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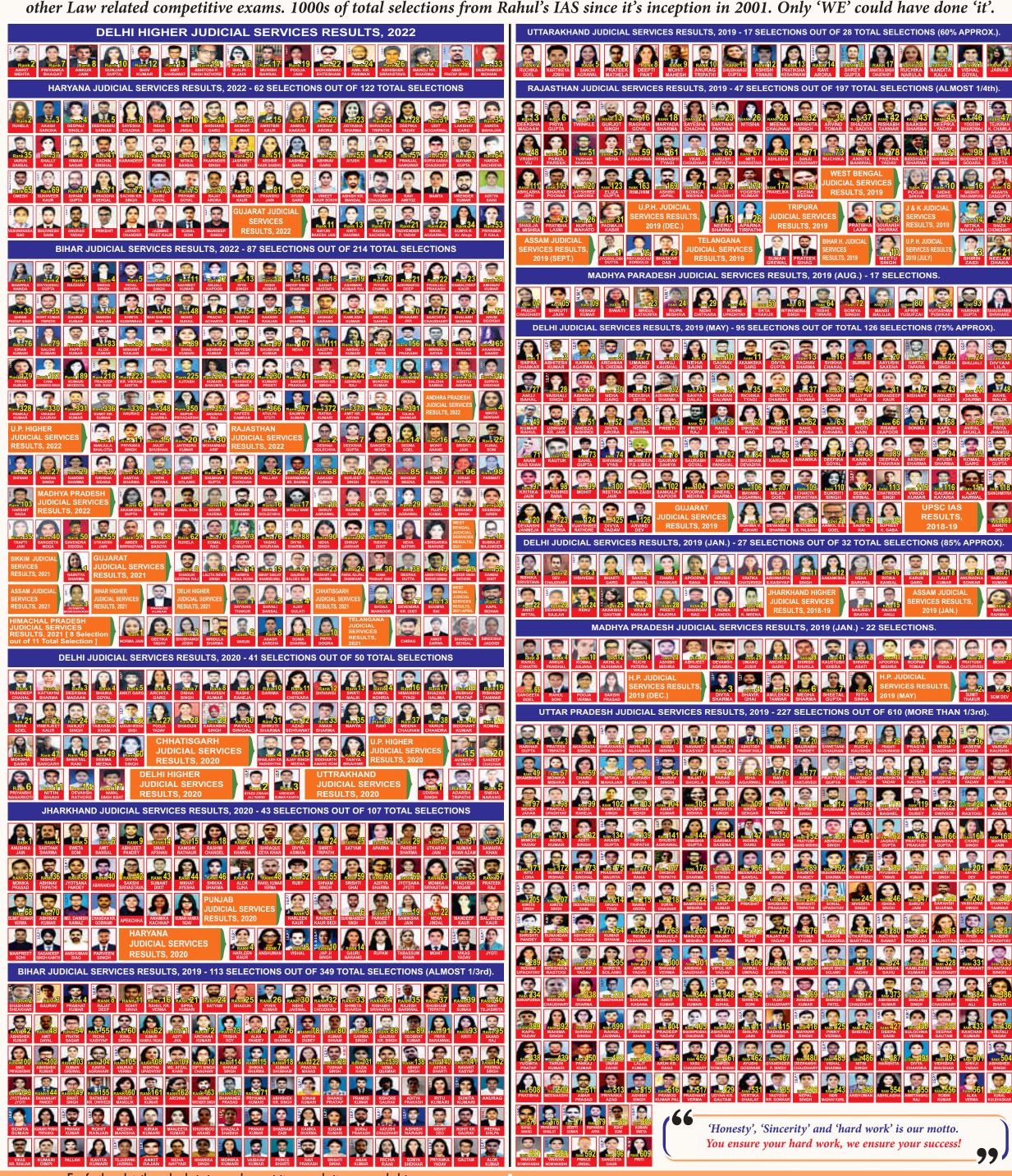
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The description of the UIDB is as under:

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U.P. State Industrial Development Authority UPSIDC Complex, A-1/4, Lakhanpur, Kanpur-208024

Notice regarding invitation of Public Objection / Suggestion on Amendment in Layout Plan of Industrial Area Babrala, Sambhal in which Industrial Plot No. E-25, E-26 (Area 3601.00) is being carved out of Industrial Plots & Roads. Industrial Plot No. E-25, E-26 (Area 3601.00) is being created by amalgamation of existing Industrial Plots No. E-25 to E-26 of existing Industrial

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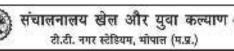
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War a catalyst for expansion of nuke energy: IAEA chief



AMITABH SINHA SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT),

DESPITE THE continued risk of damage to Ukraine's largest power plant due to the fighting between Russian and Ukrainian troops, the war is acting as a "catalyst" for deployment of nuclear power in many countries, especially those in eastern Europe, the head of International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Mariano Grossi has said.

"I know it is paradoxical it CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



Atomic energy agency head Rafael Mariano Grossi

INDIA TO UNVEIL ITS LOW-CARBON STRATEGIES TODAY

BRAHMOS MISFIRE NOT CAUSE FOR CONCERN: IAEA

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Former CJI Lalit defends Collegium system: 'Perfect the way it stands today'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

FORMER Chief Justice of India U U Lalit Sunday defended the Collegium system of appointing judges saying it was brought into existence by the opinion of a five-judge Constitution bench in the Second Judges case and works as per established norms.

"It was the conclusion of the five judges that the collegium



Former CJI Justice UU Lalit

system is the ideal one and that is the system we must follow," Lalit, who retired on November 8, told reporters at his residence. "According to me, it's perfect the way it stands today." he said. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

One-number hope for FY23: GDP, inflation, deficit and repo, all at 6.5%

Officials say '6.5% is magic number', better performance will be a bonus

PVAIDYANATHANIYER NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

WITH THE global economy looking more uncertain amid war, expectations have turned modest in New Delhi. Ending the financial year 2022-23 with the economy growing at 6.5 per cent, retail inflation at 6.5 per cent, repo rate at 6.5 per cent, and a fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP at 6.5 per cent will be

a reasonable expectation, said

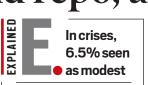
top government sources.
"The magical number is 6.5 per cent," a source in the government, who tracks and analyses the macro-economy, and guides policy-making, told The Indian Express. But top officials are wary of moderating expectations right now since the political establish-

ment is rooting for a 7 per cent

plus growth rate and a retail in-

flation of under 6 per cent (within

the 2-6 per cent range as per the monetary policy framework **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



officials say a growth rate of even 6.5% for India in FY23 will be seen as 'remarkable' given global uncertainties. Once the tide passes, Indian will be well placed to bounce back with government pushing through reforms.



6.4% of GDP GDP growth rate** Repo rate***

Retail inflation****

7.2%

RBI MPC estimate Sept 30 *Repo rate as on date after the 50 bp hike on Sept 30 ****Apr-Sept CPI inflation

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PM heads to Bali for G-20 meet in Ukraine shadow

Ongoing conflict, knock-on effect are key challenges: Foreign Secy

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13



energy crisis and inflation". The G-20 leaders "will discuss these challenges and underscore the importance of closer multilateral cooperation to help overcome" them. Kwatra said. In the context of India's G-20 presidency, he said the "evolving priorities" will include "green development", "lifestyle for environment", "digital transformation", "inclusive and resilient growth", "women-led development" – and most importantly, greater voice for the global south" in economic cooperation and the need to "reform 21st century institutions".

Modi to hold

meetings

with some

G-20 leaders

Kwatra said the Prime Minister will participate in three **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

WITH IMF forecasting the world economy to slow to 3.2% in 2022 (6% in 2021),

World T20 title No.2 for England

Beat Pakistan by 5 wickets, Stokes stars with unbeaten 52



EXPRESS IN AUSTRALIA

DEVENDRA PANDEY MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 13

NO MOMENT of glory passes in England cricket these days without the stamp or stroke of Ben Stokes. Three years after engineering England's maiden ODI World Cup triumph before producing the Miracle of Headingley in the Ashes, here he was at the MCG, coolly guiding his team to their second T20 World Cup title.

This time, the win against Pakistan also completed a remarkable personal redemption. Six years ago, at the World T20 final in the Eden Gardens, Stokes delivered that fateful last over



England players after their win over Pakistan in the final of the T20 World Cup, in Melbourne on Sunday. AP

where Carlos Brathwaite struck four sixes in a row to orchestrate a Caribbean heist. Here, he ensured that the match did not see the last over, wrapping it up with a single off the last ball of the

Just as in the 50-over World

Cup final against New Zealand, Stokes was scratchy for most part of his 49-ball 52 but hung on and fought to land another trophy for England. If England are white-ball kings, Stokes is the emperor of big moments.

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Punjab govt bans public display of firearms, songs glorifying weapons

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

AMID SHARP Opposition criticism over an allegedly deteriorating law and order situation, Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government Sunday ordered a complete ban on public display of weapons and songs glorifying violence.

In a communication to the Director General of Police, Commissioners of Police, District Magistrates and Senior Superintendents of Police, the Punjab Home Department also directed a review of all firearm

licences issued in the state so far within three months.

According to the order, "public display and exhibition of weapons including on social media" as well as songs glorifying weapons or violence are to be

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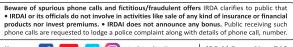
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After ban escape, PFI | FROM PAGE ONE | FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM political wing takes a mainstream turn

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 13

MORE THAN a month into the ban of its parent outfit Popular Front of India (PFI), its political wing Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) has become more active in Kerala. SDPI is the only outfit among the PFI affiliates that survived the September 28 Union government ban, under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

Unfazed by the ban on PFI, the SDPI appears to be jostling for more space in the state's mainstream politics, with public protests on current issues, price rise, campaign against drug abuse and siding with the protesting Catholic fishermen in the Vizhinjam seaport agitation. In social media, the SDPI is also active in its campaign against the Sangh Parivar "agenda" pertaining to recent developments.

The party contested in the bypolls for civic bodies held earlier this week. At Pattimattom division in Vadavucode block panchayat in Ernakulam, its candidate improved the party's vote share. The SDPI candidate had bagged only 370 votes in 2020, but this time, its candidate increased the numbers to 479, even though both Twenty-20 of the KITEX Group and CPI(M) had put up Muslim candidates.

The increase in SDPI's vote share in Pattimattom division is

significant, as the PFI had been drawing flak for unleashing violence during a strike it had called on September 23, in protest against NIA-ED raids on its premises across the country. Around 2,600 PFI men have been arrested in connection with the violence, and many of them are still in jail, as the High Court wanted the people arrested to pay for damages to obtain bails.

According to the SDPI state president, Moovattupuzha Ashraf Moulavi, the ban on the PFI has not impacted the activities of the SDPI. "We have taken a decision to keep away PFI men from the organisational structure of the SDPI due to the ban. The ban on the PFI has not hit us. The SDPI is getting more sympathisers, as people have realised there is a bid to silence the voice of dissent. There are people who think that the SDPI should come out stronger in the current political scenario," he said.

On November 1, the state's formation day, the SDPI held a seminar on federalism and diversity of languages in Kottavam, A few weeks back, the party took out a march towards the state secretariat, in protest against the delay in release of scholarships for SC/ST students in the state. Two weeks ago, when SDPI state committee member Ameer Ali, also a PFI leader, was arrested in connection with the April murder of RSS worker S.K. Sreenivasan in Palakkad, the SDPI hit the streets across Kerala in protest.

3 held for setting fire to podium at TMC event

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. NOVEMBER 13

THREE DAYS after a podium at a ruling Trinamool Congress event in Nandigram was vandalised and set on fire allegedly by BJP workers, police have arrested three persons from Kheiuri area.

Several BJP leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Suvendu Adhikari have been named in the FIR.

"So far, three persons have been arrested. All the three were named in the FIR. Raids are being conducted and a probe is on," SP(Purba Medinipur) Amarnath K told The Indian Express.

Those arrested have been identified as Kartik Barik. Gauranga Mondal and Sanjeev Mondal. They have been booked under IPC sections 307 (attempt to murder), 425 (mischief), 427 (mischief causing damage), 435 (mischief by fire), 436 (arson) 504 (intent to breach peace), 506 (criminal intimidation), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and under the Arms Act.

