the book, in which the author makes a genuine effort to bring alive the life and time of the

Kashmir valley in her own inimitable style. After reading the book, it'll be easy to understand that Tarannum wrote this story not just to fulfill some personal dreams, but to give voice to tens of thousands of

Shebas who are struggling to discover the meaning of their lives in a fast-changing

In the word of the publisher the Niyogi Books, This deftly translated novel



depicts the changing times in Kashmir, from a rural to more urban life, the impact of modern thinking, and through its portraval of female characters explore their compassion and resolves, as well as their search for self-fulfillment."

The editing part of the book is fine as far as grammar is concerned. But errors on the craft side disrupt the smooth flow of the story. The writing is full of unwanted adverbs, (She walked quickly.... Abbu smiled pleasantly), avoidable exclamations marks, and stilted dialogues. Paragraphs after paragraphs are littered with "hads" and "ing", the two nemeses of literary writ-

ings.

These flaws apart, which are the bane of most English books published in India, BIRDS OF THE SNOW is a poignant story that delves into the human relationship and social and moral values of a strife-torn

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The Trail of Buddha is like a fascinating train journey

Review by RAJ KANWAR

senior officer in the Indian Revenue Service, Deepankar Aron was posted in Hong Kong as a Consul way back in 2012. It was just a happenstance that he Buddha statue standing right next to the Hong Kong Airport that put him "On the Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East". However, his initial inspiration had come three years before when he was on a Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in Tibet in 2009.

Deepankar writes about two octogenarian Japanese pilgrims who had stood with folded hands before an old and dilapidated structure that seemed to be 'sanctum sanctorum of a temple'. It was somewhat surprising that they should have travelled thousands of miles as pilgrims to a non-descript corner of China called Karakhoja. Even more surprising was the fact that one was a Buddhist priest and the other a worshipper of Lord Krishna - the Hindu Lord whose sacred message forms the essence of Bhagavad Gita.

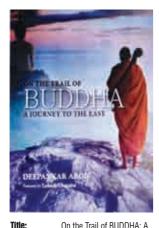
"It is the story of these two unlikely Japanese pilgrims that epitomizes the theme of this Book exploring the richness, depth and breadth of the spiritual, philosophical and cultural linkages that bind India to the East Asian civilizations of China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia," writes Deepankar.

The Book straddles between the various regions of East Asia, from Kashgar in Xinjiang in the West to Koyasan in Japan in the East; from Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia in the North and to Kaohsiung in Taiwan in the South. It is as much about the discovery of a tremendous unity in diversity, as it is about hopping between different time zones separated by 2000 years of history.

SIX CHAPTERS IN THE BOOK

THE BOOK is divided into six chapters for ease of navigation, The first covers the ancient cities along the Silk Road in China that were significantly responsible for the spread of Buddhism from India not only into China but also in much of the East Asia. The second covers the North-South trade axis that connects China with Mongolia. The third one moves from Sichuan in South-Western China to the primordial Kailash Parvat or Kang Rinpoche and the lake, Mansarovar or Mapham Yumtso in Tibet. The fourth moves to the South-Eastern coastal China and Taiwan from Hong Kong to





Deepankar Aron NIYOGI BOOKS Cover Price:

Shanghai touching Hangzhou, Suzhou and Nanjing. It then moves from Taipei to Kaohsiung passing through the city of Tainan, dotted with temples. It is possibly one of the most prosperous regions of China with many modern cities. It is thus not a surprise that most of the grandest and tallest statues of Buddha have come up there in the recent past. The fifth one meanders

inside the calmness of Korea, and

last but not the least comes the land

of the Rising Sun - a place where history, tradition, religion and culture are seen most beautifully preserved. The author also highlights five to 10 representative cities in each of these regions.

Writing a book of such magnitude was not an easy task. Initially the author did not undertake all those journeys with the object of writing a book. However, "a propitious chain of circumstances, made the way from one place to another starting with the longest pilgrimage in the world - KAILASH." He faced numerous challenges such as language, distances, permissions, paucity of time, and resources of course, but luckily all those were sorted out. Interestingly, these journeys were undertaken in all modes of transportation - both animal and mechanized - riding camels, mules and horses; walking and trekking, especially in Tibet. The most exciting of the travelling modes for Deepankar was the high speed trains in Japan, China and Taiwan.

