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Now, Tripura surprise: New CM before polls

State BJP prez Manik replaces Biplab Deb as Chief Minister

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

About a year ahead of the Assembly polls in Tripura, the BJP on Saturday elected its State president Dr Manik Saha, a dentist, as the new Chief Minister in place of Biplab Kumar Deb, who, in a surprise move, was asked to put in his papers by the party's central leadership.

Increasing factional fighting in the State BJP and dissent against Deb were among the major reasons for his ouster. Deb had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda here on Thursday. Elections to the 60-member Tripura Assembly will be held early next year.

Saha was elected as the BJP legislature party leader in the presence of central observers Bhupender Yadav and Vinod Tawde. But it wasn't a smooth affair. As Deb proposed the 69-year-old Saha's name in the meeting, Minister Ram Prasad Paul protested, which led to a scuffle among the MLAs.



BJP leader Manik Saha meets Tripura Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya to stake claim to form the government, at Raj Bhavan in Agartala. Former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb is also seen

Sources said Paul, who wanted Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, a member of the erstwhile Tripura royal family, as Deb's successor also broke a few chairs before the situation was calmed.

Saha later met the Governor at Raj Bhavan and submitted the claim to form the Government with a letter of support from the party legisla-

tors. Saha promised to continue working for the State as well as the BJP.

"Our chemistry (of Saha and Deb) is strong. Earlier also, I worked for the party and will continue to do it," Saha said. The decision was taken hours after Deb, who was the CM for four years, tendered his resignation to Governor S N Arya, saying that the party

wants him to "work to strengthen the organisation" and that there is a "need to bring the party to power again."

"I did my best," said the outgoing Chief Minister and stressed that he would work for the party and that "Biplab Deb can fit in anywhere."

Deb could again be made State BJP chief.

19 still missing, death toll in Mundka inferno set to rise

Charred remains recovered on Sat, Kejriwal orders magisterial probe

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Nineteen people are still said to be missing, a day after a massive blaze snuffed out 27 lives at a commercial building in West Delhi's Mundka area. Of the 27 bodies, the authorities have managed to identify only eight people. A top fire official said that the death toll may rise as charred remains were recovered from the second floor of the building on Saturday morning. It is suspected that the death count may climb beyond 27.

The administration is also clueless about the whereabouts of those missing since the incident. According to police, of the 21 women and six men missing, eight of them have been identified.

During the search by the fire department on Saturday morning, some charred remains were also found.

"We have found charred remains and it is difficult to ascertain whether they are of one person or more. Initial investigation suggests an explosion in an air-conditioner may



Security personnel and civil defence officials at the site, as NDRF personnel carry out rescue and relief work after a massive fire at an office building near the Mundka Metro Station, in West Delhi on Saturday

have triggered the fire," said Atul Garg, the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Service (DFS).

The fire was so intense that out of 27 people killed in inferno only eight have been identified by police. The deceased have been identified as Tania Bhushan, Mohini Pal, Yashoda Devi, Ranju Devi, Vishal, Drishti, Kailash Jyani and Amit Jyani. The identity of the rest 19 bodies is yet to be discovered.

The father and son duo - Kailash Jyani and Amit Jyani - had come here at the compa-

ny for a motivational lecture on the second floor.

Police said that they have initiated the DNA process for those dead bodies which cannot be presently identified.

According to a list released by the district magistrate of West Delhi, the injured have been identified as Satish (38), Pradeep (36), Ashu (22), Harjeet (23), Nitin (24), Avinash (29), Sandhya (22), Dhanvanti (21), Bimla (43), Ayesha (24) and Mamta (52).

Following the incident, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal ordered a magisterial enquiry into the matter.

"It is a very unfortunate incident and a magisterial enquiry has been ordered. We will not spare anyone, whoever is responsible for the incident. Two brothers have been arrested so far, said Kejriwal.

The Chief Minister also announced to provide an ex-gratia relief of Rs 10 lakh each to the kin of the deceased while the injured will be given Rs 50,000 per person by the Delhi Government.

CAPSULE

SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN ZAYED IS UAE PRESIDENT
Dubai: Rulers in the United Arab Emirates announced Saturday that they unanimously appointed Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the president of this hereditarily ruled nation on the Arabian Peninsula.

MARATHI ACTRESS HELD FOR FACEBOOK POST
Mumbai: The Navi Mumbai Police on Saturday arrested Marathi actress Ketaki Chitale for sharing a "derogative" Facebook post against Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

PFI, SDPI ARE TERRORIST OUTFITS, SAYS KERALA HC
Kochi: A judge of the Kerala High Court said in his verdict that the SDPI and the PFI are terrorist organisations and it is a widely known fact. Justice K Haripal termed these bodies as terrorist outfits while dismissing a petition filed by Arshika, widow of RSS activist Sanjith who was murdered by SDPI/PFI extremists, to transfer of the probe from the State Police.

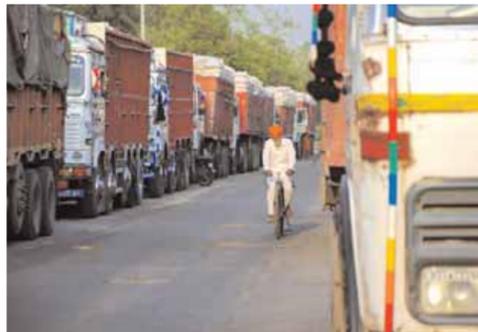
India bans wheat export to rein in inflation soaring to 7.79% in April

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India, the world's second largest producer of wheat after China, has banned wheat exports with immediate effect saying it is part of its steps to control the price surge at home, manage the overall food security of the country and support the needs of the neighbouring and other vulnerable countries. The decision is contrary to India's big export plans, especially against the backdrop of an affected global supply chain due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Further, the Government is under pressure to rein in inflation that surged to 7.79 per cent in April.

Incidentally, the decision also comes just a day after the Government even announced to send trade delegations to nine countries "for exploring possibilities of boosting wheat exports from India".

"The export policy of wheat is prohibited with immediate effect," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification on Friday. However, the export shipments for which irrevocable letters of credit (LOC) have been issued on or before the date of this notification will be allowed, the DGFT



Trucks loaded with sacks of wheat stand at a wholesale grain market in Amritsar on Saturday

stated. It also clarified that wheat exports will be allowed on the basis of permission granted by the Government of India to other countries to meet their food security needs and based on the request of their Governments.

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G7 slams India's no export call; India says will fulfil promises

New Delhi: Agriculture Ministers from the Group of Seven industrialised nations on Saturday condemned India's decision to ban unapproved wheat exports after the country was hit by a punishing heatwave.

Hours after G7's reaction against export ban, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted, "Wheat stocks are comfortable. Decision to restrict wheat exports taken with focus on India's food security, ensuring affordable foodgrain and to combat market speculation. India, a reliable supplier will fulfil all commitments including needs of neighbours and vulnerable countries."

Rahul, Priyanka names pitched for 'chief' job at Chintan Shivir

PNS ■ UDAIPUR/NEW DELHI

The issue of a regular full-time Congress president continued to mark its presence on Saturday at the ongoing Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir of the party with its different factions "unofficially" and separately pitching the names of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for the top job before the media on the sidelines of the deliberations.

Officially, though, the party in its internal meetings chose to sidestep the issue. In a meeting of AICC general secretaries, PCC presidents and legislature party leaders over the party's mass contact programmes, sources said a discussion cropped up about the immediate concern of leadership crisis.

A section of leaders appeared to be pitching for a different candidate and another wanted to bring back Rahul Gandhi to lead the party,



Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi with party leader Rahul Gandhi and others during a meeting on day 2 of the party's 'Nav Sankalp Shivir', in Udaipur

sources said adding there is likely to be a collective demand on the concluding day of the Shivir to bring the former Congress president back at the helm of affairs, officially.

Rahul called for planning Jan Jagran Abhiyan action plan.

Punjab Cong ex-prez Sunil Jhakar quits party

Chandigarh: Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jhakar on Saturday announced his decision to quit the party which had last month removed him from all positions.

China not to host 2023 AFC Asian Cup amid Covid surge

PTI ■ KUALA LUMPUR

China will not host the AFC Asian Cup final round next year in view of the surging COVID-19 cases in the country, the continent's football governing body said on Saturday.

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said it has been officially informed by the Chinese association that it would not be able to host the continental showpiece next year. "Following extensive discussions with the Chinese Football Association, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has been officially informed by the CFA that it would not be able to host the AFC Asian Cup 2023," the AFC said in a statement.

China were named as hosts of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup in June 2019, at the AFC Extraordinary Congress in Paris. The 24-team competition was to be hosted across 10 Chinese cities from June 16 to July 16 next year.



"The AFC acknowledges the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the relinquishment by China PR of its hosting rights," the AFC said.

The Indian team is vying for a place in the 2023 AFC Asian Cup and will feature in the final qualifying round to be held in Kolkata next month.

The AFC said it worked closely with the CFA and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) during the preparations and several milestones were achieved, including the launch of the tournament logo

and the unveiling of the newly completed Shanghai Pudong Football Stadium last year.

"The AFC appreciates that China PR, the CFA and the AFC Asian Cup China 2023 LOC have made this very difficult but necessary decision in the collective interests...Which has also provided the AFC the required time to assess the situation regarding the hosting of the AFC Asian Cup 2023."

The AFC said it will continue to work closely with its commercial partners and stakeholders to chart out the future course of action.

CBI books 3 persons for IPL betting

New Delhi: The CBI has booked a network of individuals engaged in Indian Premier League (IPL) betting since 2013 in collusion with a Pakistani operator.

The agency has named one accused from Delhi — Dileep Kumar of B-9/200, Sector 5, Rohini — besides two individuals from Hyderabad — Gurrām Satish and Gurrām Vasu. "A reliable information has been received about a network of individuals involved in cricket betting influencing outcome of IPL matches based on inputs received from Pakistan," reads the FIR.

It further said, "In the garb of betting related to IPL matches, they are cheating the general public by inducing them for betting. For this purpose, they have opened bank accounts using fake identities and KYC documents in connivance with unknown bank officials."

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3 cops shot dead by black buck poachers in MP, 1 shooter killed

CM announces ₹1 crore each to kin of deceased

PNS ■ BHOPAL

Three police personnel were shot dead by black buck poachers in Saga Barkheda village of Aron region in Guna district in Madhya Pradesh late on Friday night. One accused Naushad was killed in the same encounter, while another criminal Shahjad Khan was gunned down in another encounter with cops on Saturday afternoon.

The incident occurred under the precincts of Aron police station, when the policemen had gone to nab the poachers after receiving a tip-off.

The deceased have been identified as Sub-inspector Rajkumar Jatav, 27 and constables, Neeraj Bhargava, 38, and Santram Meena, 27.

Soon after the information reached Bhopal, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan conducted a high-level meeting at around 10 am and gave directives to take stern action against the culprits. By the afternoon, the police and administration had identified all the accused that were from nearby villages and bulldozed the houses of two of them.

Inspector general of Gwalior Anil Sharma has been removed from the post, as he had not



reached the scene of crime even after 12 hours. He has been replaced by D Srinivas Varma. Ironically, Varma was posted as Gwalior IG few months ago, but due to strong opposition by a Union Minister, he was not allowed to join and under pressure, Amil Sharma was posted there.

China, Pakistan to visit India to take part in SCO anti-terror meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan and China will take part in an anti-terrorism meeting here next week under the aegis of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Despite tension between the two countries, an Indian delegation had also participated in a similar meeting in Pakistan last year.

The upcoming meeting scheduled from May 16 to 19 will see a Pakistan delegation coming to India for the first time after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took over last month. Pakistan also appointed a Minister (Trade) at its High Commission here recently after a gap of more than three years thereby signalling some positive movement in ties between the two countries. Leaders and officials of India and China have also participated in the SCO meets even as stand-offs persist at LAC for last two years.

NEP to be implemented in U'khand from July 1- Rawat

PNS ■ PAURI

The State's Higher Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat said that the National Education Policy (NEP) will be implemented in the state from July 1 this year. Uttarakhand will become the first state in the nation to implement the new NEP. He said that the syllabus from primary to secondary classes is being prepared according to this education policy. He further said that the State government is going to make smart classes in 12,000 schools. The Union government has said that education should also be on the basis of traditional Indian knowledge. The minister was speaking at a conference of the junior high

school teachers association, Pauri late on Friday evening.

Rawat said that many teachers are performing their duties in an excellent manner, which was ascertained during inspections. A function will be organised to facilitate such teachers from primary to secondary level to further motivate such teachers. He said that guest teachers will be appointed to posts of lecturers till the vacant posts are filled by the commission. Further, alternate arrangements will be made to resolve the shortage of assistant teachers. Rawat said that the state has 34 per cent female teachers, many of whom also

need to go on maternity leave. An alternative arrangement will be made so that the students do not suffer during the maternity leave of the teachers. The minister said that additional budget will be provided to every school from primary to secondary level for sports and library. In addition to this, facilities will be provided to enable the children to learn Garhwali, Kumaoni or Jaunsari language as per their choice. Local MLA Raj Kumar Pori, additional director of secondary education Mahavir Bisht, association president Jai Chand Arya and others were present on the occasion.

Last rites of Swami Muktanand held

PNS ■ HARIDWAR



The last rites of the treasurer and founding member of Patanjali Yogpeeth Trust, Swami Muktanand were held at Kankhal here on Saturday. He expired following a cardiac failure late on Friday night. Yoga guru Swami Ramdev, his aide Acharya Balkrishna and other members of the religious fraternity were also present during the last rites.

said that his life was full of Muktanand's treatments. "He was our patron and was living a sanyasi's life in the real sense. I am considered the highest in our organisation but I considered Swami Muktanand to be senior most. His affection and blessings can never be forgotten," said Ramdev.

Balkrishna said that Muktanand was like a father, mother and friend to him.

Juna Akhada Acharya Mahamandaleshwar, Avadheshanand Giri, Swami Chidanand of Parmarth Niketan, Panchayati Udasin Akhada Pramukh Mahant Raghu Muni and Mahanirvani Panchayati Akhada secretary Mahant Ravindra Puri along with various other members of the religious fraternity were also present on the occasion.

Remembering him, Ramdev



'Badman' recalls struggles & achievements with students

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Tula's Institute hosted a talk show with noted actor Gulshan Grover on Saturday during which the thespian shared anecdotes from his life and motivated the students to work hard to achieve their dreams.

tions. All this could only be achieved through education."