Police also raided BJP leader Meghnath Paul's residence in Nandigram late Saturday night. Last Thursday, a podium of a

TMC event to mark Martyrs' Day was vandalised and set on fire. Following the incident, an FIR

was lodged against 21 opposileaders, including Meghnath Paul and Suvendu

The BIP protested against the arrests, claiming that the charges against party leaders were false.

Bengal: BJP, tribal outfits protest TMC minister's remark on President

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 13

BHARATIYA JANATA Party workers and members of tribal organisations on Sunday staged separate protests in several parts of West Bengal against state minister Akhil Giri's controversial remarks on President Droupadi Murmu.

Besides Kolkata, rallies seeking action against Giri, minister of state for correctional homes, were organised in Paschim Bardhaman, Malda and Bankura

In the morning, members of the tribal community protesting on a highway in Bankura district's Khatra stopped the car of Minister of State for Food and Supplies Jyotsna Mandi when she was going to Bankura. The protesters demanded strict punishment for Giri. The blockade was lifted later with the intervention of police.

"As a tribal woman, I personally do not support what Giri said. I am and remain with all tribal people," Mandi said later while speaking to the media.

The BJP lodged several police complaints against Giri in different parts of the state. Also, party MP Locket Chatterjee filed a complaint against Giri at a police station in Delhi, demanding that he be removed as minister.

In a purported video clip, Giri was heard commenting on the looks of the President during a party workers' meeting in Nandigram on Friday. "They (BJP) said that I am not goodlooking. We don't judge anyone by their appearance. We respect the office of the President. But how does our President look?" Giri was heard saying. He later apologised.

PM heads to Bali for G-20 meet

and health - during his threeday visit to the Indonesian city for the summit. "G-20 deliberations have acquired a greater salience in the current global economic and political context. Coming on top of the existing environmental challenges, lack of progress in the SDGs (Sustainable Development

kev sessions – food and energy

security, digital transformation,

world is currently struggling with many important challenges," the Foreign Secretary "These include uneven postpandemic economic recovery, debt vulnerabilities, especially in the countries of the global south... (and the) ongoing conflict in Europe, and its knock-on

effect, such as food security chal-

lenges, energy crisis and inflation

is not something to be celebrated,

but it is happening...," Grossi told

The Indian Express in an interview

at the COP27 climate change

Asked whether the war in

Ukraine, particularly the threats

of use of a nuclear weapon or the

risk of damage to a nuclear facil-

ity, was dampening interest in

nuclear power, Grossi said the re-

verse seemed to be happening.

Europe. The war in Ukraine has

been a steroid for (adoption of)

nuclear (power). It has made

Poland decide to go all the way

(opt for nuclear power). No doubts

about it. Ukraine (is asking for)

more (nuclear power), Czech

Republic more, Slovakia more,

Romania more, Bulgaria more. All

of them. And several of them, al-

most all of them, with the excep-

tion of Poland, are working with

Russia (on their nuclear plans).

Paradoxical, isn't it?" Grossi said.

thing to be celebrated. I am just

saying this is happening. Let me

put it like this. The war has acted

like a catalyst... something that

accelerates a process that was al-

ready there. Most of the plans (in

these countries) already existed.

Maybe it is just about the factor of

speed. People realise that if en-

ergy security is a concern, nuclear

power gives you the kind of au-

tonomy or reliability that you

need," he said, adding that Egypt,

the host of COP27 meeting, was

"I wouldn't say this is some-

"Take (the case of) eastern

meet in Sharm el-Sheikh.

Goals) and the pandemic, the

India has always actively en-

on all countries," he said.

"As the incoming presidency,

gaged in the past and during this presidency of Indonesia also, with all the G-20 countries and participants throughout this year. Our position has been of steadfast and strong support to Indonesia, which as the presidency has shown strong leadership in ensuring that the G-20 platform discusses issues of substantive interest to the world," Stating that the Prime

Minister would receive the G-20 presidency from Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Kwatra said India will host the next summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10, 2023. Indonesia is the current chair of the G-20, and India will formally assume the role from December 1 this year.

War catalyst for nuke energy expansion: IAEA chief

nuclear power.

Namibia and Kenya.

lease of radiation.

also in the process of installing

have a very good percentage of

electricity of nuclear origin in this

country," he said, referring to sim-

ilar plans in countries like Ghana,

Grossi said this was happen-

ing despite the situation at the

Zaporizhzhia nuclear power

plant in Ukraine remaining at

constant risk of damage due to

the war, or from the forced out-

ages of external power at the facil-

ity that threaten the shutdown of

cooling systems and potential re-

ger every day. There is continued

shelling (in the area)... regular in-

terruptions of external power. Can

vou imagine a nuclear reactor in

India running like this? Forget

shelling, even throwing a stone

can land you in big trouble... in

India, in the United States, or any

other country. But here (in

Zaporizhzhia) you have (to de-

pend on) diesel generators run-

ning for hours (for operating the

cooling systems), sometimes even

days... sometimes even these are

switched off... And then suddenly

there is power back, and there is a

big sigh of relief... And then this

thing starts all over again. It is very

serious," Grossi said. Zaporizhzhia

houses the largest nuclear power

drama... It is a tragedy that must

"Zaporizhzhia is a daily

facility in all of Europe.

"The concerns are getting big-

"In a few years, you would

hopes to provide new strength, direction and perspective to G-20 discussions on diverse subjects," he said before listing the priorities.

"India's G-20 presidency

The Bali summit is set to be attended by US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Russian President Vldimir Putin is not attending the summit, and has sent his country's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov instead.

Kwatra said Modi will hold bilateral meetings with some of the G-20 leaders but did not specify whether they will include China's Xi. The summit programme includes a leaders' visit to a mangrove forest in Bali on November 16. Modi will also

be avoided at all costs," he said.

Grossi said any incident at

Zaporizhzhia would most likely

force countries to rethink their

nuclear plans, "especially in

democracies where one must

win the hearts and minds of vot-

ers" to receive approval. That, he

said, would be a big setback for

looking at the energy choices seri-

ously, at least in the industrialised

countries, it was obvious before

the war, and without the war, that

without nuclear you would never

get anywhere near the climate

change goals. Nowhere near," he

said, citing assessments from

Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change (IPCC) and

International Energy Agency (IEA)

whose outlooks for quick transi-

tion to clean energy rely heavily

on deployment of nuclear power.

IEA, and even the IPCC, we need

to at least double the global in-

stalled capacity of nuclear to

maximise the carbon dioxide

abatement. At least double. That

crescent, Poland, Hungary and

others are going in for massive in-

vestments in nuclear. It might be

driven by geopolitical factors.

Poland, which does not have any

nuclear power now, has just an-

nounced a massive contract with

Westinghouse (a US nuclear en-

ergy company)," Grossi said.

"The entire eastern European

is what IEA says," he said.

"According to all estimates of

"For all the energy planners

the climate objectives as well.

address and interact with the Indian community in Bali. India is currently part of the

G-20 Troika (current, previous and incoming presidencies) comprising Indonesia, Italy and

The G-20, or Group of 20, is an intergovernmental forum of major developed and developing economies. It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and nations under the European Union (EU).

The G-20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about twothirds of the world's population.

Punjab bans public display of firearms, songs glorifying them

It asked officers to "immediately cancel the arms licence" if it was found to be issued to any miscreant during the review.

According to the order, no new firearm licence should be issued in the next three months. except when competent authorities were "personally convinced that issuing of arms licence was necessary due to extraordinary circumstances".

The order also directed that "First Information Report be registered against person making hate speech against any community". The orders have been issued

in the backdrop of recent killings of Shiv Sena (Taksali) leader Sudhir Suri in Amritsar and dera follower Pardeep Singh, who was out on bail in 2015 sacrilege case, in Kotkapura. Earlier, the killing of kabaddi player Sandeep Nangal Ambian in Jalandhar in March and the killing of singer Sidhu Moosewala in May had sparked outrage.

The order also directed that a complete ban be imposed in carrying or showing off weapons in public gatherings, religious places, marriage functions or other events. It also directed to conducted "surprise checks" in different areas in this regard.

• GDP, inflation, deficit and repo

agreement between the Union Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India).

Of course, the government is also not in complete agreement with the RBI if the right approach at this juncture would be to further hike reporates (the rate at which the RBI lends to commercial banks), especially given the flagging rural demand. Just when there were nascent signs of economic recovery, higher interest rates may prompt companies to put on hold their expansion and investment plans, felt government

The RBI has already cut the GDP growth rate projections for the full year to 7 per cent from 7.2 per cent in its latest policy review on September 30. But economists suggest the economy is unlikely to grow at 7 per cent. The World Bank has already cut the India growth forecast in October beginning by 100 basis points to 6.5 per cent.

An economist, who did not wish to be named, pointed out that the RBI's estimated Q3 and Q4 growth rate of 4.6 per cent each on September 30 is higher than the August 5 estimate of 4.1 per cent in Q3 and 4 per cent in Q4. "Given that the 1.90 percentage point between May and September will play out fully in the next six months, demand is likely to remain suppressed, slowing investments and economic activity, thus adversely impacting growth," the economist said.

After five rounds of hikes since May, the reporate currently stands at 5.9 per cent and the Consumer Price Index-based or retail inflation at 7.41 per cent in September. The average retail inflation in the first half of FY23 (April-September) is 7.2 per cent. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said Saturday that the October inflation (data for which is expected Monday) is likely to be below 7 per cent. For the full year, RBI's inflation outlook is 6.7 per cent (assuming average crude oil prices of the Indian basket at \$100 a barrel).

On the deficit front, government officials said subsidies may be higher than estimated, but higher GST collections may make up for that. The fiscal deficit may be slightly higher than the Budget Estimate, but they expect to rein it in by keeping a tight leash on nonproductive expenditure. "It may not go beyond 6.5 per cent of GDP," said an official, who did not wish to be named.

Ex-CJI defends Collegium

Apparently referring to the attempts to bring in the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), the former CJI said, "An attempt to have a different modality was not found to be correct. In fact, the court went to the extent of saying that such an attempt, even a constitutional amendment, would be a violation of the basic structure." Referring to Union Law

Minister Kiren Rijiju's comments critical of the collegium system, Justice Lalit said "that is his personal view". He said, "The Collegium system is a decision by five judges of the Supreme Court. So, Collegium works as per the established norm. If you want reform in the Collegium, then maybe there is a need for dialogue."

He said it was up to the government if it wants to bring the NIAC again. "Change should be in tune with the law. If the government wishes to bring NJAC again, that's their prerogative. They can certainly do that. If both Houses pass such a Bill, that will also be one step in that direction. As long as such attempts are not made, we will fill up the vacancies that arise on the basis of established norms," Lalit

On criticism that the working of the Collegium system is opaque,

he said, "So long as the discussion is going on before the Collegium, it can never be transparent. Decisions which are coming out from the Collegium will definitely be transparent. No doubt about it. Suppose we have two vacancies and we are collecting information about 10 probable candidates, you see the pros and cons, you see various facets. At that juncture to be made completely transparent may

not be a good idea." Asked about the SC's comments last week that the government cannot keep names recommended by the Collegium pending forever, he referred to the case of a lawyer from Karnataka whose name was cleared by the $High \, Court \, Collegium \, as \, well \, as \, all \,$ agencies, but the Centre kept it pending, finally forcing the lawyer to withdraw his consent

"Because the decision was not taken on time, the system got deprived of one talented person, whose talent was certified not only by the High Court Collegium but also all the agencies at all levels. In such a case if you don't say yes or no and the name remains pending, there is a limit to patience and he left it. So may be such examples are there in his mind, which is why the bench said something like that about having a time limit.'

• England defeat Pakistan by five wickets, win their second World T20 title; Stokes scores unbeaten 52

But then, the largely smooth five-wicket victory, chasing a below-par 137 Sunday, was not fashioned by one man alone.

Sam Curran, the player of the match, bowled splendidly to produce figures of 4-0-12-3. Adil Rashid hooked the biggest fish of all, Pakistan captain Babar Azam, with a ripping googly. He had earlier ejected the dangerous Muhammad Haris. The rest of the bowlers, too, played their part to perfection in restricting their rivals to a total that was always going to be inadequate, even if Pakistan had the bowling firepower to make a match of it.

In the end, that is all they did -they pushed and stretched England but never came close to posing a serious threat.