JOURNEY ON SLOW MOVING TRAIN RATHER A BULLET

EMINENT Indian Vedic scholar Prof. Lokesh Chandra is all ecstatic about Deepankar Aron's book "On the Trail of BUDDHA: A Journey to the East". "The Book is fascinating in its flowing diction and minimum of technical details. It celebrates the last two millennia when

the Asian Nations together made the journey of the Mind, serene depths of thought, art, piety confluence in the rapture of the roots," Chandra writes in his Foreword. "The living monasteries in East Asia and the desolation of the ruins in Central Asia due to theistic violence become the fascination of eyes in the evocative narrative of Deepankar. He opens up the immensity of our lost heritage, like the grandeur of Colossi in the Yun-Kang caves that are visive symbols of the majesty of the Avatamsaka tradition, reminiscent of the Bamiyan Buddhas," Prof. Chandra adds.

On the Trail of BUDDHA: A Journey to the East takes the reader on a slow-moving train journey rather a Bullet train. The author has chronicled the spread of Buddhism, as preserved in the traditions of these countries, binding them with India. Though somewhat smaller in size than the standard Coffee Table Book, On the Trail of BUDDHA with its 308 pages illustrated with bountiful photographs indicative of Deepankar's expertise with camera and printed on art paper provides an easy read.

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The art of job-hunting

"JOB SEARCH SECRETS – Master the art of getting the job" co-authored by SUBIR VERMA and SAGARIKA SAHU VERMA has come at the right time as the issue of unemployment has begun to make headlines in the country. Subir works as Chief Human Resource at Tata Power DDL, and Sagarika Sahu Verma is a CEO of an edutech company.

Review by DEEPAK KUMAR JHA

This book is an effort to bring all aspects of job search to one place with various supporting tools to provide complete theory and practice to master the art of searching for a job. Free tools shared in the book can give results in the shortest possible time.

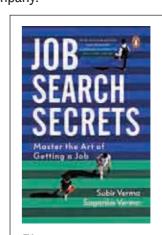
Starting from how to choose the right career, the book covers how to find a hidden job, how to find people who can help in finding job and build long-time relationships with them, what to do to crack campus, virtual and other interviews, salary negotiation, and using social media for the job

Each chapter has practical tips with examples of real students and job aspirants for each one to relate to and use. For each of the areas, free tools exercise has been recommended which anyone can use without any cost seating at home. There is a general perception that you need to relocate to bigger cities to get a job. What about those who cannot relocate themselves? The book has the answer to many such issues faced by candidates and offers solutions.

Use of social media and job portal to find a job and also use them in such way that one can easily get a job of his/her choice has

been lucidly explained in the book," says Dr Sagarika. "Not only what one needs to do, but how to do it, sample script,

how to practice and implement are



Master the art of getting the job Subir Verma and Sagarika Sahu Verma PENGUIN INDIA

what has been shared in details in very simple and easy to understand language", adds Dr Sagarika.

Job seekers have qualifications, skill but they are not to effectively use them during their job search and interview, she

The book talks about the problem of largescale unemployment. India has over five crores of educated unemployed youth. Every year more than 50 lacs of educated youth gets added into the list. Educated youth is frustrated, dejected, and is losing hope. Even professionally qualified youth who have engineering, management, and graduate

degrees are not getting job. The situation is so grim that highly educated people are taking up odd

On the other hand, companies always complain that they are not getting the "right talent". They have vacancies but are not able to hire. When there are crores of educated youth are available, why companies are not able to hire them? Where is the gap? Companies have the resources to hire talent. But crores of youth need help to find employment. The biggest gap is that job seekers search jobs based on what they need rather than what companies want.