Sharing an anecdote from his childhood, he said, "When I was a school student, my father faced some difficulties in his career. There was a phase when

industry's 'Badman', my life journey has been full of ups and downs. My motive behind sharing this story is to inspire you all so that you work hard in life and achieve unprecedented success."



Grover said, "I belonged to an average and financially weak family. My late father always taught me and my siblings to rise above all our problems and fulfill our dreams and ambi-

I had to sell detergent door to door, in order to pay for my tuition fees. From working as a detergent salesman at a young age to making my way through Bollywood and becoming the

Executive director of Tula's Institute, Silky Jain Marwah thanked Grover for sharing stories and anecdotes of his life while also inspiring the institute students on the occasion.

Mountains may become like Delhi in a few decades- Chandra Bhushan

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The rising heat in Himalayan States like Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh is a cause for serious concern. Stating this, noted environmentalist Chandra Bhushan said that the situation may get out of hand in the future if necessary steps are not taken immediately. If constructions continue at this pace, the mountainous regions will have conditions like Delhi in a couple of decades. He said this in an online interaction with Anoop Nautiyal of SDC Foundation.

heat wave days in Himalayan States, he said that during April, there were 21 such days in Himachal Pradesh and four in Uttarakhand. He explained that a heat day is when the temperature rises above 30 degrees Celsius in the mountains and 40 degrees Celsius in the plains. A heat day is also when the temperature rises 4.5 degrees Celsius to 6.5 degrees Celsius above the normal. He further observed that the condition of Dehradun has completely changed now. Till some years ago even fans were not really needed in Dehradun but now many people start using air conditioners in April itself. The number of heat days has increased in all Himalayan states during the past 10 years, he added.

Bhushan said that forest fires also have a major role in the rising number of heat days in

Uttarakhand. He said that about 10-15 years ago, about 150 forest fire incidents used to take place in the state during a year while now this number is upto four thousand in a year. On the other hand, heat wave also contributes in increasing the number of forest fires. Expressing concern at the axing of a large number of trees in the name of development, he said that the temperature in general is lower in cities which have more trees. He also opined that building concrete homes instead of the traditional buildings in mountainous areas is also a wrong practice. If constructions in mountainous areas continue at this pace, such areas will be like Delhi in a few decades. The carrying capacity and ecology of pilgrimage centres should also be considered during the Char Dham Yatra, he added.



Youngsters from Dharchula practice Yoga during river rafting training organised in Nainital by the KMVN as part of CM border area development programme on Saturday

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Temperature set to rise in Doon today

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With the brief rainy spell over in most parts of the State, the temperature has been on the rise especially in the plains. According to the weather forecast, the temperature in the provisional State capital

respectively on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Didihat received about 14.5 millimetres of rain while Agastyamuni received 19 millimetres of rain on Saturday. The maximum and



Dehradun may inch closer to 40 degrees Celsius on Sunday. The State meteorological centre has forecast the likelihood of dry weather prevailing in the districts on Sunday. The surface winds are likely to be strong and gusty during the day time at isolated places. Dehradun is forecast to experience mainly clear skies with the maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be about 39 degrees Celsius and 24 degrees Celsius

minimum temperatures recorded in various parts of the State on Saturday were 38.5 degrees Celsius and 23.7 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 39 degrees Celsius and 24 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 27.4 degrees Celsius and 14.6 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 27.2 degrees Celsius and 17.4 degrees Celsius respectively in New Tehri.

Staff team defeats students in basketball match

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Asian School held a basketball match between the staff and students of the outgoing class XII batch. The school principal Ruchi Pradhan Datta presided over as the chief guest.



The staff got the ball and also managed to defeat the students' team. Ronit Rawat from the students' team was adjudged the best player of the match. The school director Gaganjyot Juneja, director

(Academics) Anant V D Thapliyal along with the staff and school students were also present on the occasion.

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Salvation comment by BJP leader attracts condemnation

BJP leader Shadab Shams said that pilgrims dying in Yatra believe they are attaining Moksha

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A statement made by the State spokesman of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shadab Shams on the deaths of pilgrims in the Char Dham Yatra stirred a hornet's nest on Saturday with the opposition parties launching a scathing attack on the BJP for the comment. Shams on Saturday had said that pilgrims come here with such faith that they think

that even if they die during the pilgrimage, they will attain salvation (Moksha). It is pertinent to mention here that 27 pilgrims have died so far during the Char Dham Yatra. The state government is getting cornered in various quarters for these deaths and questions are being raised on the arrangements made by the government for the Char Dham pilgrims.

Taking strong exception to the statement of the BJP leader Shams, the spokesperson of Uttarakhand Congress Garima Dasuani said that it appears that the BJP leaders have lost their mind. She said that it is clear that Shams is making such an absurd comment to protect the image of his government which is getting dented by the gross mismanage-

ment and failure to make adequate preparation for the Char Dham Yatra. "If he believes that the people dying in the Yatra are attaining salvation then I would suggest to Shams that he too should go for Haj Yatra and attain Moksha," she said.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has also strongly reacted to the purported statement of Shams. The media in-charge of the party Amit Joshi said that the statement of Shams is highly deplorable and is an insult to

the followers of Hinduism. He said that pilgrims are dying in the Yatra due to the mismanagement and lack of medical facilities but Shams has put the onus of deaths of the pilgrims on them only which is not at all acceptable. He said that the statement of Shams has exposed the mindset of the ruling BJP. "The BJP spokesman should seek apology for his statement from the pilgrims and the people of the state. He should seek forgiveness from the souls of those who have died in the Yatra," he said.

I have been misquoted, says Shams

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The State spokesman of BJP, Shadab Shams has clarified that he was quoted out of context and he has never said that the pilgrims dying during the Yatra are attaining salvation. Talking to The Pioneer, the BJP leader said that while putting his views in a news portal on the deaths of pilgrims he said that only those pilgrims have died who were suffering from the high BP or those having long Covid which reduces their lung capacity. He further said that the state government has issued an advisory to the pilgrims that those suffering from these diseases should not come to the Yatra but many pilgrims are hiding their diseases at the health posts. "When we got in touch with these pilgrims, they said that their belief is very strong and if they die in Yatra they will attain Moksha," he said.

Shams further said that he has been misquoted and would request all pilgrims to take the advisory seriously and not hide their diseases.

Treatment of fractures starts in Kedarnath shrine

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The pilgrims getting injured or having fractured bones would now be treated in the Kedarnath shrine. The health and education minister Dhan Singh Rawat inaugurated the digital X-ray and laboratory at the residence of Rudraprayag district magistrate on Saturday. This facility would be provided by the Six Sigma and Star foundation in the Kedarnath shrine. Speaking on the occasion, Rawat said that the Six Sigma High Altitude medical service team is providing high quality medical facilities to the pilgrims in the Char Dham Yatra. He said that the state government is making every possible effort to ensure that every health facility is provided to the pilgrims. The minister heaped praises on the personnel of Six Sigma and Star

foundation for providing services to the pilgrims.

The Rudraprayag MLA Bharat Chaudhary said that the medical facilities in Kedarnath shrine have improved a lot after the disaster of 2013 and the credit for this goes to the team of Six Sigma. He said that availability of better medical facilities has resulted in an increase in the number of pilgrims in Kedarnath.

The Kedarnath MLA Shaila Rani Rawat also praised the services being provided in Kedarnath and assured that every possible support would be provided to the medical team.

The Managing Director of Six Sigma high altitude medical service Dr Pradeep Bhardwaj said a team of 130 doctors is working in Kedarnath. He said that the X-ray machine and laboratory has been installed in Kedarnath and it would help the pilgrims who get injured during the Yatra.

The founder of Star Foundation Dr Samir Bhati said that the initiative is taken under the 'Star Healthy India mission'.

"Health minister inaugurates the digital X ray machine & Lab"

Traditional fairs represent culture, heritage & spirituality- CM Dhamsi

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The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhamsi has said that the traditional fairs represent our culture, spirituality and customs and they should be

Uttarakhand one of the best states of the country. He said that the state is moving forward on the path of development by taking everyone along. Dhamsi



protected. The CM participated in a programme organised on the occasion of the Bhadrachal fair in the Bhadrachal temple here on Saturday.

He said that in the earlier times the Fairs used to be the meeting points for the people.

The CM said that Uttarakhand is an important state in terms of tourism and spirituality and the state is moving forward in every sector under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that every possible effort is being made to provide every possible facility to the pilgrims in the Char Dham Yatra. Dhamsi asserted that the state government is committed to make

said that the state government has taken a decision to provide three LPG cylinders free every year to 1.84 lakh Antyodaya families.

The CM offered prayers at the temple and took part in the famous Fair. He announced that the Bhadrachal fair would be provided a grant equivalent to what is provided to any government fair. Dhamsi said that the approval for the metaling of the Doodhli- Digoli motor road would be given in this financial year.

Cabinet minister Ganesh Joshi, chairman of Mussoorie Nagar Palika Anuj Gupta and others were present on the occasion.

Bear kills another bear in Tehri village farm

PNS ■ NEW TEHRI

A clash that broke out between two bears resulted in the death of one Himalayan black bear in a farm land of Palas village in Chamba area of Tehri district on Friday night. The male bear estimated to be aged about eight years lost his life in this struggle. The Forest department recovered the body of the deceased bear and burnt it after the post-mortem conducted on Saturday.

Ranger of Sakalana forest division, Pramod Pandey said

villagers shouted and drove away the bears. On Saturday morning, the villagers were going to their fields when they found one bear dead in the fields.

The villagers informed the Forest department personnel who reached the spot. Veterinary officer Abhishek Painyuli conducted the post-mortem of the body and after which the Forest department team burnt the carcass. The ranger said the bear had died due to injuries sustained in a



that the incident took place late on Friday night when villagers saw a clash between two bears in the fields of Palas village. On hearing the commotion, the

fight with another bear. Injury marks made by the claws of another bear were found on the neck of the deceased bear.



With tourists thronging the usual popular picnic spots in Dehradun to seek relief from the heat, many like these two men are making their way to private resorts to enjoy cool waters away from the crowds

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24 new cases of Covid-19 reported in U'khand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The state health department of Uttarakhand reported 24 new patients of the Covid-19 in the state on Saturday. Death of no patient was reported in the state on the day. The authorities also declared four patients cured from the disease on the day. The department has so far detected 92,611 new cases of the disease from January 1 this year till date. A total of 88,984 patients have recovered from the disease so far in this year while 275 patients have died in the state since January 1 this year. The recovery percentage of the disease was at 96.08 per cent on Saturday. The positivity rate of



the disease was reported at 1.06 per cent on the day. The health department reported ten new patients from Dehradun, four

each from Almora, Haridwar and Nainital and one each from Rudraprayag and Udham Singh Nagar on Saturday.

The number of active patients of Covid-19 in the state mounted to 108 on Saturday. Dehradun with 64 cases is at the top of the table of active cases while Haridwar has 14 and Nainital 13 active cases of the disease. Bageshwar, Chamoli, Champawat and Pithoragarh now have no active cases of the disease. In the ongoing vaccination drive 16,595 people were vaccinated in 1046 sessions in the state held on Saturday.



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NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 25th March, 2022

S.O. 2104 (E).- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railway (Northern Railway, Construction Organization), number S.O. 287 (E) Dated 29.12.2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification) under sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land of 05 villages i.e. Jatol, Banehra Khas, Majri, Diwalheri, Dunichandpur specified in the schedule annexed to the said notification for the execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project, namely "Deoband-Roorkee New Rail Line" in District of Saharanpur in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

And whereas the substance of the said notification was published in daily local newspapers "Dainik Jagran and Amar ujala" dated 03.02.2022 and English local newspaper "The Pioneer, The Tribune" dated 03.02.2022 under sub-section (4) of section 20A of the said Act. And whereas no objections have been received in the office of competent authority, Now, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20E of the Railway Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the Schedule annexed here shall be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

And further in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule annexed here shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE (20E)
DEOBAND ROORKEE NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

Table with columns: Sl. No, NAME OF DISTRICT, NAME OF TEHSIL, NAME OF VILLAGE, KHATA NO., KHASRA NO., TYPE OF LAND, NAME OF LAND, AREA HECT., NAME OF LAND OWNER. Contains 15 entries for various villages in Saharanpur.

NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 25th March, 2022

S.O. 2105(E).- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railway (Northern Railway, Construction Organization), number S.O. 286 (E) Dated 29.12.2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification) under sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land of 05 villages i.e. Noorpur Ander Hadood, Deoband Baroon Hadood, Deoband Mazbata Patdoyam Ander Hadood, Asadpur Kranjli, Rajpur urf Rampur specified in the schedule annexed to the said notification for the execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project, namely "Deoband-Roorkee New Rail Line" in District of Saharanpur in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

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New Delhi, the 25th March, 2022

S.O.2106(E). - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railway (Northern Railway, Construction Organization), number S.O. 288 (A) Dated 7th January, 2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) Dated 20th January 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification) under sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for the execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project, namely "Deoband-Roorkee New Rail Line" in District of Hardwar in the State of Uttarakhand.

And whereas the substance of the said notification was published in daily Hindi local newspapers "Hindustan" and "Amar Ujala" English local newspapers "The Pioneer" and "The Tribune" dated the 03rd February, 2022, under sub-section (4) of section 20A of the said Act.

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent authority, And, whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government.

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20E of the Railway Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the Schedule annexed here shall be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

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Schedule

Details of land to be acquired with or without structure falling within the proposed Special Railway Project of Deoband-Roorkee (New Line) in the state of Uttarakhand (for approach of Bridge No. 79-A)

Table with columns: Sl. No, NAME OF DISTRICT, NAME OF TEHSIL, NAME OF VILLAGE, KHASRA NO., TYPE OF LAND, Nature of land, AREA HECT., NAME OF LAND OWNER. Contains 48 entries for various villages in Haridwar.

NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 25th March, 2022

S.O. 2107(E). - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railway (Northern Railway, Construction Organization), number S.O. 289 (A) Dated 7th January, 2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) Dated 20th January 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification) under sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for the execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project, namely "Deoband-Roorkee New Rail Line" in District of Hardwar in the State of Uttarakhand.

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Wheat export ban to help control prices, regulate trade: Comm Secy

'Adequate food available in Govt stocks, private stocks'



New Delhi: Asserting that there is no wheat supply crisis in the country, Commerce Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam on Saturday said the government's decision to ban wheat exports will help in controlling rising domestic prices and meeting the food requirement of India's neighbours and vulnerable countries.