This, in essence, was a victory of England's daring and enterprise, of them capturing the soul of the format even though they don't boast of million-dollar franchise leagues. At no point in the game did England look frazzled, even when Pakistan's fast bowlers pulled it back after the drinks break. From 61 runs off 60 balls, England were tasked with scoring 50 off 36 balls. But Stokes stuck to that old English motto: Stay calm and carry on.

England, undoubtedly, helped themselves to a slice of fortune, too. Pakistan's bowling spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi limped off after delivering the first ball of the 16th over. At that stage, England needed 41 runs off 29 balls. Skipper Azam had no other option but to introduce part-time spinner Ifthikhar Ahmed, whose five balls were creamed for 12 runs. Pakistan could only curse their luck they lost their gun bowler when they needed him the most while another one, Haris Rauf, was hobbling.

But that didn't change the

fact that England put on a clinical exhibition on all fronts throughout the tournament. So much so, their game is now considered the touchstone of white-ball cricket. Pakistan and India, for instance, could learn from them the art of picking T20-specific batters and harnessing potential. One of the biggest reasons

that India and Pakistan fell short against England was their batting in the first 10 overs. India had eked out 63 in the semifinal, Pakistan 68 in the final. Both looked to play out bowlers they thought were dangerous but surprisingly chose restraint against leg-spinner Adil Rashid. In the past, Rashid would have been fodder to subcontinental batsmen. On the other hand, despite being repeatedly beaten, Buttler walked across the stumps and scooped pacer Nadeem Shah for a six. It was not fortune or destiny, it was bravado

It was also a victory of planning. England's selectors made brave calls, dumping Joe Root, their best Test and ODI batsman, because he batted too slow for T20s, and plucked Alex Hales from obscurity on his magnificent returns in the Big

Bash League. Just as England woke up late

to the demands and dynamics of ODI cricket, so have India and Pakistan to T20s. To think that England achieved the white-ball double with several of their regulars missing -- Jofra Archer, Mark Wood, Jonny Bairstow and Dawid Malan -- makes the feat all the more remarkable. The England set-up and the way of functioning is a textbook from which the rest of the white-ball cricketing world could glean valuable lessons from, rather than blindly place their faith in destiny and miracles.

Highest single-day seizure: 61 kg gold worth Rs 32 crore seized at Mumbai airport

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IN THE highest seizure in a single day reported by the Customs Department, 61 kg of gold was seized in two separate cases at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International (CSMI) Airport on Friday, Seven passengers were arrested in the two cases and gold worth Rs 32 crore was

seized from them. Among the seven arrested, five are men and

In the first case, four Indians, who landed from Tanzania were intercepted. "They were found carrying smuggled gold in the form of 1 kg bars ingeniously concealed in specially designed waist belts with multiple pockets wrapped around their torso. A total of 53 kg gold valued at Rs 28.17 crore was recovered from the four," said an official.

The belts with UAE-made gold bars concealed inside were handed over to the passengers by a Sudanese national at Doha airport during the transit time.

On enquiry, they were found to be coming from Tanzania. During the interrogation, all four passengers confessed that they were handed over the gold in transit at the Doha airport by an unknown Sudanese national

who had not travelled with them

In the second case, they seized 8 kg of gold valued at Rs 3.88 crore from three passengers (one male and two females), who arrived from Dubai. A customs official said, "We found gold dust in wax form ingeniously concealed in the waistline of the jeans worn by the passengers. One of the accused women is in her late six-

ties and was moving around in a wheelchair. All the arrested have been remanded to 14 days of judicial custody by a magistrate court.

Elaborating on the big seizure, an official said, "At Mumbai Airport, based on the continuous monitoring of suspicious flights and building on the data-based analysis from the earlier high-quantum gold and foreign currency seizures, a

passengers was undertaken on sensitive flights from certain places in Africa and the Middle In the recent case of foreign currency seizure of Rs 4.08

systematic profiling of suspect

crores, the pattern and mode of operation noticed along with profiling of foreign national passengers and extrapolating the natterns led to success, in this case, the official added.

OBSERVES HIGH COURT

'POCSO Act not meant to criminalise consenting young adult relationships'

MALAVIKA PRASAD NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

WHILE GRANTING bail to a man booked for kidnapping and offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Delhi High Court recently held that the Act intends to protect children from sexual exploitation and not "criminalise consensual romantic relation-

ships between young adults". A single judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh, in his order of October 20, made this observation while hearing a bail application of a man booked for aggravated penetrative sexual assault (Section 6) and abetment (Section 17) under the POCSO Act, kidnapping (Section 363) and rape (Section 376) under the IPC. The HC observed that this has to be seen from the "facts

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A 49-YEAR-OLD auto-rickshaw

driver died after a bus rammed

into his vehicle in North Delhi's

Civil Lines. Police said the incident

took place Sunday morning

when the bus driver, identified as

Rajesh Kumar (37), allegedly suf-

fered an epileptic seizure and lost

arrested and booked for rash driv-

ing and causing death by negli-

gence. Police said he was also

taken to the hospital after the in-

cident, A PCR call was made by lo-

cals around 10.57 am. Staff rushed

to the spot and found the auto

was badly damaged and the

DCP(North)SagarSinghKalsi

driver was grievously injured.

Police said Kumar has been

control of the wheel.

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and circumstances" of each case as there might be cases where the survivor of sexual offence may be forced to settle under pressure or trauma.

According to the facts of the case, a 17-year-old girl was married to a man on June 30, 2021. but she did not wish to stay with him. On October 27, 2021, she went to the accused's house, her friend, who took her to Punjab where they got married. The girl's father then lodged an FIR against the accused, alleging he took her against her will.

Justice Singh interacted with the alleged victim in his chamber in the presence of the Additional Public Prosecutor for the state. She stated that at the time of marriage with the accused on October 28, "she was an adolescent and around 17 years of age" - her date of birth being October 1, 2004.

said: "The bus was coming from

Baraf Khana Chowk on the wrong

The auto driver, Mamchand

(49), was rushed to St Stephen's

Hospital. He was then referred to

AIIMS Trauma Centre where he

succumbed to injuries. Abus pas-

senger sustained minor injuries

and was treated. His statement

was recorded by police and a case

was registered against Kumar.

"We arrested the bus driver and

further investigation is being con-

ducted," said the DCP

Bus driver suffers seizure,

and rams into auto; 1 dead

loses control of vehicle

A single judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh, in his order of Oct 20, made this observation while hearing a bail application of a man booked for kidnapping and offences under the **POCSO Act**

She further said she got married to the accused out of her "own free will and without any undue influence, threat, pressure or coercion" and wants to stay with him. It was also noted by the HC that she had moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court and submitted that she married the accused willingly and "her parents were threatening to band". Pursuant to which the Punjab and Haryana HC directed that the couple be provided with adequate police protection.

The HC thereafter observed

that this was not a case where

the girl was "coerced into the relationship" with the accused. In fact, she had herself gone to the accused's home and asked him to marry her, it noted. "The statement of the victim makes it clear that this is a romantic relationship between the two and that the sexual act between them was consensual. Although the victim is minor and, hence, her consent does not have any legal bearing, I am of the opinion that the factum of a consensual relationship borne out of love should be of consideration while granting bail." the HC held.

On the nature and intent of POCSO, the HC referred to a High Court in Vijayalakshmi v. State which said, "what came to be a law to protect and render justice to victims and survivors of child abuse, can, become a tool in the hands of certain sections of the society to abuse the process of law".

Granting bail to the man, the HC opined that to ignore the statement of the girl and "let the accused suffer (in) jail" would amount to "perversity of justice"

While making the observation, the HC, however, said proceedings before the court were for grant of bail and not for quashing of FIR. "It is not a case where the slate of the applicant is wiped clear," it held. The man was directed to furnish a personal bond and surety bond of Rs 10,000 each and directed to join the investigation when called by the investigating officer concerned.

4 years after teen from Jharkhand was killed, cops nab fourth accused

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carriageway and hit the auto coming from the ISBT side. The in-NEARLY FOUR years after a cident took place outside one of group of men allegedly killed a the exit gates of Tis Hazari Court. 15-year-old girl from Jharkhand and dumped her body dumped From the enquiry, it was found that the driver had suffered some in Paschim Vihar, the Delhi sort of seizure... an epileptic fit, Police Special Cell has arrested one of the main accused in conand he couldn't control the bus. The bus veered into the wrong nection with the crime. carriageway and hit the auto."

According to police, the accused, Shalu Topno (26), was arrested from Gumla in Jharkhand. Shalu and his associates worked with a placement agency in Delhi and brought young girls (mostly minors) from remote villages in [harkhand and Bihar and pushed] them into labour or other work.

Police said the victim was brought to Delhi when she was 12 years old and forced to work as a domestic help at homes and

shops. When she tried to go back home, the accused killed her and cut up her body into six parts. DCP (Special Cell) Pramod

Singh Kushwah said, "She had asked for Rs 2 lakh which was part of her unpaid/pending wages... The accused, however, kept lying to her. When she threatened to file a complaint, Shalu and the others hit her head on the wall at their office. The men then chopped her body into six parts and dumped it near

Mianwali Nagar.' A police source added "... Her hands and torso were chopped and dumped at different places. It took an entire team to recover the body parts and identify the girl," said a police source.

On May 17, 2018, the girl's hand was found near a canal. Her body parts were later recovered and a case was registered. Senior

police officers said the girl was identified and CCTVs revealed she worked at a house in Delhi Police then arrested the placement agency owner, Manjeet, and his two associates. Shalu, however, managed to escape.

Earlier this year, a team led by ACP Attar Singh worked for nearly four months and traced his location. DCP Kushwah said, "Shalu went underground and was changing his location to evade arrest. We looked at multiple states to track movement of the killers. After several months, we received information that Shalu will come back to Jharkhand for some work. A team was immediately sent to Jharkhand from where he was traced and arrested on Friday."

During questioning, police said Shalu confessed to the crime and said he had brought the victim from [harkhand in 2015]

DU declares third round of seat allotments

ponements, Delhi University declared its third round of seat allotments on Sunday evening. The third list was initially supposed to be declared on November 10.

In the third round, admissions to all supernumerary seats - in-

cluding against Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) and Sports quotas, and the children or widows of the personnel of the Armed Forces and Kashmiri migrant quotas are also taking place along with regular admissions.

Candidates will have till 4.59

their allocated seat, and colleges will have till 4.59 pm on November 16 to process the applications. At 4.59 pm on November 17, the window for candidates to pay their fees will close. ENS

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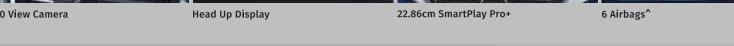
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Shastri Park on Sunday, alleging

that party leaders had confis-

cated his documents and were

not returning them. He has not

found a place in AAP's list of can-

Hasan, who was a councillor

Municipal Corporation, said that

he would not be able to file his

nomination on Monday, which

is the last day, without his docu-

year entered an overflowing

drain in Northeast Delhi to clean

it and had later been bathed in

milk by his supporters, climbed

atop the tower around 10.30 am.

Police, Delhi Fire Service, BSES as

well as local administration offi-

cers reached the spot along with

several of Hasan's supporters, re-

Aam Aadmi Party's Durgesh

Pathak and Atishi will be respon-

sible if something happens to

me, or if I die. They have my orig-

inal documents, including my

bank passbook. Tomorrow is the

last day for filing nominations

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ments were located and re-

turned to him by the local ad-

ministration that he climbed

He claimed AAP leaders had

JNU clash: 4 students

barred from campus

till enquiry is done

It was after Hasan's docu-

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down around 3 pm.

Hasan, however, said, "The

questing him to come down.

Hasan, who had earlier this

didates.

51-100 Satisfactory 101-200 Moderate 201-300 Poor 301-400 Very Poor

MCD polls: Denied ticket, AAP

ex-councillor climbs tower,

DATA SHOWS

Peak impact of stubble burning on city's PM 2.5 levels lower than previous years

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE PEAK daily contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi so far this year has been lower compared to previous vears, data from the System of Air Quality Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) shows.

The highest contribution from stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi on a single day this season was 34% on November 3. The peak single-day contribution last year was higher at 48% on November 7. In the past five years, the highest contribution on a single day was recorded on November 5, 2018 - 58%. This contribution peaked at 44% on October 31, 2019, and 42% on November 5, 2020, according to data provided by Gufran Beig, founder project director, SAFAR, In previous years, the contribution of stubble burning had peaked by the first week of November.