"I feel sad when I read in the newspaper that for one vacancy for the post of peon, thousands of people, including highly educated with MBA and Ph.D. degrees as well as engineers, apply. We thought to find a way to help such youth to make them know how they can find a job. This book is an effort to help these educated unemployed youth", Subir told the Pioneer..

Not all jobs are advertised. In fact, more than 50% of jobs are not advertised by companies and they recruit through other channels. Now, students or job seekers are missing half of the available job if they do not know how to reach them.

The book has received excellent responses from not only students, job seekers, and working professionals but also industry senior professionals.

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Indo-Pacific Eco Framework: Concept to strategy

 $T_{\substack{\text{Pacific}}}^{\text{he genesis of the Indo-}}_{\substack{\text{Economic}}}$ Economic Framework can be traced to October 2021, during the East Asia Summit held virtually. At the East Asia Summit, the US President enunciated his plans to unveil a US-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

Following the initial announcement, the Biden administration released an Indo-Pacific Strategy in February 2022, which saw a formal iteration of the IPEF. As such, it bears no surprise to see US President Joe Biden officially launched the IPEF on May 23, 2022, in Tokyo before the QUAD leaders' Summit.

In addition to the four Quad members, leaders from 9 other nations namely Brunei, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam participated virtually. These countries became the founding members of the IPEF initiative making a "baker's dozen". Out of the thirteen participating countries in the IPEF, seven are also part of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). However, three ASEAN countries Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar — have refrained from participating in the IPEF.

The partial overlap of the IPEF with ASEAN reflects that the economic strategy has factored in China. The seven countries in IPEF which have overlapping membership with the ASEAN will help the US and its Quad partners to further consolidate the "ASEAN centrality" principle of the Indo-Pacific strategy.

Both Laos and Cambodia have perhaps been left out due to their proximity to Beijing, while Myanmar has paid the price for a non-democratic political functioning that continues in the country since the military junta grabbed power. That creating competitive structures against China lies at the heart of the IPEF has become clearer with the engagement of Taiwan in a similar bilateral engagement, albeit outside the IPEF.

In many ways, the IPEF is an offshoot of the re-invigorated America's "Pivot to Asia"

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strategy launched in 2011 during the Obama administration. The strategy aimed to relocate the strategic focus of the US from West Asia to the Pacific theatre, primarily because of the competition and threats it faces from China. Besides, it also sought to advance the US' economic and geopolitical interests through wider engagements with the

Asia-Pacific region. The two important constituents of this strategy were the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Indo-Pacific Economic Corridor, However, TPP during the presidency of Donald Trump in 2017 deteriorated the progress made in terms of coalition-building and intensification of geopolitical and geo-economic ties with allies in the Indo-Pacific region.

The "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" strategy released in 2019 during the Trump administration gathered inimical reactions from the allies and partners in the region. It was perceived as a confrontational narrative rather than a regional strategy.

Therefore, the return of a new collective strategy by the the US' withdrawal from the US to collectively compete

with China, at a time when the US dominance on the trade and investment is facing intense competition from Beijing in the region, may be a timely and well-calibrated step to instil fair and principled regional competition which is consistent with climate goals and predictable supply chains. China is the leading trade partner of almost all the IPEF member countries. As such, the IPEF initiative outlines the underlying thrust in building partner coalitions, developing a collective response and preventing the growing Chinese influence in the region.

Broadly, the evolving predicament within the IPEF countries is China using its economic heavyweight for achieving its security and diplomatic goals. The IPEF could present an opportunity for like-minded countries of the Quad to find new and reliable alternatives to their current dependencies on China, especially in trade related infrastructure and supply chains. In particular, for India, which is not part of the China-led Regional Comprehensive Partnership (RCEP) trade agreement, the IPEF might

credible alternative in creating new mechanisms in the Indo-Pacific. India's own FTA being negotiated with ASEAN could be consistent with some of the objectives of the IPEF.

Much of how the IPEF will unravel remains to be seen. The IPEF countries that are already part of some sort of Free Trade Agreements such as CPTPP and RCEP would require "substantial incentives" from the US to diversify their ties from any such already existing arrangements in the region.