The government has banned wheat exports with immediate effect. However, the export shipments for which irrevocable letters of credit (LoC) have been issued on or before the date of this notification will be allowed.

Subrahmanyam said that the decision was taken at the right time. "There is no dramatic fall in production. I do not think there is a crisis which needs to be imagined. There is adequate food available in gov-

ernment stocks and private stocks," he said while addressing a joint press briefing along with counterparts in the departments of food and agriculture. Explaining the rationale behind the decision, the commerce secretary said the primary goal was to put a "check on inflation."

"So, what is the purpose of this order. What it is doing is in the name of prohibition - we are directing the wheat trade in a certain direction. We do not want the wheat to go in an

gone up in some parts of the country by about 40 per cent.

The government is also committed to ensuring the food security of neighbours and vulnerable countries.

"So, we have kept the window open for (our) neighbours. We have also kept the window open for a large number of vulnerable countries if their governments do make such requests," he added.

The secretary highlighted that the country has exported 7 million tonnes of wheat during the last fiscal, out of which about 50 per cent were shipped to Bangladesh.

Talking about the current fiscal 2022-23, he said as per estimates, 4.3 million tonnes of wheat have been contracted for exports so far.

Out of this, 1.2 million tonnes have already been exported in April and May, and another 1.1 million tonnes are expected to be shipped, he said, adding "if you have a valid order - irrevocable letters of credit - that contract will be honoured. So, India's credibility as a reliable supplier is maintained."

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Govt sets up committee to boost cruise tourism

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Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Saturday said the government has set up a high-level committee to create an enabling eco-system for the development of cruise tourism in the country.

The committee comprises government officials and cruise industry players.

Sonowal on Saturday inaugurated the first two-day International Cruise Conference being held here.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the event, the minister said the government aims to make India the most attractive cruise tourism destination and the industry the world's largest one in the world.

The Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways also informed that the government has set up a Task Force under the Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and the Shipping secretary as its vice-chairman.

The high-level committee will assist the Task Force with its ideas and suggestions to the committee, he said.

"I declare the constitution of a High-level committee

comprising both government officials and national and international industry players. It will assist the Taskforce and give it ideas and suggestions," Sonowal told reporters.

Emphasising that the purpose of the international conference is to make India a cruise tourism hub, the minister said the government will provide whatever modern infrastructure is required to attain the objective.

He also expressed hope that the state governments will also play their role in the promotion of the industry, which is seeing demand coming back after being hit during the pandemic.

"India is going to be the most attractive destination of cruise tourism, and there is no doubt about it because whatever potential we have in the coastal areas and inland waterways are now set to be explored. It is still untapped. So, we will explore it with our most modern infrastructure," Sonowal said.

India aims to increase cruise passenger traffic from 0.4 million at present to 4 million. The economic potential of

cruise tourism is expected to go up from USD 110 million to USD 5.5 billion in the years to come, according to an official release.

To boost the cruise tourism industry in the country, the government has taken several initiatives, including infrastructure up-gradation, rationalisation of port fees, removing ousting charges, granting priority berthing to cruise ships, and providing e-visa facilities, among others, the release added.

Upgradation and modernisation are being carried out at seven major ports in the country, including the flagship New International Cruise terminal coming up in Mumbai with a total cost of about Rs 495 crore.

Sonowal asserted that the Indian cruise market has the potential to grow 10 folds over the next decade, driven by rising demand and disposable incomes. "The government realises this potential and is determined to position India as a global cruise hub with state-of-art infrastructure for both ocean and river cruises," he said.

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UK delays ban on 'buy one get one free' junk food deals

London: Rules banning multi-buy deals on foods and drinks high in fat, salt, or sugar (HFSS), including buy-one-get-one free (BOGOF), three for two and free refills for sugary soft drinks, will be delayed for a year, the UK government said on Saturday.

The plan had been unveiled in December 2020 to be enforced by April this year as part of a wider anti-obesity health drive.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) said the delay to restrictions on multi-buy deals will allow the government to review and monitor the impact of the restrictions on the cost of living in light of an unprecedented global economic situation.

"Pausing restrictions on deals like buy one get one free will allow us to understand its impact on consumers in light of an unprecedented global economic situation," said UK Public Health Minister Maggie Throup. "We're committed to doing everything we can to help people live healthier lives," she said.

The restrictions banning HFSS adverts on TV before 9 pm.

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Sri Lanka to receive 65,000MT of urea from India for paddy cultivation

Colombo: India has assured Sri Lanka to immediately supply 65,000 metric tonnes of urea to avoid any disruption in paddy cultivation in this country, as it faces the worst economic crisis in its post-independence history.

High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi Milinda Moragoda met with the Secretary of the Department of Fertilisers Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi in New Delhi on Thursday to discuss the supply of urea required for the current Yala cultivation season in Sri Lanka, according to media reports here on Saturday.

Moragoda thanked Chaturvedi for India's decision to supply 65,000 MT of urea required for the current Yala cultivation season in Sri Lanka, the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi said in a message.

The Government of India has decided to supply this quantity of urea immediately to Sri Lanka at the request of the Government of Sri Lanka, despite a ban on export of urea from India, the Sri Lankan High Commission said in a statement.

High Commissioner Moragoda thanked Secretary Chaturvedi for his personal involvement in arranging necessary approvals and logistics to supply 65,000 metric tonnes of urea to Sri Lanka in consultation with the High Commissioner of India in Colombo Gopal Baglay.

In response, Chaturvedi said that his Department is always ready to support Sri



Lanka in keeping with India's 'neighbourhood first' policy, and that the Department is making arrangements to ship the required quantity of urea from the nearest port to Sri Lanka through a State Company coming under his purview.

The High Commissioner and the Secretary also discussed ways and means to ensure the continuous supply of chemical fertiliser from India to Sri Lanka under the existing credit line and beyond.

India has committed more than USD 3 billion to debt-ridden Sri Lanka in loans, credit lines and credit swaps since January this year.

Yala is the season of paddy cultivation in Sri Lanka that lasts between May and August.

Sri Lanka is aiming to boost its agriculture sector to avoid any disruption in the agriculture market following

There are mountains to climb: Air India CEO-designate Campbell Wilson

New Delhi: Campbell Wilson has termed his appointment as Air India CEO and MD as a fantastic opportunity to lead a historic airline and mentioned that there are "mountains to climb" in his new stint.

Wilson is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Airlines' wholly-owned subsidiary Scoot Air.

Singapore Airlines (SIA) is a joint venture partner of Tata Group in full service carrier Vistara.

On Thursday, Tata Sons had announced the appointment of Wilson as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Air India.

In a communique sent to Scoot employees on Friday, he said, "This afternoon I informed the executive team and your union leaders of my resignation from Scoot and the SIA Group."

He said it was by no means an easy decision to leave and SIA was his first professional job and has been his home for the last 26 years.

Wilson noted that across three continents, six countries and more than 12 roles, SIA has accorded him many more opportunities and experiences than he could ever have dreamed of.

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Flour millers' association RFMFI welcomes Government's decision to ban wheat exports

New Delhi: Flour millers' association RFMFI on Saturday welcomed the government's decision to ban wheat exports, saying this will prevent "unnecessary panic" in the market regarding domestic supply and also help in controlling any price rise.

Roller Flour Millers Federation of India (RFMFI) President Anjani Aggarwal said the association had written to the government to regulate exports. "It is a very good decision by the Government at this stage, as this will prevent unnecessary panic in the country about wheat supply and prices."

He said the wheat production in the 2021-22 crop year, ending June, is likely to decline at 95-98 million tonnes.

"The country would have to import wheat after a few months if exports were not banned," Aggarwal said.

He said the prices of wheat and wheat flour will be stable now.

Atta (loose) prices are ruling at Rs 26-28 per kg, while packaged Atta prices stood at Rs 28-30 per kg.

"The prices of atta could have risen to Rs 40 per kg or even more. Prices will stabilise now," he said, while justifying

the government's decision.

India has banned wheat exports with immediate effect, as part of measures to control rising domestic prices, according to an official notification.

However, the export shipments for which irrevocable letters of credit (LoC) have been issued on or before the date of this notification will be allowed, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification dated May 13.

"The export policy of wheat is prohibited with immediate effect," the DGFT said.

The government has revised downwards the estimate for wheat production by 5.7 per cent to 105 million tonnes in the 2021-22 crop year ending June, from the earlier projection of 111.32 million tonnes, as the crop productivity has been affected due to the early onset of summer.

India's wheat production stood at 109.59 million tonnes in the 2020-21 crop year (July-June).

The country exported 7 million tonnes of wheat during the last fiscal. India was looking to export 10 million tonnes of wheat this fiscal year on rising global demand amid war between Russia and Ukraine.

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Restriction on agri exports 'indirect tax' on farmers: Bharat Krishak Samaj

New Delhi: Farmers' body Bharat Krishak Samaj (BKS) on Saturday said that restrictions on exports of agricultural produce are an "indirect tax" on farmers as they are unable to benefit from rising global commodity prices.

Reacting to the government's decision to ban wheat exports, Bharat Krishak Samaj Chairman Ajay Vir Jhakar tweeted "Restriction on agricultural exports are an indirect tax on farmers in countries where imposed."

Farmgate prices get subdued by policy and farmers are unable to benefit from rising commodity prices while having to pay higher input costs, he observed.

"This is a #HumanRights issue," Jhakar tweeted.

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Bharat Krishak Samaj (BKS) is one of India's leading non-partisan farmers' organisations that is an advocate for farmer prosperity along with healthy, sustainable, inclusive and equitable food systems that benefit farmers and consumers.

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- इस संपत्ति की नीलामी 'जहां है वही' के आधार पर छत्तीसगढ़ भू-राजस्व संहिता 4959 की धारा 146 एवं 147 के प्रावधानों के तहत की जायेगी।
- नीलामी उद्घोषणा जारी होने की दिनांक तक, संपत्ति पर किसी अन्य शासकीय विभाग, अर्धशासकीय विभाग, वित्तीय संस्था अथवा बैंक वित्तीय संस्था अथवा किसी अन्य कोई अथवा किसी अन्य कोई अधिकार अथवा कोई दावा अथवा दावा है।
- नीलामी में भाग लेने के इच्छुक बोलीदार को 'वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी वृत्त तीन दुर्ग' के पक्ष में आवेदनित मूल्य की लगभग 10 प्रतिशत राशि अर्थात् लगभग 8,86,704/ का पे आर्डर/डीडी, घरोहर राशि के रूप में नीलामी आरंभ होने के पूर्व जमा करना आवश्यक होगा।
- प्रत्येक बोलीदार को नीलामी के पूर्व में भाग लेने हेतु उक्त घरोहर राशि के साथ, पहचान पत्र, (पासपोर्ट), ड्रायविंग लाइसेंस, वोटर आई.डी. कार्ड, आधार कार्ड में से एक) एवं पेन कार्ड की वर प्रमाणित छायाप्रति के साथ, उनके द्वारा नीलामी की शर्त स्वीकार है, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र सलमन करना होगा।
- यूनियन तीन बोलीदार होने पर ही नीलामी की कार्यवाही आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नियम व शर्तों के अधीन, पूर्णरूपेण सही एवं सार्वजनिक बोली लगाने वाले को सफल घोषित किया जायेगा अन्य बोलीदार की जमा की गई घरोहर राशि नीलामी के बाद बिना ब्याज के वापस कर दी जायेगी।
- सफल बोलीदार को विक्रय मूल्य का 25 प्रतिशत का न्यूनतम, पे आर्डर/डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से, तत्काल (या निर्दिष्टानुसार) वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी वृत्त तीन दुर्ग के पक्ष में करना होगा, घरोहर राशि इसमें समाविष्ट की जायेगी। नियत समय के भीतर संपत्ति जमा न करने पर घरोहर राशि जफ्त कर ली जायेगी। संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की पुष्टि होने पर व अधिकतम बोली लगाने वाले को सफल बोलीदार मानकर उक्त संपत्ति हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय लिया जाता है तो, सफल बोलीदार को विक्रय मूल्य का शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि निर्णय के 15 दिवस के भीतर जमा करना होगा। अन्यथा पूर्व में जमा 25 प्रतिशत राशि जफ्त कर ली जायेगी एवं उक्त संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- किसी विवाद की स्थिति में नीलामीकर्ता का निर्णय अंतिम एवं सर्वमान्य होगा।

GatiShakti Sanchar portal launched; legal backing for RoW by Dec: Min

New Delhi: Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday launched GatiShakti Sanchar portal that will centralise and speed up approvals for laying of fibre and tower installations, boosting upcoming 5G roll out, and said a legal backing for the Right of Way (RoW) will be in place by December.

The GatiShakti Sanchar portal will facilitate centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals.

An online platform for the industry to apply for RoW approvals as they build telecom infrastructure, including for 5G services, the GatiShakti Sanchar portal offers a unified, integrated, centralised approach covering all states and UTs, and central government ministries.

For players, it promises to reduce the days involved in get-



ting stipulated permissions, lower costs, and facilitate ease of doing business.

Launching the portal, Vaishnaw asserted the need for legal provisions for Right of Way, and promised that a strong legal backing will be put in place by December this year.

Put simply, the RoW rules on setting up of telecom towers and cable laying, offer a frame-

work for giving approvals, settling of disputes, and facilitates coordination between industry and various agencies.

At present, the RoW rules are based on administrative process, and a strong legal backing is required to empower local officials, bring clarity on the fee structure, and fix accountability, Vaishnaw explained.

"That will be our next step. Moreover, all the portals that are there, especially Gati Shakti portal, railway portal, highway portal, and others...Integration of those...We will be working on these two technological and legal aspects," Vaishnaw said.

Work has started on these two fronts already, and the integration of portals is expected in the next 3-4 months while the timelines for providing legal backing is December-end.

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Future Retail's Chief Financial Officer Toshniwal resigns

New Delhi: Debt-ridden Future Retail's Chief Financial Officer C P Toshniwal has resigned from the company, effective May 12.

Toshniwal's resignation is the recent addition to the string of resignations that started after the Rs 24,713-crore deal was called off last month by the billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries after creditors voted against it.

Last week, Future Retail's Managing Director Rakesh Biyani stepped down, while officials including the company secretary of the debt-ridden firm tendered resignation.