On Sunday, the contribution of stubble burning was 24%, higher than the 17% recorded on Saturday and 19% recorded on Friday. The AQI on Sunday was 303 in the 'very poor' category, and same as the AQI recorded on Saturday, according to the CPCB's

PADDY RESIDUE BURNING EVENTS Punjab CONTRIBUTION OF STUBBLE BURNING TO PM 2.5

4 pm bulletin.

Source: SAFAR

The stubble burning contribution has remained on the lower side despite the count from farm fires in Puniab increasing sharply on Friday. Punjab recorded a fire count of 2,467 on Saturday, lower than the 3,916 recorded on Friday, data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute shows. Sunday's fire count was also low at 2,175.

counts this year

> SO FAR this season, both Punjab and Haryana have recorded smaller fire counts compared to the same period last year. Punjab has recorded a fire count of 45,319, below the count of 62,863 recorded till November 13 last year. Haryana has recorded 3,111 fire events, less than 5,400 recorded till November 13 last year.

Winds have had much to do with lowering the impact of stubble burning on PM 2.5 levels in Delhi. Despite upper-level winds blowing from the northwest being favourable for the transport of pollutants from stubble burning to Delhi, the local wind speed has helped ensure dispersion of pollutants, according to an update issued by SAFAR on Saturday.

On November 14, the upperlevel winds are likely to become weaker, reducing the likelihood of transportation of pollutants from stubble burning and bringing about an improvement in the AQI, the SAFAR forecast indicates.

"Last year's peak stubble burning contribution coincided with Diwali. The fires were delayed by about 10-15 days this vear. If harvesting is yet to be completed now, then the counts will increase or the burning period will extend into the first week of December. So far, although the contribution and fire count have been high, what is coming to Delhi's rescue is local winds, which are not calm. This means that the pollutants have been getting dispersed quickly. If stagnant conditions persisted, the contribution would have been higher. Local winds are not allowing these pollutants to accumulate," Beig said.

SAFAR has recorded the contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi from around October 12 onwards this vear, but the share remained below 6% till around October 25, and rose to over 20% by October 29. "When you compare this to previous years, the counts were not significant till around October 15 this year. Earlier, it would start increasing from around October 5 onwards," Beig added.

alleges documents confiscated **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 13 THE AAM Aadmi Party's move to collect documents of those who wanted tickets for the upcoming MCD polls backfired on Sunday as its former councillor Haseebul-Hasan climbed atop an electricity transmission tower near

from the erstwhile East Delhi Haseeb-ul-Hasan, a former AAP councillor, climbed atop an

electricity tower in Shastri Park on Sunday. PTI

returned his documents under pressure from the media. He also alleged he was asked for money in lieu of a ticket and that people were

paying crores of rupees to get a berth. "I will file my nomination tomorrow," he added. When asked if he would contest as an Independent, Hasan said he would take a call soon.

AAP, meanwhile, tried to calm tempers and said in an official statement: "Haseeb-ul-Hasan is a dedicated and hardworking party worker. His being troubled after not getting a ticket is natural. Out of the lakhs of workers in Delhi, only 250 could get tickets. Every political party has several criteria in mind while giving tickets to people in every election. The party is sympathetic towards all those who could not get a ticket. In politics, elections are not the ultimate destination."

Sources, meanwhile, said that the

team in all 70 assembly constituencies to gather original documents from all probables ahead of the polls. "This has left a sour taste in the mouths of some workers, especially those who were not given tickets, as it seems like a clear attempt to stop them from contesting independently," a source claimed.

A party official, however, said that documents were collected for scrutiny and to help those selected in the nomination

AAP did not officially respond to questions regarding the collection of documents. Pathak and Atishi could not be reached

Congress picks

249 candidates

BRIEFLY -Vehicle thief arrested after

exchange of fire in Noida Noida: A man, who is al-

legedly a history sheeter, was arrested after a shootout with the Gautam Buddh Nagar police in Noida's Sector 126 Sunday. Police said the man, Mohit Digga, had an extensive criminal history across Delhi-NCR and UP. He sustained a leg injury during the shootout and was hospitalised, said police. Police said the accused's modus operandi was to steal fourwheelers at gunpoint and fire at anyone who tried to

LGBTQ+ activist beaten up

New Delhi: A 31-year-old LGBTQ+ activist was allegedly assaulted by a group of 6-7 persons in Karol Bagh. Police said they have registered a case but no arrest has been made yet. The activist, Gopi Shankar Madhurai, was walking after dinner when the incident took place. Shweta Chauhan, DCP (Central). said, "On Saturday, we received information from Ganga Ram hospital. The person suffered injuries to his face, hands, eye... According to the complainant, he was walking when 6-7 persons came and asked him for money. When he refused, the accused persons verbally abused him and physically assaulted him." ENS

Police issue traffic advisory ahead of India International Trade Fair

New Delhi: Police Sunday issued a traffic advisory ahead of the India International Trade Fair and mentioned roads where congestion is expected. It said traffic congestion is expected at Mathura Road, Bhairon Marg, Ring Road, Shershah Road and Purana Qila Road. Entry to the fair will be restricted to business visitors from November 14-8. It will be opened for general public from November 19-27. PTI

Rush Hour

Visitors spotted at India Gate on Sunday. Abhinav Saha

Delhi to see strong winds, Families of two girls misty mornings this week declared brain dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

STRONG WINDS and misty mornings are on the cards for Delhi during the week, with the day temperatures expected to stay below the 30-degree mark.

On Sunday, the maximum temperature was recorded as 28.3 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year. The minimum settled at 12.6, a degree below normal.

November so far has been warmer than usual, with the warmest day of the month in 14 vears being recorded last Monday with a temperature of 33 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature also remained above normal for most

According to officials at the

Meteorological Department (IMD), warm winds coming from the east are responsible for the warmer than usual month so far.

This, however, is set to change with this week expected to get winds mostly from the colder North and Northwest directions.

Monday is expected to see a misty morning with the maximum temperature expected to settle at 28 degrees Celsius and the minimum at around 13 de-

Strong winds are expected on Tuesday and Monday from the Northwest direction and are expected to poorly impact the city's AQI, owing to stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana.

The capital is not expected to get rain over the next seven

donate organs at AIIMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE PARENTS of an 18-monthold and an 8-year-old girl, who were declared brain dead, donated their vital organs at AIIMS in a span of 48 hours.

The 18-month-old baby, Mahira, had fallen down from the balcony of her home in Haryana's Mewat on November 6, post which she was brought to Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (JPNATC) on the same day with a severe head injury. She was declared brainstem dead on November 11. With the consent of her family, her kidneys were transplanted through an en-bloc kidney transplant to a

17-year-old and her liver was transplanted to a 7-year-old at ILBS. Her corneas have been stored in the National Eye Bank and her heart valve in AIIMS.

Meanwhile, Mansi (8), who lived in Mathura, had fallen down from a height at her home on November 2. She suffered severe brain damage and was declared brain dead on November 11. With the consent of her parents, her liver and a kidney were transplanted to a five-year-old who was undergoing treatment at ILBS. The other kidney was given to a 12-year-old child, who was on peritoneal dialysis for over five years and undergoing treatment at AIIMS. Mansi's corneas and heart valves have also been preserved.

in which two students were iniured in a clash between two groups, the university administration has declared the campus "out of bounds" for four students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FOLLOWING LAST week's inci-

dent of violence at the Jawaharlal

Nehru University (INU) campus.

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

until its enquiry into the incident is completed. The Delhi Police has registered two FIRs based on com-

plaints by two JNU students in connection with the incident. According to a university of-

ficial, a clash had taken place between two groups of students on Wednesday night in which one student was injured. The official said this escalated the next afternoon when people from outside the university joined in for "retaliatory violence"

The Chief Proctor has issued orders against two BA students, one MA student and one MPhil student who have been identified as having been involved "in a physical fight with a fellow student of JNU on 9th November, 2022, at midnight at Narmada Hostel".

"As per rules of discipline and proper conduct of students of JNU in accordance with the powers vested in the Vice-Chancellor... the Vice-Chancellor has ordered that entire JNU cam-

pus is declared out of bounds for him with immediate effect till the entire enquiry [into the incident] is completed," read the identical orders issued to the four students.

The orders anyone giving shelter to the four students in the university premises "will invite strict disciplinary action against him/her".

The Registrar has also issued an advisory after the incident which states that the incident took place because of "personal animosity" and that "the administration reiterates its resolve for zero tolerance towards any form of violence on campus and appeals to student groups to desist from resorting to violence and taking the law into their hands failing which strict action will be

taken as per university rule". A senior police officer had also said there are no student political groups or any politics involved in the incident

This is the second incident of violence in the JNU campus this vear. In March, multiple students were injured during a clash between student activists from the Left and the ABVP after hours of tension between the two - one camp had alleged attempts were made to stop nonvegetarian food from being cooked and served in a hostel mess and the other alleged attempts to disrupt a Ram Navami puja in the same hostel.

for MCD polls, 129 are women **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE CONGRESS released a list of 249 candidates for the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) polls late Sunday evening, of whom more than half are women.

In the last civic polls, the party had cornered seats in 30 wards, leaving it in the third position behind the BJP and AAP. The party is only making four siting councillors contest from their current wards: Seema Tahira from Bazaar Sita Ram, Sulakshana from Ram Nagar, Sushila Khorwal from Dev Nagar and Darshna from Siddharth Nagar. Prerna Singh, who is sitting councillor from Anand Parbat, will be contesting

from Kishan Ganj. Among the prominent faces not contesting again is two-time councillor and current national secretary (Karnataka state) Abhishek Dutt. Of the 249 candidates, at least 129 are women candidates. The party has not listed a candidate from the East

Patel Nagar ward. "I am pleased to announce the approved list of Congress candidates for MCD election 2022. Best wishes to all warriors," said Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhury on Twitter while

releasing the list of candidates. Monday is the last date for candidates to file nominations.

Noida Authority Makes Registration Of Pet Dogs, Cats Mandatory

From March 1, attack by a pet to attract Rs 10,000 fine in Noida

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, NOVEMBER 13

FROM MARCH 1 next year, pet owners in Noida will have to pay a Rs 10,000 fine if their pets attack people/other animals and will also be responsible for treatment of the injured party. The decision was taken by the Noida Authority in its latest meeting.

The Authority has also made it mandatory for owners to register their pet dogs and cats on its pet registration app by paying a fee by January 31, 2023. It has further made sterilisation and antirabies vaccines for pets mandatory, with a Rs 2,000 per month fine for non-compliance to be applied from March 1 next year. The Authority will also provide shelters at its own expense, with the consent of Resident Welfare Associations, where sick and aggressive dogs will be kept and maintained by the RWAs. Feeding spots will also be set up and marked with a board. It will also be the responsibility of dog

owners to clean up after their

pets, it has said.

Noida Authority officials had earlier announced the framework for the proposed policies in the wake of the death of an infant who was attacked by a stray dog as his parents worked on a road in Noida's Lotus Boulevard Society. ACEO Prabhash Kumar had also said while a registration app had already existed, its use had to be properly implemented.

Other developments include a policy for structural audits of buildings, completion of proposals before issuing a tender for the



Noida heliport, and additional

vehicles for police. According to the Authority, a structural audit report has to be submitted by IIT, NIT, or other expert institutes before the issuance of partial or full occupancy certificates of buildings. After this, if 25% or above allottees of the Apartment Owner

Feeding spots will also be set up and marked with a board, said the Noida Authority. Archive

New Delhi

Associations (AOA) complain about defects, a committee of the Authority will decide if it is a major or minor issue, with the former being examined by experts. According to the relevant legislation, from the date of issuance of

years it would be that of the AOA. The Authority also noted that in the allotment of assets through e-auctions, disruption was being caused by excessive

bids. In the future, those not tak-

the occupancy certificate, it is the

builder's initial responsibility to

remove defects, while after five

ing the plots will forfeit their registration amount. As per the meeting, the heli-

port tender is also moving apace. According to Noida Authority CEO Ritu Maheshwari, "The amended 'request for proposal' for the heliport has been approved. A tender will be floated soon.' Meanwhile, as many as 55

new vehicles will also be provided to the Gautam Buddh Nagar police. In October, 14 vehicles had been provided. Police had previously highlighted a shortage of available vehicles.