Also, the four focus areas of the IPEF: trade, supply emerge as a more reliable and chains, clean energy, decar-

bonisation and infrastructure; tax and anti-corruption need to be implemented and assessed. While executing these focus areas, climate, labour and data localisation standards in the IPEF countries (which are not as per the US standards) might turn out to be prominent

(Vivek Mishra is fellow, Strategic Studies Program, ORF, New Delhi. Mrityunjaya Dubey is a researcher and Senior Assistant member with The Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers affiliated with the Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs) For India, which is not part of the China-led Regional Comprehensive **Partnership** (RCEP) trade agreement, the **IPEF** might emerge as a more reliable and credible alternative in creating new mechanisms in the Indo-Pacific



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PERSPECTIVE -

Hate speeches malign the idea of India

It is high time the Government cracked down on all fringe elements and renewed its focus on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'

The contemptuous and abom-**■** inable remarks of the BJP leaders on Prophet Muhammad unleashed strong reactions not only in India but also in the Islamic countries, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Iran, etc, resulting in calls to ban Indian products.

Though the BJP has strongly denounced the remarks and said that insult to any religious personalities is not permissible, and immediately suspended its leaders from the party's membership for not toeing the official line on sensitive matters, it has become an international issue in no time. However, for consolation, the action taken by the BJP has been welcomed by many Muslim

Provocative speeches are not a new phenomenon in India, irrespective of whether it is Congress regimes or the BJP's. However, the intensity of such communal sledging from both sides has increased during the BJP's regime.

Why did it happen?

The role of the mainstream and social media has been questionable over the last few years as they have often been found adding fuel to the fire. India's splendid past is full of glory and wonders. History develops the ability to avoid mistakes and create better paths for societies. Nevertheless, some of the media houses delve into the history and spoil all its might to prove that rottenness is actually producing high quality of fragrance. The uproar on TV channels on religious lines has mostly been provocative and derogatory. Allowing fringe elements to dis-

versial statements on TV shows with impunity put the anchor's role in question.

The 200 million Indian Muslims who have been living here have opted to live in India in the hope that this country will give them more respect and freedom than the neighbouring Muslim countries. Then the moot point is what purpose the provocative speeches serve.

Although there are some differences between the Muslim aspira-

respect religions and make contro- tions and the BJP's ideology, but these are ideological which is permissible in a healthy democracy. The nation is already facing numerous problems, people themselves are fighting against poverty, environmental degradation, joblessness and various health problems, but some media houses for their vested interest, instead of raising the genuine issues, have deliberately been dividing and creating gulf in society in the name of religion, and this is the greatest obstacle in the way of development.

Possible trade threats

India's overall economy during Mughals was several times more than many European countries which attracted many Europeans to India. It is believed that the only reason of this richness and prosperity was peace and tranquility. However, economic destruction began during the British rule. They divided people along religious lines in order to loot India's resources. People were dying in starvation but the British were busy draining the wealth of India.

The recent reactions from Muslim countries will further damage the Indian economy if no quick remedial action is taken. As per media reports, the Gulf countries account for almost one fifth of India's total trade. For instance, in the year 2020-21 the total value of the goods imported from the GCC countries was worth \$110.73 billion. India imports 40 per cent of crude oil, 18 per cent of petroleum gas and 8 per cent of diamond from the Gulf countries, while it exports 14 per cent of refined petroleum, 8 per cent of jewellery and 7 per cent of rice. In

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cent worth \$111 billion and exports 28 per cent worth \$44 billion. It is noteworthy that the UAE and Saudi Arabia are the third and fourth biggest trade partners of India. The UAE alone is accounted for 6.6 per cent of India's total export, and 7.3 per cent of imports last year touched about \$73 billion. Saudi Arabia on the other hand is accounted for almost 80 per cent of import worth \$34.1 billion and 20 per cent of export worth \$8.75 billion. Other GCC countries trade volumes are: Iraq 34.3 per cent, Qatar 15 per cent, Kuwait 12.2 per cent, Oman 10 per cent and Baĥrain 1.7

other words, India imports 72 per

Gulf countries are well known to

History is evident that peace, broth- be the second home of almost 10 million Indians making it the largest Indian diaspora across the globe and contributing immensely in the foreign reserves of India.