"C P Toshniwal - Chief Financial Officer of the Company has resigned with effect from the closure of busi-

ness hours of May 12, 2022. Consequent to the same, he shall also cease to be a 'Key Managerial Personnel' (KMP) of the Company," FRL said in a regulatory filing.

FRL, a flagship firm of the Kishore Biyani-led Future Group, now faces an insolvency petition filed by its lenders before the National Company Law Tribunal as it has committed defaults.

FRL was part of the 19 companies which were supposed to be transferred to Reliance Retail as part of a Rs 24,713-crore deal announced in August 2020.

The deal was called off by the billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries last month.

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NTPC's 20 MW solar capacity at Kawas begins commercial op

New Delhi: State-owned power giant NTPC on Saturday announced the beginning of commercial operation of the first part capacity of 20 MW out of 56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project in Gujarat.

"Consequent upon successful commissioning, the first part capacity of 20 MW out of 56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project at Kawas, Gujarat, is

declared on Commercial Operation from 00:00 Hrs of May 14, 2022," a BSE filing said.

With this, the standalone installed and commercial capacity of NTPC has reached 54,616.68 MW.

Further, the NTPC group installed and commercial capacity has touched 68,981.68 and 68,321.68 MW, respectively.

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Shipping Corporation Q4 net profit jumps 77.42% to ₹152.16 crore

New Delhi: Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) on Saturday reported a 77.42 per cent jump in its consolidated net profit to Rs 152.16 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2022.

The state-owned company had clocked a consolidated profit of Rs 85.76 crore in the same quarter of 2020-21, it said in a regulatory filing.

Its total consolidated income rose to Rs 1,364.62



crore during the quarter under review against Rs 900.73 crore

in the year-ago period.

Total expenses also increased to Rs 1,223.76 crore during the quarter compared to Rs 838.57 crore a year ago.

For FY22, the company reported a consolidated profit of Rs 865.22 crore. It had recorded a profit of Rs 696.9 crore in 2020-21. In March last year, the government received multiple bids for the privatisation of the Shipping Corporation of India.

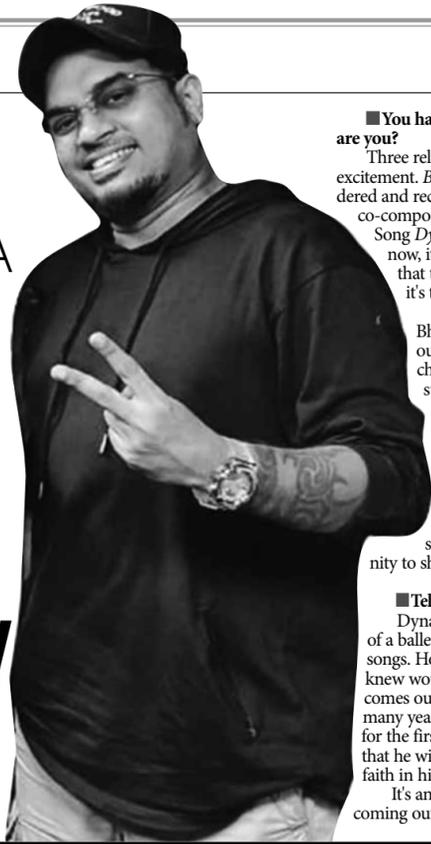
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talktime

GOUROV DASGUPTA

The music composer, who has worked predominantly in Bollywood for popular films like Cash 2021 and Enemy, speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his latest songs, his experience, upcoming projects among other things

'I AM SUPER EXCITED FOR MY NEW RELEASES'



■ You have three releases back to back. How excited are you?

Three releases back to back is a lot of pressure and lot of excitement. *Buhe Bariyan* is a folk song but it's been rendered and recreated beautifully along with Shruti Rane, who co-composed with me. It is written by Kunwar Juneja. Song *Dynamite* is very close to my heart for a long time now, it was supposed to go for a film but I just felt that this song needs to be out in a big way because it's the biggest club track that I have ever made.

I couldn't be more grateful to Vinod Bhanushali and Hitz music for putting the song out with Dhvani Bhanushali and giving me a chance. They shot an amazing video for it. I am super excited for this one. Another song *Tutt Gaya*, is also very close to me is a ballet which is my personal favourite.

It's beautifully written by Kunwar Juneja and is sung by Stebin Ben. This was also supposed to go for a film, but am glad that it is coming out as a single.

I am very excited to showcase different sides of me. As a composer, it's a huge opportunity to show my versatility.

■ Tell us something about *Dynamite* and *Tutt Gaya*.

Dynamite is definitely a bomb of a song. I am more of a ballet person and I don't really make too many club songs. Howbeit, this is one of my special songs, which I knew would change a lot of things around when it comes out. This is a song which has been close to me for many years now. When I played it for Vinod Bhanushali for the first time, he fell in love with it and promised me that he will do something massive with it. I just had that faith in him, and voila!

It's an amazing video and I am super excited it's coming out on Hitz music. Probably my biggest club track



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ever and one of the biggest chartbuster this year. *Tutt Gaya* is kind of a similar story. I held on to this song for long time, lot of people wanted the song, this was also supposed to be a part of the film, but again something told me to hold on and give it to the right people and I am glad Saregama is putting it out. They are the best label to work with. Sung by Stebin Ben, written by Kunwar Juneja and beautifully shot by Aditya Dutt, it is very close to my heart and it's a lovely ballet.

■ How was it working with Dhvani Bhanushali and Kanika Kapoor?

Dhvani is very hard working and talented. She has done an amazing job in *Dynamite*. It looked like the universe is waiting for her to sing it and it just came in together. I am very proud of her. Kanika, is of course, a veteran. We have worked closely before and she is no less. She has done a magic in *Buhe Bariyan*.

■ What genre of music do you enjoy composing?

Personally, I am more of a ballet kind of a guy. I love making love songs, ballets and I think I am pretty good at it. My last year releases like *tere do naina*, *sayonee* and even film stuff like *anjagam*, *ishq namaza*, *humdum* are my comfort zone. Once in a while like throwing a bomb like

■ What are your upcoming projects?

I am working on new songs. The idea is to work on new, interesting sound and have a couple of amazing writers working with me. I have an amazing team of musicians who support what I do and that's the reason why I am blessed and the whole idea is to change the sound skill. There are a few upcoming projects but I can't talk about it right now. Most of them are releasing in the end of the year and next year.

Plan Your Day

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and touched.

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skill up to work as a nail technician?

What: Theatre & Arts
Where: Online
When: May 15, 2022
Time: 7 pm

Sound of music



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

Bollywood vibes

- Dafa Kar (A R Rahman)
- Saamna (Akasa)
- Mast Nazron Se (Rochak Kohli)
- Kya Kar Diya (Vishal Mishra)
- Macha Macha Re (Mika Singh)

English Vinglish

- Psychofreak (Camila Cabello)
- Seven Bridge Road (Jake Bugg)
- Wings Of Stone (Adam Levine)
- FREE (John Legend)
- Crazy (Doechii)

ADD A LITTLE GLAM FOR GOOD

A bouquet of flowers has the ability to quickly brighten up a space. Dried flowers and grass are a great way to bring nature into your house and to give a fresh look. Here are a few innovative ideas to dazzle up your living area

Dried grass and flowers have been professionally resurrected and are making a fashion comeback. Fresh flower bouquets have been efficiently traded for dried grasses and flowers by innovators. Despite the fact that dried flowers and grass are technically dead, they are still gorgeous and may lend a lovely and vintage touch to a little space in your home.

Repurposing, recycling, and do-it-yourself are at their apex with dried flowers. They're ideal for repurposing old items. On the other hand, even the most gorgeous bouquets fade with time. So, even if your favourite floral arrangements have started to droop, how can you keep enjoying them?

One of the most therapeutic activities is redecorating homes. It necessitates not just thorough planning, but also creative thinking and inventive concepts. Flowers are the first option that comes to mind for individuals looking to enhance their living spaces and create a lively mood. Fresh flowers offer color and aroma to a room, but they have a short shelf life. Dried flowers, on the other hand, are a fantastic option. They guarantee that your property will have a very trendy appearance! You can choose between a handful or a whole bouquet of dried flowers that have been elegantly packed. They are the finest alternative for redesigning the inside of your home because of their variety of hues and reasonable price range. One of the most therapeutic activities is redecorating homes. It necessitates not just thorough planning, but also creative thinking and inventive concepts. Flowers are the first option that comes to mind for individuals looking to enhance their living spaces and create a lively mood. Fresh flowers offer color and aroma to a room, but they have a short shelf life. Dried flowers, on the other hand, are a fantastic option. They guarantee that your property will have a very trendy appearance! You can choose between a handful or a whole bouquet of dried flowers that have been elegantly packed. They are the finest alternative for redesigning the inside of your home because of their variety of hues and reasonable price range.



Dried grass could surely add a lovely touch to the decor of your warm living area. It comes in a wide range of sizes and colors, including

neutrals, nudes, and browns, as well as vibrant hues like ruby pink, pineapple yellow, and blue. It gives your home a natural, earthy appeal. Following a theme and blending colorful dried flowers with delicate pampas grass tones, or vice versa will substantially enhance the look and feel of your living spaces. These products can be regarded as go-to alternatives when it comes to refurbishing the interiors of your home and enhancing its décor, due to their low



prices and elegant appearance. The popularity of dried flowers and grasses has increased dramatically in recent years. They've gained demand among flower lovers as well as interior design enthusiasts. One reason is that they are durable and have a long lifespan. If properly cared for, dried flowers can survive for years, making them an excellent choice for individuals who prefer a low-maintenance solution. To care for them, keep them dry, away from

direct sunshine, and free of dust. Plants such as pampas have also become particularly popular on social media platforms especially on Instagram, as dried grass and flowers look aesthetic and have decorative appeal.

Dried grass and flowers can bring nature to your living space. With a 'more-is-more' attitude toward indoor flowers and plants in our houses, Lockdown spawned a craze for trying to bring the outside in. But indoor plants require high maintenance and special attention which is not possible every time. While artificial flowers no longer conjure visions of plastic, cheap-looking stems resting on your grandmother's bathroom windowsill. Now the only option left is dried grass and flowers. They are appealing and lovely, can be maintained easily and also have a longer shelf life. Dried bouquets are more cost-effective (since they last a year or longer), eco-friendly, and add a natural atmosphere to the home when nature feels out of reach.

A bouquet of flowers has the ability to quickly brighten up a space. However, having bunches of blossoms has one unavoidable consequence: they will eventually wilt. While this may make you think twice about keeping flowers in your house, there is another way to appreciate their beauty. Dried flowers and grass are a great way to bring nature into your house and to give a fresh look. As the seasons change, a bouquet of dried flowers adds motion and depth to a room while also inviting nature in. It's critical to distinguish dried flowers from pressed flowers, which are manufactured by pressing fresh blossoms that haven't yet wilted (under a stack of books, for instance). Flowers that have faded but are still in their recognized forms are referred to as dried flowers.

— Ashima Singla, Founder, CEO, Whispering Homes

QUIRKY TALE

Hitting a new milestone

It was a double celebration for &TV's cult-comedy show *Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai!* The show completed not only the 1800-episode milestone but also its producer Sanjay Kohli was honoured by the World Book of Records, London, for their matchless contribution to producing an entertaining comedy serial with great humour. The epic comedy show continues to entertain its audience with its rib-ticking characters and tracks, and these two milestones are a testament to the show's immense popularity. Kohli said: "I am thankful to the World Book of Records, London, for honouring me for contributing to the entertainment industry. I dedicate this recognition to my entire Edit II team & all who have contributed to our journey."



Gear up for groovy moves

Over the last three decades, Zee TV has been a pioneer in shaping the contours of reality television in India, introducing audiences to homegrown non-fiction formats like *Antakshari*, *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*, *Dance India Dance*, and *India's Best Dramebaaz*. After receiving an overwhelming response to the previous three seasons that introduced audiences to some truly exceptional talent and giving a chance to all the ladies of becoming a *Super Mom*, the channel is all set to launch the 3rd edition of its non-fictional property – *DID Super Moms*. Bollywood choreographer Remo D'Souza will be seen in the seats of the judge as he will give them a chance to exhibit their talent and create a name of their own in the world of dance.



Grab your popcorn for the ultimate movie marathon

She is a super star who is epitome of grace, she is an iconic dancing diva, she's the official *Dhak Dhak Girl*, she's 101 per cent *shuddh* entertainer, she's Madhuri Dixit! The supremely talented actor has given us many super hit movies and continues to entertain the masses till date. Celebrating the actress' birthday with an infectious smile, Zee Bollywood - 101 per cent *Shuddh* Bollywood channel will have a day-long movie festival called 'Dhak Dhak Day'. The channel is bringing *ek, do, teen, chaar, paanch...* blockbuster films in this special movie marathon dedicated to the actress. Get set to watch some of her greatest films only on Zee Bollywood on May 15.



The movie marathon will kickstart with the mass entertainer *Dil* on at 7:30am. Next in line at 11:00 am, we have the romantic film *Aarzo* that also features Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan. Next up in the movie bonanza, there is *Beta* at 1:00pm.

Catch the sundown special *Khalnayak* at 4:45pm. Increasing the entertainment meter up a notch, we bring in the *dhuandaar jodi* of Anil Kapoor and Jackie Shroff along with Madhuri Dixit that'll absolutely take this birthday celebration to another level. One is filled with sanity and love while the other brother is driven with vengeance, the classic film, *Ram Laxman* takes you on a journey filled with action and romance. Tune-in at 8 pm to witness the magic of Madhuri in *Ram Laxman*.

"Adoption of digital transactions by end customers provides a unique chance for lenders" says Rishabh Goel

When Benjamin Franklin said, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today", he obviously didn't hear about 'Buy Now, Pay Later.' BNPL is well on its way to becoming a way of life for the young consumer, who is wary of credit cards, or lacks the credit worthiness to qualify for one, and prefers the visibility and flexibility provided by BNPL offerings.



According to Credgenics, a digital debt collection platform, India's BNPL industry is expected to grow over ten-fold within four years as tens of millions of online shoppers take interest-free credit with fewer hassles.

The last couple of years have seen a growing number of Fintech companies offering lines of credit to young spenders seeking short term, smaller ticket loans to purchase small ticket items, which they hope to repay fast. Unfortunately, this process isn't as simple as it sounds. Because, unlike credit cards which offer a single point of contact (the card issuing bank), BNPL schemes involve an NBFC providing a loan, while the Fintech company provides the interface – that's two different players for one short term consumer loan.