Dhankhar highlights EAS

Mevani, Rathva retain seats as Cong announces 39 more names

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, NOVEMBER 13

GUJARAT CONGRESS working president Jignesh Mevani and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Sukhram Rathva, are among the 39 names announced by the Congress Sunday for the Assembly elections in the state. Both Mevani and Rathva have been repeated from Vadgam and (Pavi) Jetpur seats respectively.

With the latest list, the Congress has now named its candidates on 142 of 182 seats. It has also entered into a pre-poll alliance with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on three seats.



Tushar Chaudhary, a former union minister and son of former Chief Minister Amarsinh Chaudhary, been

fielded from Khedbrahma constituency. Jayanti Patel has been nomi-

nated in Morbi. The Congress, which Saturday announced Ramesh Mer as its pick in Botad, replaced him with party spokesperson Manhar Patel. The move came a day after Manhar took to Twitter to register his displeasure. "I am the real candidate for Botad. The Congress should rethink about me. This decision of the party is unacceptable to a leader as loyal as me...it is not in the larger interest of the party," he had

Gandhinagar Congress MLA CJ Chavda has been fielded from Vijapur of Mehsana district, while the party has chosen Sangramsinh Rathva for Chhota Udepur.

In Dhrangadhra, Rajkot (West), Jamnagar Rural and Gariadhar constituencies, the has nominated Chhattarsinh Gunjariya, Mansukh Kalariya, Jivan Kumbharvadiya and Divyesh Chavda respectively

Anyone casting evil eye on India now given befitting reply: Rajnath

SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

IN THE PAST few months, the BIP government in Haryana has held several events to remember heroes of different communities to woo the voters. In the series of such events, Defence Minister Rainath Singh Sunday unveiled the statue of 12th century king Prithviraj Chauhan in Kulana village of Jhajjar district.

At the event, Singh said that safeguarding national interests is the main focus of the BIP-led government and anyone casting an evil eye on India is now given a befitting reply. "India is no longer weak. We believe in peace," Singh said, adding that "a befitting reply is now given if anyone tries to harm us." "Our soldiers have proved this time and again," Singh said, referring to the 2016 surgical strikes and 2019 Balakot airstrikes.

He added that to get rid of the colonial mindset, the Narendra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE RASHTRIYA Lok Dal (RLD)

has fielded former MLA Madan

Bhaiya from Khatauli Assembly

seat in Muzaffarnagar district

where by-elections will be held

on December 5. The RLD is con-

testing the election in alliance

Bhaiya's candidature through a

Assembly seat was necessitated

following sitting BJP MLA

Vikram Singh Saini's conviction

in a 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots

case. Saini was sentenced to two

The party announced

The bypoll in the Khatauli

with the Samajwadi Party.

tweet on Sunday.

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 13

UP BYPOLLS



Defence Minister Rajnath Singha and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar at the unveiling of Prithviraj Chauhan's statue. Express

Modi government has taken a number of initiatives, including a new Indian Navy ensign inspired from Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji, abolition of around 1,500 obsolete British-era laws, renaming of Rajpath as Kartavya Path and installation of a grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate. More than 1,500 archaic laws dating back to the British rule, whose rel-

MLA Madan Bhaiya from Khatauli

years of imprisonment, thereby

leading to his disqualification

was chosen for his "political ex-

perience". A three-time MLA

from Khekra constituency in

Baghpat district, the 62-year-old

Gurjar leader is seen by the RLD

as someone who can win the by-

poll for the party. In the

Assembly elections held earlier

this year, RLD had lost to the BJP

in Khatauli by 16.345 votes.

RLD leaders said that Bhaiya

from the Assembly.

Madan

Bhaiya

RLD fields three-time former

evance was completely over, have been abolished. "There are many such laws for which we are preparing a scheme. We will scrap these too," the minister said.

Terming Haryana and the Jhajjar region as the land of the brave with a glorious history, Singh said many have laid down their lives for safeguarding the country's borders. He added that he salutes such a brave land,

Bhaiya hails from Ghaziabad

and has won Khekra seat thrice -

on an SP ticket in 1993, as an

Independent in 2002, and as an

March this year, he had con-

tested from Loni and lost to BJP's

Nand Kishor Gurjar by 8,676

votes. He had lost the seat to

Nand Kishor Gurjar in 2017 and

strongman in the area and has at

least two cases lodged against

him in Ghaziabad for rioting, and

criminal intimidation among

have not yet announced their

candidate for the bypoll.

The BJP, BSP and Congress

Bhaiya has an image of a

to BSP's Zakir Ali in 2012.

In the Assembly elections in

RLD nominee in 2007.

which is an inspiration of sacrifice and bravery. "In the Galwan Valley, when there was standoff, our forces showed their valour and courage. The statues of great brave sons such as Prithviraj Chauhan and Rao Tula Ram teach us to move forward in life," he said, adding that the feasibility of Sainik School in Matanhail of Jhajjar district will be examined and necessary action will be taken in this regard. Singh said Khattar has done

BUNTY TYAGI

PHNOM PENH, NOVEMBER 13

VICE PRESIDENT Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday addressed

the 17th East Asia Summit (EAS)

here, during which he high-

lighted global concerns on food and energy security, and empha-

sised the role of the EAS mecha-

nism in promoting free, open

and inclusive Indo-Pacific with

freedom of navigation and over-

other world powers have been

discussing the need to ensure a

free, open and thriving Indo-

Pacific in the backdrop of China's

rising military manoeuvring in

disputed South China Sea,

though Taiwan, the Philippines,

Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all

claim parts of it. Beijing has built

artificial islands and military in-

stallations in the South China

Sea. China also has territorial dis-

putes with Japan in the East

The Quad grouping of India, Australia, Japan and the United

States has strongly opposed any

unilateral actions that seek to

change the status quo or increase

Cambodia on a three-day visit,

also briefly interacted with US

President Joe Biden on the side-

mit, the Vice President inaugu-

rated the completed conservation

work of 'Hall of Dancers' in Ta

Prohm Temple in the Angkor ar-

chaeological complex in the

Cambodian city of Siem Reap. He

was accompanied by External

Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on

his visit to the temple. "We are not

in the country of our extended

neighbourhood, we are in our ex-

After addressing the EAS sum-

lines of the summit.

Dhankhar, who is in

tensions in the Indo-Pacific.

China claims nearly all of the

the region.

China Sea.

The US, India and several

commendable work for the development of Haryana. "Such a CM with "sant pravritti", who strenuously works for the people and society, is rare. CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced plans to build a research institute and memorial in the name of Prithvirai Chauhan in Taraori, Karnal. He said the Haryana government has taken the initiative to remember great men by implementing the ʻsant mahapurush vichar prasar yojana'. Sunday's function is seen as an attempt to woo the Rajput community in Haryana.

nomination today

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav's wife and former MP Dimple Yadav will file her nomination for the Mainpuri Lok Sabha bypoll on Monday. She will be accompanied by Akhilesh, a party release said.



Dimple

Dimple Yadav's candidature, SP is trying

to carry forward the legacy of Mulayam Singh Yadav on the seat, considered a family pocket borough. Akhilesh's Karhal Assembly seat is part of the Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency.

Mainpuri bypoll: Dimple to file



Yadav last month. With 44-year-

tended family," Dhankhar said during the inauguration. The Hall of Dancers is part of a \$4-million collaborative project between India and Cambodia for the preservation and restoration of cultural heritage in Cambodia.

role in free Indo-Pacific

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the 17th East Asia Summit in Phnom Penh. Cambodia. PTI

Jaishankar talks Ukraine, bilateral ties with Blinken

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA PHNOM PENH, NOVEMBER 13

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken here on Sunday and discussed bilateral ties, the raging Ukraine conflict, energy issues, G20 and the situation in the Indo-Pacific, days ahead of a possible meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden on the margins of the G-20 Summit in Bali.

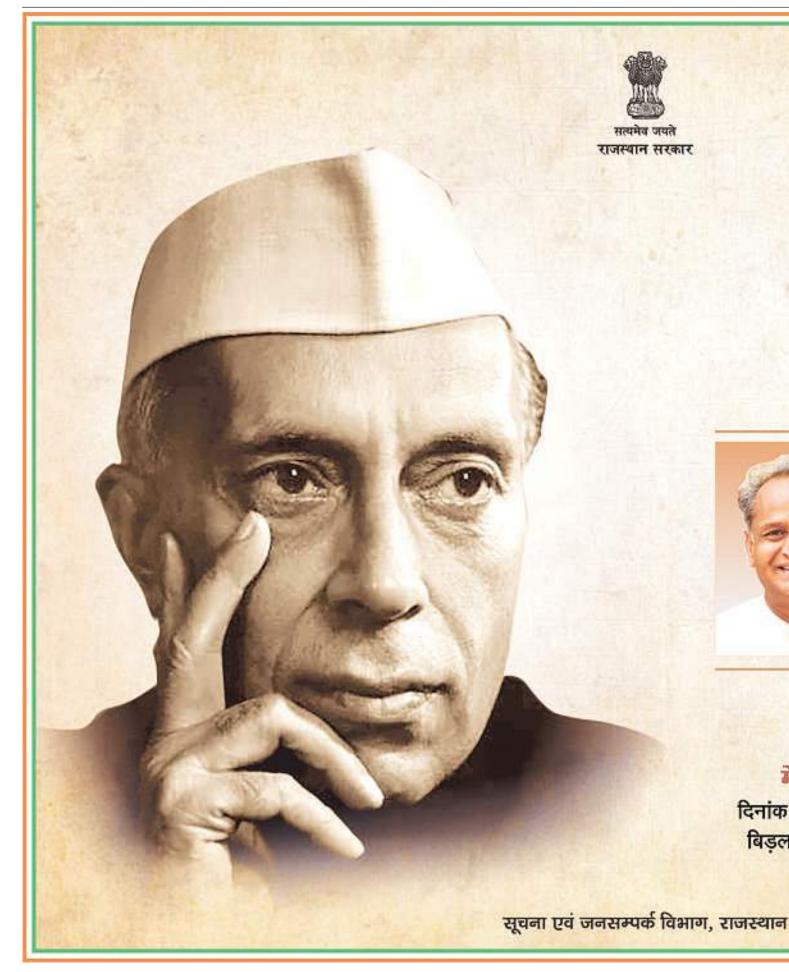
Jaishankar and Blinken met on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Summit here in the Cambodian capital.

"A good meeting with US Secretary of State @SecBlinken. Discussed Ukraine, Indo-Pacific, energy, G20 and bilateral relations," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

"I met Indian External Affairs Minister @DrSJaishankar on the margins of the @ASEAN summit today in Phnom Penh to discuss ongoing efforts to expand our partnership & mitigate the effects of Russia's war on Ukraine. The U.S. supports India's #G20 Presidency," Blinken tweeted.

Jaishankar is accompanying Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. who is leading the Indian delegation to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit here. His meeting with Blinken took place after his meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Tuesday and talks with Ukraine Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on Saturday here.

Jaishankar also held lso talks with his counterpart from Thailand Don Pramudwinai. "Discussed our shared regional concerns," he tweeted. "Met Canadian colleagues Trade Minister @mary_ng and FM @melaniejoly at the ASEAN gala dinner. All for greater trade and strategic convergence, while countering terrorism and opposing radicalization," he said in an-



भारत रत्न पं. जवाहरलाल नेहरू

(14 नवम्बर, 1889 - 27 मई, 1964)

की जयंती पर शत-शत नमन



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AAP candidate, Katargan

The AAP's Gujarat president is a graduate of Gujarat University. His declared profession is consultant and source of income is consultancy fees.

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UP Deputy CM Maurya: 'Gujarat more important state for BJP'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 13

UTTAR PRADESH Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Sunday credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, attacked the Congress, and asked voters to look out for "the *chunavi Hindu* (electoral Hindu)".

Maurva, who was campaigning in Ahmedabad ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections, said Gujarat was more important than Uttar Pradesh for the BJP. "For us, Gujarat with its 26 Lok Sabha seats and 182 Assembly seats is more important than Uttar Pradesh, which has 80 Lok

At a public event organised by the Other Languages Cell of state BIP in the Amraiwadi constituency, where the BJP has fielded Hasmukh Patel, a doctor, Maurya said, "Those whose only aim is to insult Hindus in the country are chunavi Hindus. Look out for them ... When elections are around, they go to the temple of Lord Somnath, Lord Ram, Hanuman. You should recall that when the Congress was in power in the country, it had told the Supreme Court that Lord Ram is just imaginary."