As a matter of fact, India is the largest recipient of the foreign remittances. As per last year's World Bank report, India received \$87 billion foreign remittances in 2021, half of these foreign remittances was sent from just five Gulf countries i.e., UAE 26.9 per cent, Saudi 11.6 per cent, Qatar 6.5 per cent, Kuwait 5.5 per cent and Oman 3 per cent. In view of the emerging trade and cultural ties between India and the Arab world, it shall be disastrous if the differences aggravate further and no

remedial and timely actions taken. It's a well-known fact that India and Arab world have very strong trade and cultural relations for centuries. They believe in coexistence and mutual cooperation. It is the responsibility of the Government of the day to be accountable for both the successes and failures. Hence it is high time for India to work on the immediate corrective measures both internally and externally to fight the true evil of the society i.e hatred, poverty, unemployment, etc, and have proper control on the fringe elements and the media houses that are trying to divide and damage the true spirit of India.

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An artisan prepares eco-friendly idols of god Ganesha for Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Hyderabad on Saturday























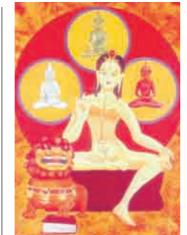




ARIES March 21-April 19

Health-wise, this week will be fabulous. If you are waiting on test results of some kind they are likely to be good results. You'll be calm, relieved and inspired. You are in touch with your spirituality now that this is a great time for you to reach out to others, and to share your wisdom and your joy. Something may be troubling you concerning your professional life. Worrying about your job is not going to help matters. Focus on what you can control, and try to leave your anxiety behind. Be open and straightforward in your approach to work. There are many hassles on personal fronts. Your spouse may have some other priorities in life than your love. This is not a time to act out in rage, instead, look at the situation from a place of love and compassion.

Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Health needs your attention. If there is stress or anxiety and you feel over-burdened due to work, find means to relax. Work with humour, laughter is the best remedy. The stress of work could be neutralized by enjoying yourself and creating a lighter environment. Bring balance in everything that is associated with exercise, way of living, relaxation and your emotional and mental wellbeing. On the career front, you are more successful in performing tasks that involve cooperation and team harmony. You are going to get a great deal accomplished with high spirit in a short period. If you are committed your relations will be more mature and have understanding. Good time to take important decisions related to the relationship. This is the time when you can fuse life in dead relations to make them alive.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Blue Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Health-wise, you find things are going alright up to the satisfaction level. Prosperity, progress and happiness could be enjoyed this week. You are likely to have several clear flashes of important spiritual insights during this time. Share and discuss them with others, you are all on a spiritual journey, and your insights are likely to be valuable to others. Some doubts on the career front become clearer but all is not yet revealed at this point. This week you are focused on your approach. A pleasant surprise may be coming your way soon concerning work. You may come up with some new processes that make your work-life simpler and less stressful. This is the time to stay away from building new relationships. The time is not right for deep bonding and

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you will not compromise on health issues. This is a good thing. You can create order out of chaos by carefully categorizing your thoughts and mapping out what needs to be done to solve the problem. Try to be a little flexible, sensitive and soft in your approach. Career-wise, you have a sharp mind and are ready to take risks. Your professional approach at this time will benefit you. Avoid silly debates otherwise, you will put yourself in a heated argument. You'll find a solution to a recent quarrel but don't let your pride stop you from getting immediate clarification. This is an excellent time for a new relationship. If you're already committed, your relationship may move to new, higher, more fulfilling levels. Your confidence level will