"The higher adoption of digital transactions by end customers during the pandemic provides a unique opportunity for lenders to leverage tech advancements in this space. Credgenics enables completely digitised loan collections process including communications along with a digital payment platform to deliver a seamless experience for end customers," says Rishabh Goel, CEO and Co-Founder, Credgenics.

Masterstroke



Spring Collection 2022, is the luxury marbles sourced from the cream of the crop at Antolini, Italy that is a rage all over the world among enthusiasts for their natural stone processing. Look out for natural stones that are sourced from premium quarries — some of the best in the country — and boast a lustrous finish. The collection sticks to classics, which matches the brand ethos. What you can explore are marble flooring inlays that match your style. Expect to find marbles that can heighten the glamour of your floors or walls. The showcase here is designed to cater to plush residences, hotels, showrooms and even shopping malls. That apart, one can also look out for the onyx section. These slabs are well-liked as they add a dramatic element and make sure there's no monotony in the interiors. You can find a variety of onyx slabs for special projects with a specific minimum requirement. These stones, manufactured as per the industry standards, are not only resilient and one-of-a-kind but come in several shades and designs. Also, fancy granite countertops? Choose the best for your kitchen from slabs that include over 150 colours and varieties. Don't forget to check out the quartz, which is enjoying great popularity among enthusiasts at the moment because of its beauty and durability. Architects prefer it for the beautiful finish as well. Don't forget to check out their Statuario Rosso and Botanic Green collections as well, inspired by the beauty of florals and nature.

I spoke to him and he is not retiring. He was disappointed with his performance and that's why he might have put out that tweet. But he has deleted it and he is definitely not retiring

CSK CEO on Rayudu tweet

Russell takes KKR to 177 for 6

PTI ■ PUNE

Umran Malik was back in his groove after a few forgettable outings as he ran through Kolkata Knight Riders top-order before Andre Russell's counter-attacking unbeaten 49 took his side to a fighting 177 for 6 against Sunrisers Hyderabad in a must-win IPL game on Saturday.

It was Russell (49 not out off 28 balls) along with Sam Billings (34 off 29 balls), who added 63 runs for the sixth wicket to give the total a semblance of respectability after KKR were in trouble at 94 for 5.

KKR added 58 runs in the last five overs, mainly due to Russell as he hit three sixes off three full-tosses bowled by off-break bowler Washington Sundar (0/40 in 4 overs).

Malik (3/33 in 4 overs), who had gone for 120-odd runs in his last 10 overs (across 3 games) and that too wicketless, was back in his element as he bowled fast and straight to get rid of Nitish Rana (26 off 16 balls), Ajinkya Rahane (28 off 23 balls) and skipper Shreyas Iyer (15 off 9 balls) in his first two overs to peg back KKR.

He did get good support from T Natarajan (1/43), who nailed the block-hole deliveries with perfection, getting rid of Rinku Singh (5), who missed out on taking review although it would have counted for little.

Venkatesh Iyer's "second season blues" continued as he chopped one from Marco Jansen (1/30 in 4 overs) onto the stumps.

As far as Rahane is concerned, he has



well past his IPL sell-by date and even three sixes couldn't hide the fact that he played a lot of dot balls and once he started cramping, it became even more difficult to rotate the strike.

Finally he was out when he slashed hard at a wide rising delivery and Shashank Singh at 22-

er cover fence maintained perfect body balance in a side on position to lurch on to the catch.

The KKR batting finally looked good when Russell and Billings took the attack back to the opposition camp with some big blows after initial period of struggle.

While the Jamaican had three fours and four sixes to his name, Billings, on his part, hit three fours and one maximum.

Towards the end of the innings, wily Bhuvneshwar bowled his change-ups to lessen Russell's scoring areas as he had an impressive 13 dot balls in his entire spell.

GT eye top-2 finish with win over out-of-reckoning CSK

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Their play-offs berth already secured, high-flying Gujarat Titans would look for nothing less than a win to ensure a top-2 finish when they take on out-of-reckoning Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League match here on Sunday.

Under the brilliant leadership of Hardik Pandya, GT rose above expectations to book their play-offs berth with two matches in hand.

GT are currently at the top of the table with 18 points from 12 games and a win on Sunday will more or less secure them a top-2 finish, which means they will get an extra chance of making it to the final.

Lying at the second-last spot, defending champions CSK are out of the competition and will play for pride in their remaining two games.

While GT ensured their play-offs berth after a comprehensive 62-run win over Lucknow Super Giants, CSK slumped to a five-wicket loss against Mumbai Indians.

Young opener Shubman Gill, skipper Hardik, David Miller, Wriddhiman Saha and Rahul Tewatia have been GT's batting mainstay throughout the season and they would be hoping to carry on in the same vein.

The credit for GT's phenomenal run in their opening season



largely goes to their ability to fight back from adverse situations.

But of late, GT's batting unit has misfired and Hardik would be looking for some consistent performances from his batters.

In their last match, only Gill (63 not out) made a substantial score and batted through the innings to take GT to a modest 144 for 4, which they defended with ease. The GT team management would also be hoping for Hardik, Miller and Tewatia to return among runs.

But GT's main strength is their potent bowling attack, comprising world-class bowlers like Mohammed Shami, Lockie Ferguson and Rashid Khan.

Shami, the team's highest taker with 16 scalps, has been lethal upfront, while Ferguson's ability to generate pace is a cause of concern for any batting line-up.

Rashid too has got his mojo back after a slow start, scalping four wickets in the last match and when on song, he can tear apart any batting line-up.

Yash Dayal too has been among wickets but his economy is a cause of concern, while R Sai Kishore has complemented Rashid perfectly in his first game.

GT's main recipe for success has been a considerably mellowed down Hardik, who seems to be relishing the responsibility of captaincy. CSK, meanwhile, have endured a nightmarish season with nothing working for them from the start.

MS Dhoni's decision to hand over captaincy to Ravindra Jadeja backfired as the all-rounder never looked in his comfort zone with the responsibility, forcing him to return the leadership mantle to the talismanic stumper.

Rohit, Pant, Rahul, Bumrah to be rested for SA series; Dhawan, Pandya in line for captaincy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Many seniors including captain Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul are all set to be rested for the upcoming five-match T20 series against South Africa, with an eye on the marquee tour of England in July.

Besides, the national selection committee is also set to excuse Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant from the engagements against the Proteas.

It is understood that veteran opener Shikhar Dhawan and all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who has impressed one and all with his captaincy for Gujarat Titans in IPL-15, are in reckoning for the leadership role for both South Africa and the short two-match T20I series against Ireland.

The T20 rubber against the Proteas will start in the national capital on June 9 with the remaining matches being held at Cuttack, Visakhapatnam, Rajkot and Bengaluru respectively.

The squad for the SA series is likely to be selected on May 22 -- the last day of the league phase of this edition of IPL -- in Mumbai.

The PTI has already reported that an out-of-form Virat Kohli will also be given a much-needed break but it is understood that for the selectors as well as the BCCI, the tour of England starting early July is paramount.

"All the senior India players will get at least three and half weeks of complete rest. Rohit, Virat, KL, Rishabh and Jasprit will all directly go to England for the 'fifth Test' following the white-ball



series. We need all our key players to remain fresh for the England series," a senior BCCI source privy to the development told PTI on the

condition of anonymity. As a part of workload management, all the senior all-format players will not be part of the next

seven T20 Internationals.

Asked about captaincy, the source said: "The selectors have a couple of choices. Shikhar Dhawan, as he has already captained India in absence of Virat, Rohit and Rahul during last year's Sri Lanka series.

But Hardik Pandya's impressive captaincy for Gujarat Titans hasn't gone unnoticed. So it will be a close call," he added.

While Umran Malik has generated considerable excitement with his 150 kmph plus pace, there is a feeling that he is too raw and time with the India A team could help him develop better.

While he remains in the mix with death overs specialist Arshdeep Singh, the man who is emerging as a 'Dark Horse' is Lucknow Super Giants' left-arm

Mohsin Khan. "Our pace bowling department is set and selectors might not experiment too much," he said.

But yes, Mohsin has impressed almost everyone with his pace, bounce and swing in this edition. He does have a chance.

Having said that, not ruling out Umran or Arshdeep either, but Mohsin might just be slightly ahead," he added.

It is understood that most of the players who recently played in the T20 series against Sri Lanka and the West Indies are set to be retained irrespective of their current IPL form. Obviously Suryakumar Yadav or Ravindra Jadeja's injury needs to be factored in and Deepak Chahar will also not be available.

India finish second in shooting at Deaflympics



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India wrapped up their shooting assignment at the 24th Deaflympics in Caxais do Sul, Brazil, by finishing in second place with three gold and two bronze medals.

Only Ukraine finished ahead of the 10-strong Indian contingent, with six gold and an overall tally of 12 medals. It was a commendable performance by the Indian shooters in ensuring the country's best-ever performance at Deaflympics.

India currently ranks eighth on the medals table with seven gold, one silver and four bronze medals.

This is the first time an Indian shooting team has participated at the Deaflympics on the initiative of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

An elated NRAI secretary general K. Sultan Singh said, "It makes me even prouder to have such a dedicated and high-quality team of professionals at NRAI. Without their hard work and dedication this phenomenal performance would not have been possible in such a short time."

"Our coaches Anuja Jung and Priti Sharma even went to the extent of learning sign language to better impart coaching."

"My President Mr. Raninder Singh, forever the shooting promotion man, also made it very clear from day one that there should be left no stone unturned in the preparations of the squad."

He also thanked the Sports Authority of India and the Sports Ministry for supporting the shooters.

"The Hon. Minister, Anurag Thakur, MYAS, was himself at hand to flag-off the team, inspiring confidence and providing much deserving recognition to the deaf shooters."

Dhanush Srikanth was the star of the shooting squad, bagging two gold medals in the men's 10m air rifle and 10m air rifle mixed team competitions respectively. Priesha Deshmukh was his partner in the mixed event.

Abhinav Deswal won India's third gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event while Shourya Saini in the men's air rifle and Vedika Sharma in the women's air pistol won individual bronze medals.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the NRAI and the All India Sports Council for the Deaf (AISCD), just three months ahead of the Games, whereby the national governing body of the sport would be involved actively from the trials to selection to coaching and training of the team for the Deaflympics.

20 injured in Milwaukee shootings after Bucks playoff game

AP ■ MILWAUKEE

Twenty people were injured in two shootings in downtown Milwaukee near an entertainment district where thousands of people had been watching the Bucks play the Celtics in the NBA's Eastern Conference semifinals, authorities said.

None of the injuries from either shooting Friday night were believed to be life-threatening.

The first shooting, involving three victims, occurred adjacent to the Deer District — an entertainment district with numerous bars and restaurants where large crowds often assemble for major sporting events.

The Milwaukee Fire Department said authorities took two people to a hospital, a 30-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl, and a third person drove to a hospital.

Police said a 29-year-old man was in custody. Seventeen more people were injured in a second shooting about two hours later, which happened a few blocks away.

Ten people were taken into custody and nine guns were recovered, WTMJ-TV reported.

There was no immediate indication whether the two shootings were related or involved fans who were watching the game.

Witnesses told WTMJ-TV that they saw a fight outside a bar following the basketball game.

Bill Reinemann, a parking attendant at lot adjacent to Deer District, said he heard gunshots but didn't see anyone get shot or see the shooter during the earlier shooting.

"It sounded like six to eight gunshots," he said "It was close."

After the shots were fired, scores of fans began running toward the Deer District, he said.

Reinemann, who has worked the lot for 18 years, remained at his post even as fearful Bucks fans ran past him.

"I sat in my chair here the whole while," he said.

"The incident took place outside of the Deer District area. We direct all questions to the Milwaukee Police Department," Bucks spokesman Barry Baum said.

Boston defeated Milwaukee in the game to force a Game 7 in the series.(AP)

Amandeep finishes 13th and Vani 23rd in Switzerland

PTI ■ FLUMSERBERG

Amandeep Drall held steady and carded 1-under 71 to finish inside Top-15 as she totalled 2-under 213 at the 2022 Flumserberg Ladies Open here.

Fellow Indian Vani Kapoor dropped a triple bogey late in the day on the Par-5 16th. Despite that she fought back for a birdie on 18th and carded 73 and finished tied 23rd.

Amandeep dropped a shot on fifth, but picked birdies on Par-3s on seventh and 11th.

Vani, playing with Amandeep in the same group, birdied the opening hole and then parred the next 14. She had a disastrous triple bogey on 16th which spoilt her run. She birdied 18th for some consolation.

Dutch amateur Lauren Holmeyer won the tournament after a final day round of 2-under 70. The 19-year-old won by a single shot in just her third LETAS event.

After 14 straight pars to begin



her round, Holmeyer hung in at the top of the leader board, before back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th saw her through at the GAMS-Werdenberg Golf Club.

One shot behind the winner Holmeyer was Germany's Patricia Isabel Schmidt, who rattled in eight birdies and an eagle on the way to a score of 66 (-6) on the final day. Sweden's Anna Magnusson finished

third on -6 after a final day score of 70 (-2), albeit having reached -8 with a birdie on the 13th, only for two bogeys on her last five holes to see her drop back into the pack.

The next LETAS event is the PGA Championship Trelleborg which takes place on May 19-21 at Tegelberg Golf Club in Sweden. PTI Cor

Swiatek equals Serena Williams with 27-match winning streak

AP ■ ROME

Not since Serena Williams seven years ago has another woman had such a hot streak.

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek routed Aryna Sabalenka 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday to extend her winning streak to 27 matches and reach the Italian Open final.

Williams won the same number of consecutive matches over 2014 and 2015.

Aiming to defend her

Rome title and win her fifth straight tournament, Swiatek dominated the eighth-ranked Sabalenka with a mix of power, consistency and finesse.

While she struggled with her serve at times, Swiatek was able to consistently crush both forehand and backhand winners on the slow, red clay court at the Foro Italico.

The 20-year-old Polish player also hit a delicate backhand half-volley winner in the final game of the

first set. Swiatek had the same number of winners and unforced errors, 15, while Sabalenka produced just eight winners and had a whopping 31 unforced errors.

The hard-hitting Sabalenka took a medical timeout late in the second set and had her back treated.

Swiatek, who was a surprise champion at the French Open in 2020 when she was ranked No. 54,

will be the favorite to add a second title at Roland Garros when the year's second Grand Slam starts next weekend.