BATTLEGROUND GUJARAT

In Adivasi belt, a triangular contest takes shape but advantage BJP

Congress looking to replicate 2017 success but BJP controls most of these constituencies now

ADITIRAJA& KAMAAL SAIYED VADODARA, SURAT, NOVEMBER 13

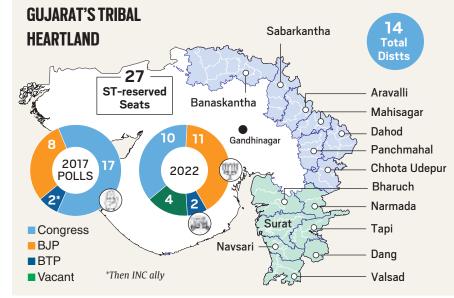
THEY USED to be part of a Congress stronghold but Gujarat's 27 Assembly seats reserved for tribals are likely to witness a three-way contest in the coming elections, with the BJP at an advantage on account of its organisational prowess, a relatively weak Opposition, and because it controls 13 of the con-

stituencies at the moment.

The Congress won 17 seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the 2017 Assembly elections but since then five of the MLAs have joined the BJP, the latest being 10-time MLA Mohansinh Rathava who represents Chhota Udepur at present. The BJP has fielded his son Rajendrasinh from the constituency this time. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is hoping to split votes and turn a traditionally bilateral contest into a triangular fight.

Gujarat's tribal belt stretches across 14 districts, from Ambaji in the north to Umbergaon in the south. This region shares borders with Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra. Though Adivasis constitute 14 per cent of the electorate, in the past they have been one of the biggest contributors to the Congress's tally in the Assembly.

Of the 27 ST-reserved seats, BIP won eight last time and the



Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP), in then in alliance with the Congress, bagged two. Fourteen of these constituencies are in south Gujarat, where the BJP holds eight seats at the moment; 10 are in central Gujarat, where the BIP has five, and three are in north Gujarat, where two Congress-held seats are vacant and one is still with the party.

BJP confident

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the BJP's campaign from Kaprada in Valsad on November 6, saying that for him "A" stood for Adivasis. Five days earlier, the PM visited Mangarh in bordering Rajasthan, where he paid tribute to Adivasis killed by the British in 1913.

But, like the Congress, the ruling party, too, has not been able to groom a tribal leader and is banking on the PM's appeal to see it through.

The BJP, which now controls all the taluka and district panchayats in the tribal districts, is looking to increase its ST seat tally. The party's Bharuch MP Mansukh Vasava, who is in charge of the ST seats in south Gujarat, told The Indian Express, "It is true that tribals have been a bit angry with the party over certain issues like PESA but that is a small number. We are

reaching out to them too. By and large, tribals are aware that the BJP government, in the last 20 years, has made their lives better and brought development Moreover, we are strong on the ground in these areas than ever

Gandhis absent

The Congress has not had a pan-Gujarat tribal leader since former Chief Minister Amarsinh Chaudhary died in 2004. The possible exception is its Vansda MLA Anant Patel but his influence is limited to south Gujarat.

A senior Congress leader said the absence of the Gandhis from

the campaign would hamper the party's chances. "The tribal population does look up to the Gandhi family even today," said the Congress functionary. "So far, we have not heard if Rahul Gandhi or Priyanka ji will arrive to campaign in tribal areas ... Last time, Rahul Gandhi's yatra through the tribal seats and his interaction with students had worked in the party's favour ... (Delhi CM Arvind) Kejriwal has cashed in on Rahul Gandhi's ab-

What AAP is doing

sence.'

The AAP started its campaign for the Adivasi seats on a strong note, announcing a preelection alliance with the BTP earlier this year. But the coalition fell through as the Kejriwal-led party declared candidates on its own and also took away some of the BTP's leaders. The AAP has fielded former BTP leader Chaitar Vasava from Dediapada, which compelled incumbent MLA Mahesh Vasava of the BTP to shift to his father Chhotubhai Vasava's Jhagadia constituency. The BJP has fielded former BTP leader Hitesh Vasava from Jhagadia.

Kejriwal has addressed three rallies in tribal districts, the last being in Chhota Udepur on August 7 where he promised to implement the PESA Act. Last week, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann held a roadshow in Dahod and Chhota Udepur.

Electoral bonds worth **Rs 114.5 crore** purchased in Gujarat this yr

AVINASH NAIR AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 13

ELECTORAL BONDS worth Rs 114.5 crore were purchased in the run-up to the Gujarat Assembly elections, according to data that the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) with The Indian Express. It accounts for 33 per

cent of the bonds bought in the state since January 2018, when the scheme was first introduced. However, none of the bonds were being redeemed or en-

cashed by any political party in Gujarat, said Pankti Jog, the Gujarat coordinator of ADR. "This simply means that the bonds are being cashed at a different location and that state units of political parties have not benefited from this. Electoral bonds are largely used as a tool to fund election campaigns," she said.

The Congress has attacked purchased - WITH INPUTS crore were purchased.

In January, 132 electoral bonds worth Rs 33 crore were

Gandhinagar branch of the State Bank of India (SBI), as per the ADR data. In October, an additional 86 bonds worth Rs 81.5

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BJP'S WADHWAN CANDIDATE JIGNABEN NOT TO CONTEST, WRITES TO PARTY

CONSTITUENCY WATCH

In Khambhalia, Gadhvi's main task: Breaking the Ahir grip

Seat finally picked by AAP for CM face last elected a non-Ahir in 1967

GOPAL KATESHIYA RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 13

THE AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday announced that its Gujarat chief ministerial candidate Isudan Gadhvi would contest the coming Assembly elections from the constituency of Khambhalia in Devbhumi Dwarka district.

The Ahir community is the most-dominant electoral group in the area and only Ahir candidates have been elected from the seat since 1972. Ahirs are categorised under Other Backward Classes (OBC), just like the Gadhvi community. Isudan Gadhvi will be up

against senior Congress leader and incumbent MLA Vikram Madam and BJP veteran Mulu Bera. The rivalry between Madam and Bera dates back almost three decades and the two are set for a showdown after 20 years. Gadhvi is from the village of

Pipaliya in Khambhalia taluka but his electoral debut is unlikely to be an easy affair as a non-Ahir candidate last won the constituency in 1967. In that election Swatantra Party DV Barai who belonged to the Lohana community defeated then incumbent Congress MLA Harilal Nakum who hailed from the Sathvara community.

The dominance of Ahirs began in 1972 when Independent candidate Hemant Madam defeated Nakum. Madam's daughter Poonam Maadam is the current BIP MP from Jamnagar, Hemant went on to win the seat three more times as an Independent — 1975, 1980, and 1985. The Congress managed to win back Khambhalia only in 1990 when Hemant was not in the fray and the BJP contested from the constituency for the first time.

Hemant Madam died in 1993 and the BJP, on the ascendancy in Guiarat, won the constituency for the first time in 1995 when Jesa Goria defeated Ranmal. The BJP maintained a tight grip over the seat for the next two decades, winning the Assembly polls in 1998, 2002, 2007, and 2012. But what did not change was that the winners from the

KHAMBHALIA 2017



polled

WINNER: Ahir Vikrambhai Arjanbhai Madam (INC)

Karubhai Naranbhai Chavda (BJP)

BJP and their main rivals from the Congress were Ahirs what didn't change was the fact that all BJP winners and their main challengers from the Congress were Ahirs.

The 2012 Assembly polls also marked the return of Madam clan as Poonam won her debut election by defeating Ebha Karmur of the Congress.

Poonam's entry into electoral politics came at a time when her uncle Vikram Madam was already an established political figure. Vikram, whose father Arjan was Hemant Maadam's vounger brother, joined the Congress in 1995 and made his electoral debut in 1998 from Bhanvad. But he lost to Mulu Bera, then the incumbent BIP MLA. The tables turned four years later when Vikram defeated Bera, who was then a minister in the Narendra Modi government. Vikram went on to win the Lok Sabha election from Jamnagar in 2004 and 2009. His niece brought his run to an end in 2014

Congress and BJP leaders agree that Ahir voters play a crucial role in the seat. Vikram Madam disagreed but conceded that Isudan's entry had made his task more difficult.

'Absentee CM', says Opp, but Mann fits bill for AAP's Gujarat campaign

Puniab CM Bhagwant Mann addresses the public at

a roadshow in Gir Somnath district on Sunday. PTI

Punjab CM has visited state every weekend; AAP lauds 'relentless campaigner'

KANCHAN VASDEV & RASHI MISHRA

CHANDIGARH, AHMEDABAD. NOVEMBER 13

HE IS the Aam Aadmi Party's lead star campaigner in Gujarat after Arvind Keiriwal, holding rallies from Ahmedabad to Kutch. For over a month now, every weekend finds Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann in Gujarat.

The Opposition in Puniab has dubbed him an "absentee" CM. But AAP, which has few faces with national recognition, is counting on Mann, who was an indefatigable campaigner for the party in the Punjab elections.

With its campaign slogan "Ek Moko Kejriwalne (one chance to Kejriwal)", AAP is also projecting Mann as an extension of the kind of administration a Keiriwal-led party government can provide. Malwinder Singh Kang, AAP's

chief spokesperson in Punjab, said, "For now, Mann is only taking out road shows and addressing meetings on weekends. But after November 20, the party will intensify its campaign in Gujarat."

However, on the ground, it is contentious how successful the AAP's strategy is, as far as Mann goes. Gujarat has a minuscule Sikh population of roughly 50,000, concentrated in Gandhidham, Lakhpat in Kutch, Vadodara and Surat areas, some of which Mann has covered in his campaign. Apart from this, they

are scattered across Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Valsad, Navsari and Vapi.

As per Jasbir Makhija, the former president of the Gurdwara Gobinddham in Ahmedabad: "The Sikh population in Gujarat is not supporting AAP but the BIP."

At least at some public meetings, audiences struggle to follow his Hindi, with a heavy Punjabi accent. An AAP leader says Mann's importance for the party is at a deeper level. "After Kejriwal, Mann is akin to a brand ambassador for the party, having delivered

goes and tells the electorate that his government has given jobs, announced a return to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), given 300 units of free power, it resonates. He is also targeting corruption. He needed in Gujarat. The leader adds that they be-

in Puniab within six months of

coming to power. When Mann

lieve that irrespective of the "language barrier", Mann has a gift of connecting with his audience. Portions of Mann's speeches are also translated into Gujarati and run on AAP social media handles. AAP has also been highlighting that it picked Mann by a pub-

lic poll, just like they had done in Gujarat with Isudan Gadhvi. Mann has campaigned in

Kutch, Junagadh, Surendranagar, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Vadodara, Valsad, Surat, Panchmahal, Banaskantha, Navsari and Bharuch districts, and after the declaration of the election dates, held his first roadshows in the Muslim-dominated constiuencies of Ahmedabad city, which suffered in the 2002 riots.

the AAP for leaving Punjab to bureaucrats and "the mercy of

FROM RITU SHARMA

FROM THE GROUND

Modi the ace for BJP, as it relies on caste card, adjusts to AAP

AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 13

THE 2022 Assembly election campaign in Gujarat is turning out to be about two absences that of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, whose spree of temple runs and focus on Gujarat had been partly behind the party's 2017 good showing in the state; and that of a narrative.

In 2017, the elections had come in the wake of the Patidar agitation; in 2012, it was all about voting in Chief Minister Narendra Modi to enable him to make the national leap. In 2022, even the BJP's gambit, like the others, is getting the caste arithmetic right, with Hindutva a distant second, and with Modi providing that little extra.

The only talking point then is the Aam Aadmi Party, how much it will get, from whom, what will it mean for Gujarat's two-party politics, and whether its "10 guarantees" will work, which Modi himself has got into the ring to take on, by stirring the whole "revdi" debate.

A political observer underlines how the emergence of AAP is significant. While all former third forces in Gujarat were born out of either the Congress or the BJP, the observer says, AAP has come to the state as "a brandnew idea", at a time when at least a third of its voters are below 40 years of age and presumably more receptive to change.

Acknowledging the absence of an overarching theme, and that the Patidar stir weighed heavy on the party in 2017, a BJP leader says: "At least there is no negative narrative this time."