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you need attention and care of your loved ones Any health problems manifesting now may be a result of neglected emotional issues. Create your energy and enthusiasm. Find the most upbeat and spiritually aware person that you know, and talk to him/her about what makes them tick. You will learn helpful things. You may have recently come through a very difficult time on the career front. Just be sure that you don't make the same mistakes which will contribute to the problem. Worrying about your job is not going to help matters. You are not in a mood to tolerate boss order or a higher tone. Patience is the key. You are fully charged with emotions and sentiments. You try to fulfil the demands of loved ones. This is a good time to express feelings if you love someone.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week your medical issues need immediate attention. Remember prevention is better than cure. You may need to change in routine, environment or experiment with different spiritual traditions. Listen to the voice of your body. A grooming personality, smart looks, and good communication skills work wonders for a good career path. To gain confidence, you need to focus on your working style, attitude and your dealings with the people around you. Bring desirable changes if you want that things are not moving as per your requirements. Be a good listener. Co-operation and harmony at the workplace will get you the best results. This week does not predict a sound relationship. You may feel emotionally hurt and broken. Love relationships could be disheartening. Try to sort out the differences and find a solution

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

Working on keeping a balanced perspective about life will help you to stay healthy this week. Moderation is an important part of living a sensible and healthy life. Conservatism and following strict superstitions would not be good. If you suffering from any health issues, consulting a doctor and examining yourself is a must. On the professional front, you are the leader and people will look for your guidance. Focus your attention completely on your goal and be very careful not to reveal any weaknesses or personal doubts. Through willpower and self-control, you will come out with the solutions for tough times. You enjoy the company of friends and relatives. Things should be going well, especially on the love front. You can look forward to at least one pleasant reunion with someone that you have been apart from for some time.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you are very conscious on the health front and devote time to looking after your well-being. From starting good nutrition to exercise, and relaxing to keep yourself away from tension and worries, you know how to restore your health. Every action makes a difference. Think positive remember healthy mind stays in a healthy body and success is guaranteed. On the career front, you need to be alert, agile and patient as you attempt to juggle your family, your friends, work, finances, health and new challenges this week. Priorities your needs and activities and carefully manage your time. Financial constraints may be felt and you find it difficult to start a new venture due to a lack of funds. You feel lucky in matters of the heart. Things are smooth and you enjoy the company of your loved ones.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week brings balance between work & family, body & mind. You are very imaginative and spend a lot of time thinking, dreaming and weaving stories. The desires and passions could increase this week, making you a weak person. Your efficiency may go down. Physical exercise will help you stay grounded. On the career front, things will keep on moving as per your desires giving you much scope and hopes for the future. Be prepared for a surprise. An important project may be assigned to you. You may work for the cause and attain immense satisfaction. You are caring and generous to the needs of your loved ones and devote quite a good time to looking after them. You may feel alone in the later part of the week and may plan something exciting with your loved ones.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Brown **Lucky day** Tuesday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week some external forces are likely to make you tensed in all aspects. You remain mentally upset. You might get worried about health issues too. Trust your instincts and don't fill yourself with negative feelings, don't get upset and restless. Meditation, voga and Pranavam activities would be good for you at this time. Gather your strength and selfconfidence. Professionally, your work will pick up momentum, though, in the beginning, you would be slightly apprehensive and negative. In the later part, you may be all fired up about the issues that you are particularly passionate about. This week if you have set your mind to accomplish your goals you can achieve anything you desire. You will fall short of words to express yourself when it comes to love. True love allows for space between the lovers.

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Some negative forces are at play against you this week. Be cautious of your health. This is a time that you need to watch out for being overworked, overtired, and overstressed Addictions and obsessions could be dominant upon you. Pay attention to diet, exercise, and making time to rest and eat healthy food. Career-wise, a new job opportunity is on the card. If you are trying to switch over or looking for your career to start, this is the time when you are called for. The business person will earn good money this week. This is still a time that calls for financial restraint. Save for the hard days. Be open to new possibilities and stimulate your imagination to allow your talent to unfold. You may end or close up a stale relationship with the one you loved.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week is a good time in terms of your health, charm and personality. You are in an entertaining mood and spend time socializing. This will prove to be refreshing, rejuvenating and gives you hopes and dreams. Joy and celebrations are on the cards. Career-wise, this week is mixed with positive and negative energies. You have both mental and physical agility. Anticipation makes you an avid learner and an excellent student. Your sharpened skills would motivate you to perform exceptionally well. You will experience sudden personal growth if you use your energies for something meaningful. This is a good time for you in terms of a relationship. If you're already committed, be sure that your communication is as clear as it can be. Ensure to take some

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Wednesday

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strology, like any other discipline has general rules for analysing a horoscope. The paradox, however, is that every individual is born unique, each carrying varying desire and mind trends as well as future potentialities. Even twins born within few minutes are found exhibiting diametrically opposite characters. That makes it difficult to blindly apply the law of average while reading a chart. So, more often than not reading an astrological chart becomes a puzzle.