First, though, Swiatek will face either Ons Jabeur — who is on a 10-match winning streak — or Daria Kasatkina of Russia in Sunday's final.

The men's semifinals later featured Novak Djokovic against Casper Ruud and Alexander Zverev against Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Pakistan will go ahead with tour of Sri Lanka, says PCB

PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board has assured its Sri Lankan counterparts that it had no hesitation touring the country for a two-Test series in late July-August, despite the ongoing unrest in the island nation.

"We are always ready to support Sri Lanka Cricket even in difficult times and we have no issues touring the country for the test series," a PCB official said.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) is facing problems due to the current uncertain political and economic situation prevailing in the country with daily violent protests on the streets against the government.

Cricket Australia which is to send its team to Sri Lanka before Pakistan has said it is monitoring the situation and will take a final decision based on it.

But the PCB official said that it was the

call of the Sri Lankan cricket and Pakistan would just follow their path.

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis with only 12 hours of electricity being provided to the locals who are facing severe fuel shortage.

"We have a very strong relationship with the Sri Lankan Board, the two countries have always supported each other in difficult situations," the official said.

He added that Pakistan would not refuse to play the series in July and August.

"Whatever decision the SLC deems best we will accept it playing in Sri Lanka or even at a neutral venue," he said.

Pakistan was also due to play three ODIs on the tour but the SLC requested the PCB to drop the white ball matches as they wanted to start their Lanka Premier League earlier by a week.

Don't ever doubt yourselves or waste a second of your life. It's too short, and you're too special.
— Ariana Grande



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HAS THE COUNTRY FAILED THE IAS?

Officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) who demonstrate the capability to make money from the system, and make it fast, inevitably endear themselves to people in power. So, whatever the outcome of the ongoing investigation against Jharkhand Mines and Industry secretary Pooja Singhal, IAS, it will not interfere with the chances of her appointment as Chief Secretary of Jharkhand, when her time comes. In its brief history of twenty years as a separate state, Jharkhand has honoured three such IAS officers by appointing them as Chief Secretaries. Among officers so appointed was a gentleman who was facing trial in two cases related to financial irregularities in purchase of fertilizer. Another one had spent many months in jail on charges of forcing entrepreneurs to donate money to his NGOs and finally won a reprieve from the Supreme Court. A third officer who was convicted in an animal husbandry case, and perhaps died in jail, had two stints as chief secretary of Jharkhand. Jharkhand's case may be an exception, but in popular imagination IAS officers can make money not only with impunity but with honour.

There are two standard explanations for the steady diminution of the stature and prestige of the IAS. The first consists of playing down the well-founded criticisms of servility and capitulation, corruption and chicanery. Even though sometimes the merit of the criticism is granted, its significant contribution to the polity and society is dwelt upon at great length; distortions and aberrations that may have crept in are laid at the door of the many extenuating circumstances.

If the IAS has failed it is because the country has failed (or is failing at an accelerated rate). It is only the extreme formulation of such an approach. The other strategy is to deflect and devalue - the criticism by outwitting and silencing the critic with a more vehement self-critical diatribe, an anguished self-loathing of their own, as if the act of advertising could, in itself, absolve the service of all the sins that were being advertised.

The IAS, according to one view, requires a particular kind of society to function to its full potential, something like the idylls of Nehruvian era. The post-Independence leaders and influencers like Nehru, Patel, Rajendra Prasad, Ambedkar, Madan Mohan Malviya, T T Krishnamachari, Acharya Kripalani, Jyoti Basu, Atal Behari Vajpayee, Jaiprakash Narayan (to mention just a handful); industrialists like JRD Tata, Jamnalal Bajaj, Dinshaw Petit and GD Birla; editors like Desmond Doig, Arun Shourie, Sunanda K Dattaray, Kushwant Singh, Frank Moraes and Russi Karanjia have been mostly replaced by pygmies and carpet baggers. These people may win elections, make billion of dollars in one year or run up huge TRP ratings, but they are incapable of promoting public values or morals, or establishing ethical corporate standards, or writing an editorial (let alone investigating a story).

But that is hardly the case. The IAS has not only been quick to limber up to the changed political realities, it has scripted an even more indispensable role for itself in the era of "pygmies and carpet baggers."

Politics, to appropriate Balzac's remark, has become like, "Soldiering, ... chiefly a finan-



Jharkhand Mines and Industry Secretary Pooja Singhal was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

cial undertaking, you need gold in order to do battle, and you need to do battle in order to get gold." Some governments are (were) headed by leaders from newly emergent political classes for whom English was not the language of choice, who did not feel constrained by rules, regulations etc and were quite upfront about their intentions to abuse their office for personal gains.

The longevity of governments challenged the myths that the IAS had forged out of isolated life stories of a young collector telling off a CM,

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a chief secretary recording his dissent in days long gone by, myths that made them intelligible to themselves, provided them with their reassurance during times of self-doubt. Governments were there to stay; they were here today, they were going to be here tomorrow. How long could they wait out in the cold?

Though supposed to be unaligned, personally free and subject to the executive authority only within a defined area, they choose to be incorporated in the apparatus of political power. Commitment to rule based governance, are pragmatically abandoned by such officers. They are for the government, the government is for them.

An interesting example from marine biology will serve as an apt metaphor. In the Bay of Naples, a common sea slug medusa, and a snail, start off as independent organisms but on close encounter become conjoined in such a manner that both the jellyfish and the snail shed off a lot of themselves. A small portion of the snail gets permanently affixed to the ventral surface near the mouth of the jellyfish to become one single organism. They get along nicely in a symbiotic arrangement, exploiting each other's biological capabilities and yet retain their specific otherness.

A clutch of trusted officers-the drastically edited version of service, the cadre may have hundreds of officers, in an arrangement

reminiscent of the medusa and the snail, handle the core sectors of the governments as also the entire range of political purpose. The others are kept in a state of idle splendour. But like an Englishman the IAS is "never at a loss for an effective moral attitude ... you will never find ... them in the wrong." It is responsible for the marginalisation of its own service and yet persists with the complaint of political interference.

There is a wide recognition that the creation of the IAS was one of the cardinal follies of the wise. It is irrelevant to the people at large but it has made itself hugely useful to the political class. In an unusual consensus, cutting across their ideological divide, they have found them to be even more valuable after retirement than they are in service. As heads of all the accountability institutions, all those roadblocks to arbitrary exercise of executive power, they render them defunct. In many states you can find officers recruited in the 60s, 70s, 80s making themselves useful to their political masters in a myriad ways. To stand an old saying on its head, "the dead lion is even more valuable than the living donkey."

The alliance of these two major institutions has significantly altered the balance of power much to the detriment of democracy.

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IF YOUR BODY'S NOT RIGHT, THE REST OF YOUR DAY WILL GO ALL WRONG. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. —V.L. ALLINEARE



PREVENT HIGH BP FOR GOOD

Every year, on May 17, **World Hypertension Day** is observed in order to educate the public and create awareness on high blood pressure (BP) or hypertension which has no symptoms or warning signs. The HEALTH PIONEER reports

An alarming one in four Indian adults has high blood pressure. Known medically as hypertension, many people don't even know they have it, because high blood pressure has no symptoms or warning signs. "But only about 10 per cent of them have their blood pressure under control," according to a report by the India Hypertension Control Initiative. Releasing the report, Indian Council of Medical Research Director-General, Dr Balram Bhargava, emphasised on making hypertension a national priority.

Prashant Mathur, director of ICMR's Na Mathur, director of ICMR's National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bengaluru, and corresponding author of the study chips in that "recognising the low awareness and high rates of drop-outs between the diagnosis of hypertension, its treatment and control calls for better planning of providing continuum of care for high blood pressure."

For both women and men, the prevalence increases sharply with age. The increase is for all categories of hypertension, including pre-hypertension, for both sexes. About one-fourth of women and men aged 40-49 have hypertension, says the study.

The recent National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS-5) too presents an alarming picture of the chronic disease. It shows that when it comes to treatment, only 7 per

THE SILENT KILLER IS CAUSED BY STRESS AND SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE. IT CAN LEAD TO A RANGE OF DISORDERS SUCH AS STROKE AND DEMENTIA BESIDES HEART AND KIDNEY DISEASES. THE UNION HEALTH MINISTRY IS PUSHING TO LOWER THE PREVALENCE OF RAISED BLOOD PRESSURE BY 25 PER CENT BY 2025.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

you can prevent it

- Reduce salt to less than 5g daily
- Eat fruits and vegetables regularly
- Avoid saturated fats and trans fats
- Avoid tobacco
- Reduce alcohol
- Be physically active every day

cent women and 6 per cent men who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure are on medication.

The survey also found that 33 per cent of women and 46 per cent men have never got their blood pressures measured. Based on the blood pressure measurement, the NFHS-5 found 21 per cent of women and 24 per cent of men are having hypertension marked by the blood pressure measurement of 140/90 or above.

When elevated blood pressure is accompanied by abnormal cholesterol and blood sugar levels, the damage to your arteries, kidneys, and heart accelerates exponentially. According to a study presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference recently, hypertensive young people between the ages of 20 to 40 could experience brain problems in their midlife.

Last year, the World Health Organisation modified its blood

pressure control guideline, suggesting that a systolic pressure of 130 should be the threshold to start medication in people with a history of heart complications or other risk factors whereas for others such a threshold would be 140/90.

Fortunately, high blood pressure is easy to detect and treat. Blood Pressure can be kept under control in a healthy range simply by making lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, increasing activity, and eating more healthfully, say doctors.

YOGA REMEDY

Ishwar V. Basavaraddi, Director of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) tells you, "We have a range of yoga asanas, pranayama and meditation that help to open up the chest cavity, improves lung capacity and increases cardiopulmonary function, which lead to maintain physical activity for longer." According to him, some of the Yoga



asanas that can help in beating high blood pressure are: Tadasana without heel raise/ Katicakrasana/ Ushtrasana/ Gomukhasana/ Uttanmandukasana/ Bhujangasana/ Ardha halasana/ Shavasana / Yoga Nidra/ Abdominal Breathing (30 times)/ Nadi shodhan pranayama/ Sitali pranayama/ Bhramari pranayama and Dhyana.

BEYOND THE STETHOSCOPE

When not pursuing their profession, a breed of doctors prefer to wear different hats to keep themselves fit and centered. The HEALTH PIONEER tries to catch up with them every week.



Doc's Iron Will For Iron Man

What started as a pastime activity in 2010—participating in the 5K category at the Airtel marathon—has now become a passionate hobby for this 48-year-old medico. Dr. Hariprasad G, Additional Professor at Department of Biophysics, AIIMS, Delhi, has since then even successfully completed the Olympic Triathlon (1.5 Km swim; 40 km cycling; 10 km run) a few times in under three-and-a-half hours.

His thirst for a bigger challenge unquenched, he is now preparing for the Half-Iron Man Triathlon (1.9 km swim, 90 km cycling and a 21 km run) championship to be held this year-end at the Talkatora-SPM Swimming complex. In between this journey, Dr Hariprasad has graduated from a 5 km run to a 10 km and then half marathon and finally a 42 km Full marathon, which he comfortably does in four-and-a-half hours.

He has participated in several marathons including Mumbai, Standard Chartered Singapore, New Delhi and Omaha to name a few. The most recent one was the Hyderabad Marathon, which Dr Hariprasad recalls, was quite a challenge considering the number of steep flyovers in the city all along the route.

Hundreds of colorful medals from all these events and the many glittering gold medals decorate the walls of the living room of this clinician-scientist who along with his team are currently investigating the A-Z of Omicron virus.

The father of two sons who balances out work-family-friends-endurance training shares, "I mix-up of a lot of physical activities like walking, jogging, sprinting, swimming, cycling, stair climbing, yoga, core exercises, skipping to get the best out of my heart, mind and body."

Every event is a learning curve and the challenge only gets bigger and more significant with each passing year, says the doctor who has done his MBBS from a Karnataka Medical College, Hubli and later did his post-graduation MD and subsequently a PhD from AIIMS, Delhi. His inspirations are sports legends such as Phelps, Dressel, Ledecky, Djokovic, Federer, Nadal, and Kipchoge!

Of course, behind all these achievements is his rigorous efforts, a strong-will and most importantly the support of his family, particularly his better half Roopa, a doctor herself who is into cervical cancer prevention at National Institute for Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida. She doubles up as his nutritionist and a personal chef, and ensures he gets the right blend of food in the weeks leading up to the endurance event, during the race and post-event. As a general rule he usually consumes wholesome unprocessed food cooked at home and avoids fast-packaged foods. Even delicacies be it Pani puri, dosas, tacos, pasta, pan cakes, waffles and desserts are given a yummy but healthy twist at Dr Roopa's kitchen, and it is this that helps him in 'the long run', he chuckles.

"We always have a choice and end up with the easier one. I decided to change that," the doctor quips, adding that "Don't give up on your dreams, because you have no idea what all you are capable of."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CUT DOWN BAD MICROBES

Healthy adults who eat a diverse diet, with at least 8-10 grams of soluble fibre such as grains, beans, lentils, nuts and some fruits and vegetables daily, have fewer antibiotic-resistant microbes in their guts, according to a study by Agricultural Research Service scientists and their colleagues in mBio.

'AYURVEDA AAHARA' ON THE PLATTER

The Union Ministry of Ayush and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), India's apex body for food regulation has formulated regulations of safety and quality standards for food products under 'Ayurveda Aahara' category. This comprehensive initiative will ensure manufacturing of quality Ayurveda food products and help in expanding the international market for Make-In-India products.

NEW THERAPY FOR BREAST CANCER

The world's first subcutaneous therapy for breast cancer that is effective and reduces treatment time by 90 per cent has been launched in India, Roche Pharma said recently. The treatment by Roche called PHEGO is the first ever fixed dose formulation in oncology that combines two monoclonal antibodies: Perjeta (pertuzumab) and Herceptin (trastuzumab) with hyaluronidase. It is administered via an under the skin injection in combination with intravenous (IV) chemotherapy for the treatment of early and metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer.

'ONE STEP' PORTAL FOR HEALTH INFO AT INDIAN EMBASSIES

Soon facilitation centres at Indian embassies across the world will be set up for people wanting to travel to India for treatment, said Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya while addressing a roundtable conference with senior IFS officers on 'Building Brand India' in Delhi.