Another adds that while AAP might draw some people, the BJP's relationship with voters is about an "emotional connect". "The Congress and AAP are fundamentally political parties, while we are the political wing of an ideological movement," he

While that may or may not



PM Narendra Modi waves at his supporters at a public meeting at Kaprada in Valsad district on November 6. PTI

be true, the party is taking no chances. Of its 166 candidates declared so far, around 40 are Patidars, distributed between the Kadva and Leuva clans, 12 Kolis, mostly of the Talapada sub-caste, and nominees representing all the major tribes such as the Bhils, Rathwas, Tadvis, Halpatis and Warlis. At least four of these tribal candidates were formerly in the Congress.

In fact, the BJP that gave the has fielded at least 17 leaders from the party who defected to the BJP over just the past five years, nine of them having won on Congress tickets in 2017. A BJP leader's defence is: "We have moved from dark saffron to light saffron over the years. The party that now has a huge presence in the country, is more open to ideas, communities and leaders.'

Modi too has gone the extra mile. The PM dropped in recently at Raikot, from where he fought his first election in 2001 and, after a speech laden with nostalgia, met at least three senior journalists from the local dailies and members of three key RSS families. Sources say his office called them for a private audience. He similarly met such RSS old-timers in Vadodara and South Gujarat.

A BJP leader says they are also

putting in an effort to secure the rural vote. "Our leaders in the 2017 elections - Jitu Vaghani (the former state BJP president) and Vijay Rupani (former chief minister) – were mostly urban. Current BJP president CR Paatil has a very good understanding of castes. His own constituency in South Gujarat has representation from all communities and castes.' Union Home Minister Amit

Shah, who honed his electionwinning skills in Gujarat, has been closely associated with the candidate list and is expected to put his stamp on the party's manifesto as well, for which the party has called for ideas from the public.

The BJP expects the Modi government's schemes at the Centre to also help the party. "Till 2014, the narrative was that the Centre was being unfair to Gujarat, but now the mega projects that have been launched will bring in employment. These peo-

about unemployment, but the Supreme Court clearing the EWS quota has made the Patidars happy. They are more concerned about higher education opportunities, which is now a given," says the BJP leader quoted above. The party is even projecting that measures such as the crack-

ple (AAP and Congress) may talk

down on the drug mafia and demolition of illegal structures specifically in Bet Dwarka, where several structures owned by Muslims were demolished - are now possible due to the "doubleengine sarkar" or, as Modi says, "Narendra-Bhupendra sarkar". As part of the BJP campaign,

call centres have been set up in districts and Assembly seats to take feedback on the schemes of $the \, Centre \, and \, state \, governments.$

While acknowledging that AAP can't be wished away, a senior BJP leader says the damage will be more to the Congress.

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LINING UP

INDIAN SOCIAL media platform Koo, which had shot to prominence last year after several Union government functionaries and ministries threw their weight behind it amid the Centre's disagreements with Twitter, has a prominent new patron the Trinamool Congress. Last week, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee opened an account in Koo, which issued a statement on the development. On Sunday, the party's Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien also announced his decision to join Koo. Incidentally, Trinamool national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee joined the platform, which also operates in Indian languages, last September.

TAKING TURNS

THE PERSONAL staff and other officers attached with Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh are having a tough time keeping up with him. In the past week, the minister travelled from Jammu to Delhi and back to a remote area in Kashmir, before heading south to Thiruvananthapuram. He followed that up with a visit to Uttar Pradesh and then back to Srinagar on Sunday – packing his schedule in between with some guick trips back to New Delhi to attend meetings. With six ministries under his belt, Singh has a large number of commitments. Unable to keep up with the pace of the minister's schedule, his personal staff as well as other officers have now started taking turns in accompanying him on his trips.

BEHIND SCHEDULE

WITH WEEKLY visits from the Housing and Urban Affairs Minister and visits almost daily by senior ministry officials, the government is trying to get the new Parliament building ready soon. Although the building was supposed to be completed in time for the Winter Session of Parliament, it now appears that it is likely to be ready only for the Budget Session next year. In the past week, workers at the site encountered hard rock while trying to place a structure, leaving officials with the task of finding a new spot for the installation. Officials say they have had to contend with many practical challenges in constructing the new Parliament building in two years.

Security concerns behind delay in allotting Executive **Enclave project**

DAMINI NATH

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

MONTHS AFTER opening bids, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) is yet to allot the contract for construction of the Executive Enclave, which includes the Prime Minister's Office, with officials attributing the delay to security concerns.

After the financial bids for the project were opened in July, Hyderabad-based Infrastructure and Projects (India) Pvt Ltd had emerged as the lowest bidder, quoting Rs 1,189 crore as against the CPWD's estimated cost of Rs 1,328 crore. The other two bidders in the frav were Tata Projects Ltd, which is constructing the new Parliament, and Larsen and Toubro Limited, which has the contract for the construction of three buildings of the Common Central Secretariat — both components of the government's Central Vista redevelopment plan.

The work for the Executive

Enclave is yet to be awarded to DEC due to security concerns, officials from the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry as well as the CPWD said. A CPWD official said the department was considering the option of asking one of the other two bidders to step in as they both are already carrying out strategic projects of the central government. A ministry official said the considerations of security were not meant to exclude DEC and that the other companies would only be considered if they met the financial bid auoted by DEC. However, the possibility of re-tendering the project remains. The three bidders had been chosen through a pre-qualification process in June before they were invited to submit financial bids. DEC has not been allotted the

contract and is not aware of the reason, the company's DGM for HR, Sudhish Vasudevan, told The Indian Express on Saturday. "It is the government's prerogative,"

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India to unveil its long-term low-carbon strategies today

At protest during the COP27 climate summit in Sharm el-

Why it is different from NDCs



EXPRESS AT COP27

AMITABH SINHA SHARM EL-SHEIKH, NOVEMBER 13

ATTHE start of the second week of negotiations on Monday at the climate change conference, India will unveil its long-term decarbonization plans in pursuit of its goal to reach a net-zero status by

Under the Paris Agreement. countries are mandated to submit long-term action plans with estimated low-emission pathways till 2050 that are consistent with the global goal of keeping temperature rise within 1.5 degree or 2 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times. This is apart from the short-term action plans, called nationally-determined contributions or NDCs. that the countries have to submit, detailing the climate actions they are taking over five- or tenyear periods.

The long-term action plans were supposed to be submitted by 2020 itself, but could not be done due to the pandemic. Most of the developed countries submitted their long-term strategies during the Glasgow meeting last year. So far, 62 countries have submitted their long-term strategies, including the three largest emitters -- China, the United States and the European Union. India is the fourth biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, if the contribution of EU is consid-

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India's long-term strategy will have details of the key sectoral low carbon transition pathways till the goal of net zero is realized by 2070. It is expected to be keenly watched for the plans on the phase-down of coalbased power generation which often comes under criticism from developed countries and climate NGOs. Anticipating more demands

Sheikh, Egypt, on Saturday. AP

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on it to curb emissions from its coal sector, India on Saturday

goals required the phasing out of all fossil fuels and not just coal. At the same time, it also called out the duplicity of the developed countries, saying the selective labelling of some energy sources as 'green' had no basis in science. Though India did not mention it, its argument was clearly aimed at a recent decision of the European Parliament to classify some uses of gas as 'green'.

The long-term

strategies have to re-

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that will lead to a

country attaining the net-

zero status, in India's case,

by 2070. The long-term

strategies are unlikely to

have any mid-way targets.

India made these arguments in the proposals it made for inclusion in the cover text, a set of to come out at the end of the meeting alongside the main negotiated decisions.

Selective singling out of sources of emissions, for either labelling them more harmful, or as "green and sustainable" even when they all are all sources of greenhouse gas emissions, had no basis in the best available science, India is learnt to have argued. The cover text must, therefore, acknowledge that all fossil fuels contributed to greenhouse gas emissions, and call for the acceleration of global transition towards clean energy but keeping in mind the national circumstances of individual countries, India argued.

India's proposals did not mention coal as well, but used the latest IPCC reports to emphasise that a phase-down of all fossil fuels was required. At last year's Glasgow meeting, India had forced a last minute change in one of the decisions on elimination of coal, getting the phrase "phase-out" replaced with "phase-down".

In a separate intervention on Saturday, India, backed by some other countries, blocked the introduction of a proposal by the developed nations to focus a new mitigation work programme on the top 20 emitters of greenhouse gases. There are a number of developing countries amongst the top 20 emitters with no historical obligations to reduce their emissions. These countries argued that any new mitigation work programme must not result in the reopening of the Paris Agreement which clearly mentions that climate commitments of countries have to be nationally-determined,

IAEA: Misfire of BrahMos missile not cause for any specific concern

AMITABHSINHA

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, NOVEMBER 13

INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR watchdog IAEA has said it did not see the recent misfire of a BrahMos missile as any cause of specific concern" and that the incident did not in any way raise questions on the safety of nuclear weapons or material in India.

Rafael Mariano Grossi, the director general of International Atomic Energy Agency, told The Indian Express in an interview at COP27 climate change meet that the incident was not viewed as a risk and there had been no consultation with the Indian government on this issue.

On March 9, a BrahMos cruise missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads was accidentally fired and landed well within Pakistani territory. It was not carrying any weapon, and therefore no explosion or damage was caused. In August this year, following a court of inquiry, the services of three Indian Air Force officers had been terminated for their role in the accident.

Asked specifically whether IAEA had sought any information from the Indian government on this incident, Grossi said: "No, we didn't". He also replied in the negative when asked whether the incident raised doubts about the safety of nuclear material in the country.

"We are constantly looking at all the situations around the world and of course we look with interest when a very important memBut it (the BrahMos incident) was never an issue of any specific concern for us," Grossi said.

He said he saw a bright future for nuclear energy in India, particularly for new technologies, and was anticipating a "steep" expansion in nuclear power generation.

"I see India as a platform for

new nuclear, for deployment of newer technologies. India is one of those few countries that has been steadily looking into breeders, fast reactors, into sodium reactors, into many other technologies that not many countries have been getting into. I would be particularly interested in knowing whether India would be contemplating small modular reactors as well. I haven't seen any indication on that front so far, and I would like to discuss with the Indian government on that. I feel that India, its conditions, geography, morphology, the large distances and remote locations, lend themselves to these type of reactors. But it is a decision for the govern-

ment to make, of course," he said. Grossi said while it was true that the nuclear industry in India was not growing at the pace many had expected it to, the acceleration could take place at any time.

"India has incredible dynamism and the technological base that will allow it to do this (accelerate the deployment of nuclear power) very quickly when a decision on this regard is taken. I can think of only a handful of countries, or even less perhaps, that have the capacity to ramp up their nuclear energy deployment at a very rapid rate," he said.

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After 31 years in prison, Nalini says first priority is to meet her daughter in UK

Says one of her most turbulent days during 3 decades in prison was visit by Priyanka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE ARUN JANARDHAN CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 13

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 13 THE KERALA Police on Sunday NALINI SRIHARAN, one of the six

Officer of a police station in Kozhikode district for allegedly raping a woman.

Police said P R Sunu was arrested after a woman filed a complaint alleging that Sunu and five others had gangraped her. His alleged accomplices are absconding.

The incident happened a few months ago when the woman's husband was in judicial custody in connection with a job scam. Police said Sunu had been ar-

rested on rape charges in the past as well while he was serving as a sub-inspector. He was sent to judicial custody then after a woman filed a complaint against him alleging abuse on the pretext of marriage.

Meanwhile, in Wayanad, po $lice\,on\,Saturday\,registered\,a\,case$ against sub-inspector T G Babu on charges of outraging the modesty of a Dalit minor, who is a victim of gangrape

Police said Babu had assaulted the minor on October 26 when he had taken her to Ooty in Tamil Nadu as part of the process of collecting evidence in the gangrape case in which the minor had been raped by three youths, who befriended her through social media.



Nalini Sriharan at a press conference in Chennai on Sunday. PTI

When asked about the chances of meeting the Gandhi family and other victim families of the blast that killed Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991, she said she has no words. Nalini said she is hesitant to meet the family of Rajiv Gandhi.

assassination case released on

Saturday evening from Tamil

Nadu prisons, said one of the most

turbulent days she encountered

in the three decades of her impris-

onment was the visit of Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra, Rajiv Gandhi's

ing released, Nalini said her first

priority is to meet her daughter,

who lives in the UK, along with

her husband and co-convict

Murugan.

Talking to the media after be-

daughter, at the Vellore prison.