Late Shri K S Krishnamurti, following a detailed research during mid twentieth century, came out with startling revelation, which made things easy for the astrologers. He found that instead of looking at the sign placement of planets as applied by the traditional astrology, its three coordinates when seen in togetherness - the sign, nakshatra and its further subdivisions into 9 unequal segments, as applied in working out dasha system - will offer the right lead. He also discovered that the sub-lord of the house-cusp signifying a particular matter under consideration would help figure out its potential with clarity. Here again, instead of paying attention to just the house under consideration, other related houses should also be looked into. For instance, in case of marriage, apart from the 7th house, 2nd and 11th houses too need to be taken into account. For, 2nd house signifies addition to family and 11th house is marked with fulfilment of desires. In case of career, the 2nd (income), 6th (success over competitors), 10th (job prospects) and 11th houses should be looked into. Based on his findings he developed a system of significators of different houses, to figure out the timing of events. Having applied this system for more than three decades, I found that this system offers indications with a fair amount of precision. Even working on this system, reading some charts prove baffling, especially in terms of timing of events.

Here is the case of a girl whose marriage got unduly delayed. With Mars conjunct Saturn in the lagna, it was clear that marriage would not happen before attaining 30 years, and it will not come about easy. When she entered her 35th hear, the parents were

Adapt fresh methods proven by research for clear lead Ketu and Mercury. In such a situation KP system suggests having a look at the rulings planets from the chart drawn at the moment of consultation to figure out the probable dasha combination most suited to the event.



worried. So was I. For, I was not able to give them a clear answer. That made me work out afresh. The 7th cusp was ruled by Venus as the sign lord, Sun as the nakshatra lord, and Mercury as the sub-lord. Mercury the

11th lord signifying fulfilment of desire was conjunct the Sun and Venus, and so her marriage was promised. The significators of 2nd, 7th and 11th houses worked out were Mars, Jupiter, Venus, Rahu, Moon,

Usually, the lagna sign and nakshatra lords; Moon sign and nakshatra lords; and day lord are taken as ruling planets. The ruling planets help eliminate unworkable planets from the list of significators.

I drew a ruling planets chart on September 6, 2020 at 13:48:50 hours at Delhi. The ruling planets emerged as Sun as day lord, Jupiter as lagna sign lord, Ketu as nakshatra lord of lagna as well as Moon sign, and Mars as the Moon sign lord. Ketu by its placement represented Jupiter. The girl was running Saturn antardasha during Moon dasha. Saturn neither appears as a significator or a ruling planet. So, marriage during that period was ruled out. That will be successively followed by Mercury and Ketu antardasha. Apparently, it indicated marriage during Ketu antardasha. What struck me at that moment that Fortuna when

progressed one degree for a year

became exactly trine to Mars, the lagna lord, implying that her fortune was looking up. So, the marriage should happen within a year. But Mercury did not apparently appear as a ruling planet. That drew my attention Rahu, Moon's sub-lord, which represented Mercury by its sign placement. Also 7th sub-lord of the ruling planet chart was Mercury. Now Mars was conjunct Moon, and also aspected Venus, so the they were also taken as ruling planets. Accordingly, I fixed up Moon dasha, Mercury antardasha, Jupiter pratyantara, and Venus shookshma running between 20th and 31st January 2022 as the probable time of marriage. She got married on 24th January 2022.

To sum up, astrologer should analyse every chart with an open mind, without any preconditioning whatsoever, and then his experience and intuitive sense will provide him with the right lead.

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