Three-layered healthcare system to aid common man

Prevention is better than cure. Its significance can be witnessed in the tri-layered healthcare mechanism introduced by the Governments. The mechanism encompasses Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs), Community Healthcare Centres (CHCs) and District Healthcare Centres (DHCs) after which big hospitals comes into play, whenever needed, says Gaurav Pandey

The objective of this mechanism is to ensure that larger number of ailments shall be diagnosed at the initial stage in rural pockets or small towns and effective medications may begin to uproot it.

The importance of PHCs is considerable as the locals receive medical aid the moment symptoms appear. Also, such Centres are responsible for spreading awareness about and bringing various government healthcare measures to the locals through Aanganvadi workers and Asha workers.

If one does not get cured at the PHCs, s/he is referred to the CHCs which has adequately equipped Diagnostic Laboratory as well. The consultations and investigations may help him to get fully cured. But if there is no respite, s/he may be sent to District Hospital and to higher referral hospitals like All

India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

It is essential for every resident to understand the nuances and structure of this mechanism. Talking of private sector, a person visits a General Physician also known as Family Physician, usually an MBBS degree holder. In case of common diseases, a person gets cured there itself. There are Polyclinics where Specialists dealing with various body parts and related ailments are available and a patient may get synergized expert opinion of these Consultants in case of two-three ailments.

Then there are Nursing Homes where the patients can be admitted. It falls under primary healthcare. The bigger Nursing Homes equipped with Operation Theatre (OT) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU), they are considered as second-level or Secondary care Centres.

The big hospitals with more



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than hundred beds, fully-equipped with latest machines, contemporary Modular Operation Theatres, ICU,

facilities of CT Scan, MRI, in-house pathology and Consultants related to every speciality are available fall under the category of Tertiary Care Hospitals.

The hospitals where Robotics Surgery, Proton Therapy, Heart Transplants, Lung Transplants and other advanced solutions are possible are known to be Fourth-level Healthcare Hospitals which are at the zenith in terms of providing medical solutions.

It may be true that these mechanisms and levels come into play once someone falls ill but it is important for all of us to be aware of these structures so that the illness can be diagnosed at the initial level through investigations and doctor's interventions and prescriptions and can be contained before it may cause serious damages.

In abroad, the cost of keeping every citizen healthy lies with the

Insurance Companies and the Governments. There exist Diagnostic Related Groups where annual medical tests are carried out so that contagious ailments can be contained in time and the burden of paying for cure and recovery may get lessened from the shoulders of the Insurance Company or Government.

Many Insurance Companies offer annual health check-ups to those who hold their mediclaim policies. The private hospitals also play their active part and offer significant rebates on various investigation packages.

The government-run and private hospitals organize free camps continually and the people in remote locations are investigated through mobile vans and people must take benefit of it without second thoughts as many serious ailments get diagnosed in time. More such drives are needed which is possible by effective Public Private People Model.

Sinn Fein a game changer in Northern Ireland

The Sinn Fein's historic win in the Assembly election is signaling a much-awaited change in the power corridors in Northern Ireland. It is the beginning of a new era. The old guards (Democratic Unionist Party) were forced to give way to a new political dispensation (Sinn Fein) in last week's election. Once again what has come to the forefront is that for long the Sinn Fein has been linked to the Irish Republican Army (IRA), a paramilitary group that used violent tactics to free Northern Ireland from British control. Once it used to be the Catholics vs the Protestants that led to a series of violence for decades in Northern Ireland. The IRA is a Catholic and nationalist organisation that conducted an armed insurgency against the state for a united independent Ireland whereas the DUP mainly evolved from Protestant Unionist Party that itself came out of the Ulster Protestant Action Movement.

This election has spearheaded a new debate, a new narrative and a new future in this part of the UK. The total number of seats in the Assembly is 90, but constituencies are only 18. The Sinn Fein won 27, DUP 25, Alliance Party 17, Ulster Unionist Party 9, Social Democratic and Labour Party 8, and the rest of the smaller parties and independents one each.

In the 2017 election, the DUP won 28 seats and Sinn Fein 27. The margin of victory between the two main rival parties was very narrow. In 2017, the Social Democratic and Labour Party won 12 seats, the Ulster Unionist Party 10, the Alliance Party 8, the Green Party 2, while the People Before Profit and Traditional Unionist Voice had one seat each.

What does this victory of Sinn Fein mean for Northern Ireland? It means a lot for the party as it has won a majority for the first time in the Assembly election. And for the DUP, it is a loss of face. The Sinn Fein has received the most first preference votes in

the election. The party said that the Brexit move unleashed by the Boris Johnson Government in Britain accelerated the debate on reunification with the EU member Ireland because most of the Northern Irish people voted to remain with the Union. The Good Friday Agreement of 1998 recognises the right of the people on the island of Ireland to reunify if border polls in Ireland and Northern Ireland support it. Whereas the existing British law says that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland should order a vote if it appears likely that a majority of voters want a united Ireland but is unclear on how that should be decided. However, the Irish Government must also agree to the same.

Michelle O'Neill, the First Minister of the Northern Ireland Government, is the first nationalist politician to occupy that position since its creation. During the election, the DUP and the Sinn Fein were battling hard for the top post because it offers an entitlement to nominate the next First Minister. But it must be noted here that the office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister is an equal office with joint powers in Northern Ireland. But what has been termed as symbolically important is the allocation of the titles.

Why was it so important for the DUP to win the Assembly election in 2022? It was indeed crucial for the DUP to win the election as it has been the most dominant and largest political party since the formation of Northern Ireland in 1921 as a Protestant majority province. Earlier the Assembly was known as the Stormont Parliament in the name of the Stormont Estate in East Belfast where the building is located. Generally, the Stormont is the commonly used name to refer to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

What is Sinn Fein all about? Why is its win so significant for Northern Ireland? The Irish phrase "Sinn Fein"



From left, Sinn Fein's John Finucane, deputy leader Michelle O'Neill, party leader Mary Lou McDonald, and Conor Murphy speak to the media at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast, on May 9

refers to "We Ourselves" or "Ourselves". The party was formed by Arthur Griffith in 1905 when the very ideology of Sinn Fein was brought into practice. Originally Griffith was the leader of the Cumann na Gaedheal i.e. "Party of the Irish". But the current form of Sinn Fein emerged only in the 1970s. The policy of Sinn Fein enunciated by Griffith highlighted passive resistance to the British, non-payment of taxes, the formation of an Irish ruling council and independent law courts.

Untill the rise of the Easter Rebellion or Easter Rising in the month of April (24-29) 1916 in Dublin by the Irish republicans, the Sinn Fein was not in the limelight around the world. This rising was all but to challenge the colonial rule of Britain over Ireland and to establish an independent Irish Republic.

It was an armed insurrection launched for the first time during the Irish revolutionary period. After this rebellion, the Sinn Fein became the rallying point for a new brand of

ultranationalist sentiment which is also known as "Republicanism". The fury of the nationalists could well be gauged from the historic proclamation of the Republic published in 1916. The proclamation known as the "The Provisional Government of the Irish Republic to the People of Ireland" clearly says: "Irishman and Irishwomen, in the name of God, and of the dead generations, from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom... We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies to be sovereign and inalienable..." This clearly hints that the Irish people wanted to come out of the colonial yoke of British imperialism when the latter was fighting the First World War in Europe.

Sinn Fein's basic objective is to unite all the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland and 6 counties of Northern Ireland under the umbrella of a

Democratic Socialist Irish Republic. For many years, this part of Ireland had the "Troubles" or better known as "Northern Ireland Conflict" that ravaged the land from 1968 to 1998. It was clearly a bloody flight between the Catholic and the Protestant community of Northern Ireland about their relationship with Britain.

Against this background, the historic win of the Sinn Fein is to be taken seriously by the people of Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and of course by Britain. Now the political situation in Northern Ireland has become fragile. It seems the unionist DUP will not join the new government until the post-Brexit custom arrangements.

The Sinn Fein, the single largest party, now has the right to occupy the post of the First Minister. But a functioning Executive cannot be established without the DUP taking the role of the Deputy Minister in the new government. As per the constitutional mandate of Northern Ireland, the DUP

has to take the required role of the Deputy in the power sharing agreement. If this power sharing does not take place, it could trigger a constitutional crisis in Northern Ireland.

After the withdrawal of Britain from the 28-member European Union (EU) in 2020, the relationship between the UK and Northern Ireland and between the EU and Northern Ireland has come into question. And to set it right, what has emerged is known as the famous Northern Ireland Protocol or post-Brexit Customs Arrangement Deal. Under the protocol, checks are needed on goods coming into Northern Ireland from the UK. Since it came into force from the beginning of the 2021 when Britain formally left the EU, the protocol became a bone of contention between the UK and the EU.

Many wonder why the Unionists are against the deal. The Unionist parties are opposed to the protocol as to them placing physical border across the Irish Sea absolutely undermines the longstanding

union they advocate between Northern Ireland and the UK. Paul Givan of the DUP in fact resigned over this matter as the First Minister of Northern Ireland in February. Just before the Assembly election, in a public debate Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, the leader of the DUP, made it clear that his party may not take part in the new government unless the outstanding issues around the protocol are solved amicably.

Today, leaders like Donaldson have voiced concerns about a decisive action on the protocol at the earliest. Indeed, this protocol is very necessary as the border is too sensitive an issue which can't be ignored.

One must flash back on the fragile history of Northern Ireland and how the past peace efforts came after decades of armed fighting by the IRA against the UK. And clearly, the agreements to bring back peace to this part of the UK also included the removal of visible signs of border. Now, if any physical border is erected between Northern Ireland and Britain, this could rightly threaten the historic peace deal known as the Good Friday Agreement or the 1998 Northern Ireland Peace Deal.

It is very clear that Sinn Fein's victory will not push for the union of Northern Ireland with the Republic of Ireland, but it has simply started the process. Britain's future measures towards this part of its territory may be more cautious in the days to come. Politically speaking, the Sinn Fein has to go a long way to muster a clear majority as the roots of the DUP are still very solid in many areas across the island.

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PERSPECTIVE

Islam and nation-state: Are they compatible?

Many scholars claim that there is no inherent issue whether textual or practice, within Islam that makes it incompatible with the nation-state system or even democracy. The case of liberal democracy is a separate category as many argue that Islam is inherently opposed to such ideas

Any discussion on the compatibility between Islam as a faith and the idea of the nation-state as a political, social and economic reality has been exhausted in the hegemonic Islam and western modernity debate. The text and practice distinction has been a historical reality in Muslim societies, and it remained equally significant with the rise of the nation-state system. The question of the separation between religion and politics has been a different historical reality in the pre-scientific world.

The religious experiences among all faiths and societies have a different trajectory. However, there has been a homogenised notion of such division in Islam. The core vision of Islam doesn't make any distinction between sacred and secular, and political and temporal. The argument is that politics can't be separated from Islam as its core value.

Propagators of such ideas were not just orientalist but have been equally among Muslim scholars. The division between *din* (religion) and the *dawla* (state) has been a usual practice in Muslim societies since its origin, notably after Islam emerged as an organised form of life and the emergence of Islamic empires. But the question remains "why is it a contested concept, and are they compatible?"

The nation-state system is a few centuries old idea born in modern Europe. The nation-state system came to Muslim societies only in the 20th century, under two separate circumstances: the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the rubric of European colonialism.

The gaze of orientalism has been a central episteme in creating a sustained knowledge power discourse over western understanding of Islam and thus the idea of the Muslim world and idea of Islam has been categorised as a singular category. There is a vast generalisation over the accordance given to Islam and nation-state compatibility.

With failing democracies and the rising number of failing states in the current world system, and the authoritarian structure in the majority of Muslim states, there is a discussion whether Islam and nation-state are compatible.

Religion and politics: An Islamic context

The boundaries of religion have always crossed the boundaries of politics and vice-versa, both in practice and in the language of Muslim empires. James Piscatori argues that Islam and the nation-states debate has been broadly discussed under two schools of thought: Conformists and non-conformists.

The non-conformists' refutation is based on the thrust that comes directly from the Quran, shaping the whole human sphere of life; spiritual, physical, individual, social, economic and political through the divine law called Shariah. The non-conformists' holy will is supreme, and God's sovereignty doesn't allow the human will to trespass God's divine decree.

After all, the human will is the core idea of the nation-state system, which defines the whole sphere of life.

Therefore, God's decree under the command of the

Quran and Shariah would decide the do's and don'ts for humans, which is insignificant in the nation-states system. In this regard, the case of Saudi Arabia is significant. The Saudi Arabian case is essential for two critical reasons: It's where Islam finds its origin, and for Muslims worldwide, it's the heart of Islam.

And secondly, the Saudi State's behaviour since the state's formation in 1932 under the command of the King has been an institutionalised form that foretells the contemporary image of Islam in Saudi Arabia. This is to understand the making of an institutionalised form of Islam or official Islam as many categories in Saudi Arabia under the aegis of the nation-state system.

This makes the case further critical to know how the state has dominated this space despite being considered the most conservative that follows a strict religious command in controlling the Saudi society, its religiosity and the everydayness of life.

In short, Saudi Arabia defies the core nature of the conformists' view, and therefore, the question of legitimacy needs serious analysis. The idea that despite being the most conservative country in the world that follows the Wahhabi brand of Islam, Saudi has managed to create a dominant space for the idea of the nation-state.

Therefore, the core assumption of an Islamic state is that authority, regardless of the status of exercising power over the subjects, is legitimate according to the Islamic juridical theory if it follows divine sources like the Quran and

Sunnah.

In that scenario, can a Muslim majority state necessarily become an Islamic state, or it can only become genuinely Islamic only by applying the Quran and Sunnah and Shariah laws in the realm of the socio-political feature of the nation as a basic constitution of the country?

The two critical elements of the Islamic state are command (*amr*) and prohibition (*nahy*). However, the juridical sphere of the state follows the command and prohibition based on jurisprudential (*fiqh*) traditions based on the interpretations of the divine command of the Quran and sayings of the prophet.

Islamic philosophical/theological and legal enquiry creates a fundamental difference in the contested aspect of *fiqh* traditions that have been divided among four schools in Sunni Islam (Hanafi, Shafii, Maliki and Hanbali)

On the issue of Shariah, the vital principle for an Islamic State has four primary dimensions: First, enforcing ordinances of Shariah.

Second, for an administrative position, any stipulation of Shariah is unacceptable. Third, a properly constituted Islamic government is a Muslim's religious duty. People's consent is a part of forming an ISIS; fourth, the government comes into existence based on the people's free choice of the Quranic expression, "from among you."

"As Muhammad Asad helps in understanding these significant distinctions in the rulings of Shariah based on *Fard* (obligatory-omission of which is a sin) and *Mubah*

(allowed) omission of which doesn't make a man sinner.

Mandub (recommended) has merit in it, and the deletion doesn't lead to sin. *Makruh*: Undesirable but committed acts can't be a sin. *Mutlaq*: Neither meritorious nor sinful. This significance of the diversity of ruling Shariah directs the Muslims to accept the divine law (Shariah) and an open road (*Minhaj*) where *ijtihad* comes as a free enquiry despite the place for Shariah as divine law is the basis of the Islamic state system for fulfilling all spheres of life.

The practice, however, through *fiqh* rulings, is based on *Qiyas*. The room for the state to create its dominance comes from *fiqh* traditions in the absence of no strict divine commands.

The source of the state sovereignty in an Islamic State as a political framework for Muslim unity and cooperation and means for equity and justice is based on three guiding principles: Injunctions of the Quran and obey God, obey the Apostle and those in authority.

The injunctions, "He who follows me, obeys God; and he who disobeys me disobeys God. And he who heeds the Amir (head of the state) observes me, and he violates the Amir and disregards me."

Therefore, a Muslim, nature wise and superior intelligibility is a qualification under Shariah for the head of the state. In this sphere of a philosophical-technological and legal aspect, the Saudi state commands its legitimacy and creates a space for an official and institutionalised form of Islam.

Understanding official Islam and its multivariate dimensions

Despite the structural differences, the genealogy of Muslim societies and the historical processes overwhelmingly have placed Islam as an ideology.

This whole idea of putting Islam as an ideology is the root of the concept of Dar-ul Islam (House of Islam) and Dar-ul Harb (House of war) and the violent form of *jihad* as a language of the Islamic empires more than a Quranic command for Muslims against non-Muslims.

This has been a galvanising force for Muslims on the question of brotherhood and social justice. Second, the idea is Islam needs to be politicised. This has been a core factor of Islamic revivalism. The Islamic movement in the name of pan-Islamism started during the end of the Ottoman empire and the rise of the western intervention of colonial enterprise in the heart of the Muslim world.

This notion reached its more politicised form after the height of the Muslim Brotherhood and found a revolutionary expression in the 1979 Iranian revolution. The argument here is that politics in Islamic colleges lag in institutional development because Islam lacks an organised priesthood.

This has had two consequences. One is that there was no effort of reformation in Islam in the absence of institutional efficiency and the second consequence is that the *ulama* or clergies were never established sufficiently to wield real power and lacked the ide-

ology and organisational characteristics.

It might be assumed therefore the future stability of Saudi Arabia may well depend on how the government balances demands for political participation and the traditional concentration of power within the Saudi elite. On the ideological factor, a tendency in orientalist tradition is that Islam is antithetical to modernisation.

If the 1950s and the 1960s were dominated by Arab nationalism, the 1970s and 1980s witnessed the rise of "Islamic fundamentalism," challenging secular ideologies and Muslim governments by appealing to religious dogma, symbols, and rhetoric.

Democracies are failing across the world under the reign of authoritarianism, but no other religious group receives so much attention on the question of compatibility as Islam.

Hence, the final point that many scholars offer is that there is no inherent issue whether textual or practice, within Islam that makes it incompatible with the nation-state system or even democracy.

The case of liberal democracy is a separate category as many argue that Islam is inherently opposed to such ideas. Still, even Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Algeria have classic compatibility cases between Islam nation-state and their multiple forms of expression, including constitutional democracy.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

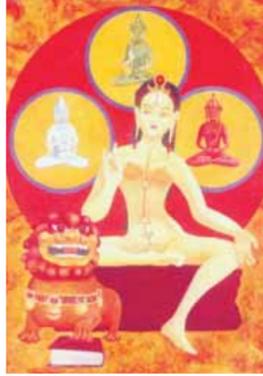
MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

You are healthy, smart and reflect a good personality this week. You prefer to stay active and are constantly attempting to make things happen. You know how to utilize your skills to create the world you want. Your skill in smooth-talking and adaptability to any situation is heightened, making you a comfortable and eased person. On the work front, if you find no chance of growth in the present organization then plan to switch over your job, this is the right time. Just fill your resume and send it to other companies. You are a creative and logical person, you could be an asset to any company, just realize your potentials. On the relationship front, you will enjoy an entertaining and rewarding week. You will spend quality time with your loved ones.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week some water-borne diseases may trouble you. You are a sensitive person, keep yourself safe from any kind of infection. A company of a diseased person could alarm you. Alcohol, unsafe water, and injuries should be avoided. If you feel physically low take timely action. It is not advisable to ignore your health. On the career front, a recent period of confusion could be the reason for your current conflict. You feel indecisive, under-confident person. You need to come out of illusion and false intuitions. There may have been misdoings, but they will eventually be revealed. There are internal conflicts that need to be resolved soon. On the personal front, you will feel optimistic, upbeat, and hopeful about your relationships. Committed relationships may rise to new and better heights soon.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you will experience new energy and stamina with good health. You are a positive and grounded person. Put your energy into creative pursuits. You never know what your creations during this time might come to. Anyhow, you will enjoy yourself and this task will deepen and enrich your life. On the career front, some old acquaintances may prove beneficial for your professional life. If you are looking for a job, old connections, and associations will bring a smile to your face. Recommendation and favour will work well for you giving you an upper hand. Be alert, and remember that lost opportunities are never regained. On the personal front, relationships may be troubling, and you will feel frustrated. The unhealthy mind of your near and dear ones may hurt your feelings.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Wednesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you need a thorough check-up of your health. Stress may be overpowering you and cause health problems. Be sure that you are paying adequate attention to diet, exercise, and sleep. Keep a cheerful outlook. You will find depth and wisdom in solitude. On the career front, you have excellent energy to accomplish tedious work. Financially you feel secure. The money will come from more than one source. You may think about investing in property at this time. A new project could be assigned to you making you busier and financially benefitted. The week is not very good in terms of a relationship. Troubles may arise in existing relationships. You may tend to find faults in each other. Trust and faith are missing. Work on this aspect.

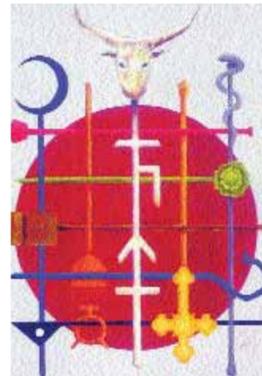
Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you can perform the right action at any given moment. You tend to feel you are the master of your destiny. You have a shining personality and are likely to embark on a new path. By being in tune with the environment and with others you never go wrong with your judgment. Professionally, there is a good chance of realizing your potential and opportunities. There is a need to be attentive and alert. For some of you, a feeling of stagnation, and dissatisfaction is taking a toll on you. Your career is at the stake. There is a need to socialize and reconnect with people. Connections and conversations sometimes prove rewarding. On the personal front, there is a new love interest possible. The existing relations will bloom too.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Tuesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week health looks promising. This is a great time to try a new health care approach, especially preventative care. Do not hesitate to try a new healer or to seek a second opinion if you need that. On the career front, additional duties and responsibilities may cause tremendous work pressure and make you a workaholic. If you are in such a situation, do not hesitate to ask for help or delegate workloads. This way your efficiency will increase, and the outcome will be decent. On the personal front, you will enjoy unconditional love and affection this week. There is purity in relationships. For those who are looking for love, a soul mate in their life this is the time to embrace the opportunity with open arms.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week your determination and willpower are strong. It will help you to face health challenges and put you in the right direction for a disciplined life. Alcohol, junk, and spicy food which used to soothe your taste buds should be avoided. Routine exercises, morning walks and a planned diet create wonders for you. Stick on it, and timely medical care will cure your existing diseases. Professionally, you will establish your strength. This is a rewarding week in terms of your profession and job. People will listen to you and respect your views. Those who are in a job may have the reason to feel pride after the accomplishment of an important project. On the personal front, you feel blessed, looked after, and share cherishable moments with your loved ones.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Mauve
Lucky day Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week your passion for creative pursuits or hobbies is consuming your time and energy. You spend your time fruitfully. You are inspired and productive in your pursuits and enjoying them. There is a satisfaction and positive environment that surrounds you helping you to enjoy the bliss of good health. On the career front, there is a wake-up call for you, to change yourself for the better, to get the realization, to get over the period of confusion or misunderstanding. Do not stress over them and stop thinking too much and start letting things simply be. On the personal front, you must be presentable, witty, enthusiastic, and ready to win the heart of your loved one. There could be challenges, and accusations and your spouse may be demanding.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Beige
Lucky day Sunday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

his week your generosity, kindness, concern, and care for others are appreciated. Health remains good for you, and you may devote a good time to looking after your ailing parents, relative or a friend. You are likely to follow meditation, Yoga, Pranayama and other practices. You feel relaxed, calm, and in tune with your body, mind, and soul. On the career front, expect fairly a good period. New venues for money earning could be opened for you. The new job opportunity with better prospects will excite you, and those who are unemployed will be getting an opening for themselves too. Old connections and associations will be helpful. On the personal front, prestige, glory, and status in society shall enhance. Relatives will appreciate your endeavours.

Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you are filled with enthusiasm and new zest for life. You will feel healthy and may experience a change of perspective. New possibilities can be foreseen. This is also a time to utilize your creative energies. On the work front, you will find great success. Promotion or hike in status is likely which will make you confident, secure, and well-established. You are self-disciplined, energetic, and exert dynamic control over life. You are the motivator and an inspiration to your colleagues. This is the time when your intelligence, wisdom and experience will pay you rich dividends. On the personal front, your dynamic personality exudes charm and impression on others. You are romantic, love is in the air, and you admire, and appreciate your spouse with sweet words that will rejuvenate your relationship.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This will be a very hectic week for you. Do not get physically violent; otherwise, you could hurt yourself. You are highly perceptive and intuitive too. You need to control your emotions and ambitions. Avoid aggression and any kind of arguments with the people around you. On the professional front, there may be serious problems in your workplace. This does not have to be the end of the world or the end of your job but ignoring these problems will not make them go away. You have reached the point where you can now see what is best for you. Take some quiet time to decide what your next moves are. On the personal front, this is an exceptionally good week for you. Warmth and affection with the near and dear ones will increase.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are sentimental and emotional and may get worried about small issues. Physically you remain sound and healthy, but mental tension and anxiety could make you a diseased person. At times you are a moody, temperamental, and unsocial person. Spiritualism, meditation, and other Yogic practices could be immensely helpful in making you a balanced person. On the work front, you must put your best foot forward. Whether it is your energy, time, or money investment, you have worked with full dedication and now waiting for the dividends. A good message which could enhance your career is on the card. On the personal front, relationships are smooth and easy-going. People around you feel relaxed. Romance, love, and new excitement are in the air too.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Saturday

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Identify your indwelling potential for success



Many in their prime youth are ignorant of their indwelling potential, which if pursued in right earnest could grant easy success. Their impressionable minds get drawn towards many tempting influences. At a time when they are supposed to make a decisive choice, they keep exploring various options, and keep moving directionless. Some of them wish to pursue their idealistic dreams, not realising that without building necessary resources, their efforts will go in vain. In many cases, many interests that one would be having, they mistakenly take it as their inner calling. One is within one's own right to pursue own path. But it is equally important to figure out how geared up you are and also time one's choices well. Their sense of independence playing heavy in mind, they won't digest advice and counsel of elders either. More often they end up frustrated, not knowing what next. Worried parents of one such youth, toying with many fanciful ideas, but not able to decide came seeking guidance: "Sometime my son wishes to pursue Art. At other times he keeps toying with the idea of working with an NGO to serve people in need. He has not been able to

take a firm stand since he graduated. Kindly guide what suits him the most." Well, with his inherent leadership abilities, he is supposed to hold responsible public office. "Does leadership ability simply mean holding a high office? Why can't this ability be used in other fields?" Asked the youth. Well, leadership ability is needed in every walk of life. But in your case, the Sun is posited in career signifying 10th house, which by itself means Government job. Moon is favourably aligned to Saturn, which enables you with the capacity to hold a position of trust. Karmic Saturn tenanted in Aries sign is marked with central government. Further to that, Saturn is favourably aligned with Mars identified with administrative position. That further adds to your leadership abilities, who would be thorough in one's work, having eyes even on minute details. All put together makes you worth joining All India Services. "Sir, I have interest in Art. Why can't I pursue this field?" The youth submitted. Well, Venus well aligned to Mercury does create interest in the field of Art. But then, Venus is ill disposed to limiting Saturn, and is also adversely placed to

mischievous Neptune. Also, Mercury is placed opposite Uranus. As a consequence, you may carry the illusionary idea of pursuing Art, but nothing significant is expected in this field. For, the sense of Art seems to be missing. And this is an area which you can't pursue mechanically, the insight has to spontaneously come out from within, the chances of which seems remote. "Sir, I am keen to do humanitarian services also. Why not get into this field. My leadership ability could be very well utilised here also." The young man came out with his next question. Jupiter beautifully aligned to Neptune does bring in humanitarian streak. But it is important to note that you must have enough of resources to pursue this line. Venus placed adverse to Saturn will not let you build up the necessary resources. You will be able to serve the cause of humanity even while by being in government service. "Sir, it is difficult to counter your logic. But somehow I am not able to digest it. If we are so bound by destiny, what is the meaning of freewill and choice option available with human beings?" countered the young man. My

friend, freewill and choice option will become meaningless if it is not backed by free thinking without any preconditioning whatsoever. You need to discriminate between 'what you want' and 'what is right'. Also, bear in mind, if there is choice option in hand, the probability of its use and misuse becomes equal. And there is no free lunch in this world. You have to own up and bear with the consequences of the choices made. It would be desirable to apply your faculty of discriminate intelligence to pick up the right lead. The problem with you is your inflated ego, coming as it may with Jupiter placed adverse to Mars. That limits your scope of vision to self-defined beliefs and perception, and not open to look beyond for reality check. Unless you get out of this hang, you may not be able to appreciate my advisory. Better pursue your strength potential first and stabilise.. You can pursue other interests simultaneously when you are comfortable. The writer is an astrologer, vastu consultant and spiritual counsellor. Connect with him at Tel: 91-11-9818037273/9871037272 Email: bharatbhushanpadmadeo@gmail.com