"They (Gandhi family) lost their father, a dear one, and I am a person involved in that case. They must be going through that immense pain even now. Maybe, if they wish, I will meet them," Nalini said.

When asked about Priyanka Gandhi's visit to the Vellore Central Prison to meet her in 2008. she said it was unbelievable. "I had to touch her to make me believe... She was an angel-like... I was

afraid... She wanted to ask me about her father's assassination. She cried. I told her everything I knew. After she returned, I panicked. I prayed and fasted for her safe return (to Delhi)," Nalini said. About other blast victims,

Nalini said she shares their grief and loss. "What do I say? How will I comment about them? I am not even allowed to say that I am innocent... What do I tell the families of the victims then?..." she asked. What made the charges severe against Nalini was that she was the only one of the six convicts present at the blast site near Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991.

Nalini said her first priority is getting the formal release of Murugan, her husband and a coconvict in the case, from a special refugee prison camp in Trichy, and getting him a passport and visa to

join their daughter, a green card holder who lives in the UK, "That is my first priority. My entire family is destroyed... I have to gather them in bits and pieces. We will approach the Sri Lankan High Commission for an emergency passport and documents so that our daughter can take us to the UK." Nalini said. Being one of the four Sri Lankan nationals among the six, Murugan was taken to Trichy camp from Vellore Central Prison on Saturday evening after his formal release after 31 years of incarceration

"From the very first day of my arrest, I was trying for my release. I faced many setbacks, I had even thought of ending my life... but every time, I tried to take my efforts like a new step," she said. According to her, she was not

very happy when her death sen-

tence was commuted by the then Governor Fathima Beevi in 2000 followed by an appeal made by Sonia Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's wife. "Because three were still on death row. All along, all seven of us (convicts) in the prisons were fighting for justice for the three convicts. she said, adding that along with A G Perarivalan, her family too had been fighting for their release since beginning. Referring to the 2014 Supreme

Court order, which commuted the death penalty of three convicts to life term, as a "significant chapter" in their "fight for justice" and release, Nalini said the legal process was often unending in each stage. "After our arrest, it took seven years to complete the trial. After the 2014 SC order, it took another eight years for our release... Even before we were sentenced to death. we were all treated like death row inmates and were kept in solitary confinements. It was a doctor who intervened to get me permission to walk when I was pregnant," she recalled.

She thanked former chief ministers the late J Jayalalithaa and Edappadi K Palaniswami, for the Assembly resolution in 2014 and the cabinet recommendation in 2018 seeking their release. She also thanked Chief Minister M K Stalin for taking efforts for their release from the first day he assumed office.

Students clash at Punjab college after Pak loss to England in WC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 13

SOME STUDENTS clashed at Lala Lajpat Rai Group of Institutes in to England in the T20 World Cup final on Sunday.

The Moga police said that students at the college's pharmacy hostel, including those from Jammu&Kashmir and Bihar, were watching the match together when an argument ensued after Pakistan's defeat to England.

Police said that both groups threw stones at each other, in which some students received minor injuries. One of them needed two stitches to close the cuts. At least seven students with minor injuries were taken to Civil Hospital from where they were discharged after first aid.

Police said that during the previous T20 WC match when India lost to England, a few students had passed some comments but the matter was sorted out. "On Sunday, after Pakistan's loss, a minor argument escalated into a clash and one small group of students pelted the other with stones. The situation was controlled and police was called," said college chairman Krishan Kaura.

Moga Sadar, said both groups reached an agreement and were counselled to maintain peace.

Inspector Jagtar Singh, SHO of

One-time poll sop OK but revival of pension scheme sinful: Panagariya

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

AMID A political tussle over the issue of freebies for voters, and the Supreme Court referring a plea on the matter to a larger bench, former NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya said that a poll promise is "fair game" if it is a one-time sop and does "not create long-term liability" for the next government.

Panagariya, however, described as "sinful" and "immoral" poll promises, such as reviving the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), which will result in significant financial burden for governments in the future.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Panagariya said, "My view is that given the fact that in a democracy, promises will be made. I don't call these freebies, I call them promises. The nature of those promises is very important... What is OK, for example? If it is a one-time transfer, which is not going to hugely burden the budget of the future government, then I think it is fair game..."

He, however, said that such promises "should not create longterm liability for the government". He said "it is sinful to create liabilities such that if you win the election, they don't apply to you and they will apply to the government that comes back even further into the future" -- and cited poll promises of reviving the OPS, which was discontinued by the then NDA government in 2003, as "a prime example.'

The Congress had raised OPS as one of its key promises ahead of the polls in Himachal Pradesh last week, while the AAP has offered a similar benefit ahead of the Gujarat polls next month. Two Congress-ruled states, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, have already decided to implement the OPS while the AAP government in Punjab has made



Arvind Panagariya, former vice chairman of NITI Aayog

a similar move. Jharkhand, too, decided to revert to the old pen-

Asked whether political parties should refrain from promising the OPS, Panagariya said, "Absolutely. It is very attractive for these parties who want to do that.... the earliest liability that will arise will be in 2034. I think, assuming that it takes 30 years service to retire. So, those who joined in 2004 will retire in 2034. Till 2034, there will be no liability. So, your 'sarkar' is safe. You do not pay. You are really stranding the government which will be in power in 2034 with all this liability and whoever will follow after 2034. That is actually very sinful. It will be immoral to do that. It would be immoral to promise this kind of system in which you shift the employees

from the current pension system to the old one.

Panagariya said states specifically would not be able to afford the financial burden of the old scheme. "I don't think any state will be able to do that. I don't think any state can afford to do that because the liability will be very large. They will have to finance it from the tax revenue. Where are the tax revenues? You may have some growth happening in the next 10 years but that would not be enough to generate required revenue. By the way, when you use a very large part of the tax revenue into giving pensions, you are crowding out your other expenses. There are other expenditures like infrastructure and welfare of the poor," he said.

Citing the financial condition of Brazil, Panagariya said, "The country one should look to see what can happen to you is Brazil. Almost 12-13 per cent of the GDP today in Brazil goes into paying the pensions. You cannot afford to do that. Our tax to GDP ratio is around just 16 per cent. So, how can 12-13 per cent of the GDP be committed to pension? Which is what Brazil is doing...

Referring to India, he said, "What percentage of the population are the government employees? Not more than 2 per cent. How can you take 12-13 per cent of the GDP from the taxpayer and give it to the 2 per cent of the population? Even distributionally, it is regressive. And, particularly, intergenerational transfer that you are doing, it is the workers of tomorrow whom you will tax; and workers of today whom you will give the money.' Panagariya was the vice

chairman of NITI Aayog from January 2015 to August 2017, and is currently Professor of Economics and the Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University.



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Now hiring in Maharashtra, personnel for Shah to IB: Don't just flag unit stretched by lawmaker protection

PLAGUED BY vacancies and stretched by additional duties since a change in government, a special Maharashtra police unit that guards VIPs is launching a recruitment drive for nearly 450 new personnel later this month.

The Maharashtra Police Special Protection Unit (SPU) has been facing additional stress since July when security of all legislators and parliamentarians affiliated to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's camp was upgraded to 'Y+' security. Usually legislators are usually given 'X category' security, unless they are cabinet ministers or face threats. 'Y+' security includes two Special Protection Officers (SPOs) during the day and three police constables standing guard at their

residence at night. X category denotes the presence of one police personnel with

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Navy sailor found

dead on warship

Mumbai: A 25-year-old

Indian Navy sailor died al-

legedly by suicide on a

frontline warship at the

Saturday. Happy Singh

Tomar was on security

duty and he was found dead in an isolated room.

Tomar was married and his family, living in central

India, has been informed.

The Colaba police have

registered an accidental

death case and a probe is

on. According to the post-

mortem report, he died

due to a gunshot wound.

The police suspect some

personal reasons behind

the act and said the India

Navy would initiate a

board of inquiry into the

MADHYA PRADESH

Minor raped;

critical: Police

Indore: A nine-year-old

girl was allegedly kid-

napped from a construc-

tion site and raped by a

man in Madhya Pradesh's

Indore, police said on

Sunday. The victim has

been admitted to a hospi-

tal and her condition is

stated to be critical,

Indore DSP Amit Tolani

said. Based on the CCTV

footage, the police ar-

rested the accused on

Saturday evening. PTI

leaves for France

New Delhi: Army Chief

Gen Manoj Pande

Sunday left for France on

a four-day visit with an

aim to further strengthen

the "bonds of trust" be-

tween Indian and French

armies amid fast-evolv-

ing security matrix. Gen

Pande will hold talks with

top military brass includ-

ing the Chief of the

Defence Staff, the Chief of

the Army Staff and the

Commander of the Land

Combat Forces.

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dispensation enjoy 'Y+' security.

Maharashtra Police has also been relying on former SPU personnel attached to local police units or Force One to provide security to these politicians, in addition to those currently with the unit. SPOs are drawn from Maharashtra police after they clear a physical test. They are then trained in protecting VIPs.

Usually, tenure of an officer with SPU is two years. This can be extended by a year

A senior official told The Indian Express: "The induction training of 468 personnel for the SPU will be held at SRPF ground at Pune on November 22." The official added that while the total sanctioned strength of SPU is around 1,500, it currently has around a thousand personnel, Among them, too, 400 personnel will soon be transferred to other units as their tenure with

SPU is over, the official added. The sanctioned strength of

rently has 1.80 lakh personnel. Due to Covid-19, annual hirings have not been carried out in the past three years, due to which the number of vacant posts is higher. Maharashtra Police recently began

hiring around 18,000 constables,

a senior officer said.

While general security is provided by local police units to those facing threats, SPU personnel provide security to those VIPs who have been catergorised by a government panel under various levels – X, Y, Y plus, Z and Z plus. The categorisation depends upon threat perception faced This could be 'grave', 'impending', 'continuous', or 'likely' — the last of which comes under the X category.

The State Intelligence Department (SID) determines the threat perception. Based on SID inputs, a panel comprising the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and state DGP take a decision on categoris-

divided Shiv Sena, around 41 MLAs and 10 MPs initially went with the Shinde camp. They were provided Y+ security of the Central Reserve Police Force by the Union government. There were fears that once they returned to the city, they could be attacked by the section of the Sena affiliated to former CM Uddhav Thackeray, who was then

still in charge Later, after the Shinde camp formed state government along with BIP, all of the splinter group MLAs were provided Y+ security by the state, which has continued to this day. Many believed with their own government in state, the threat perception to Shinde party workers would have reduced.

Last month, however, their security was formally categorised as 'Y+' by the government panel. Sources said at least three legislators returned the security as they believed it interfered with their day-to-day functioning. Even as security of Shinde camp members was increased, the cover for several Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders were scaled down or withdrawn.

Those whose security cover was completely removed during the previous meeting last month included Congress leaders Vijay Wadettiwar, Balasaheb Thorat and Nana Patole; and NCP's Dhananjay Munde, Narhari Zirwal, former deputy speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, and Eknath Khadse. Shiv Sena's (Uddhav B Thackeray) Bhaskar Jadhay, Anil Parab, Sanjay Raut and Varun Sardesai, a relative of Thackerays, too, lost their security cover.

The Z+ security cover accorded to CM Shinde, Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and the Ambani family was retained. Actor Salman Khan was also provided Y+ security owing to an alleged threat he faced from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, which is linked to the Sidhu Moosewala killing.

UP: Village head assaults Dalit boy in presence of cops, arrested

Lucknow: A village pradhan was arrested on Saturday for allegedly assaulting a 25-year-old Dalit youth in presence of police in Baghpat district. The police team had gone to the spot after being alerted that a youth was reportedly creating nuisance in a

The video of the incident also went viral on social media. SHO, Singhawali Ahir police station, Virendra Singh Rana said, "Two days ago, police received a complaint that a youth was creating nuisance and misbehaving with locals under the influence of alcohol. A police team reached Karamalipur Gadhi village and caught the youth, identified as Amit. While police was questioning him, village head Jabar Singh, his wife and associates allegedly abused Amit for misbehaving, and thrashed him. He suffered minor

The matter was resolved after locals and the police intervened. Police took Amit and hours later he was allowed to go. The next day. a purported video of the incident went viral on social media. A case was lodged against the village head, his wife Sharmistha Singh and two unknown persons, said a

The SHO said, "Jabar Singh has een arrested and raids are on to trace the others." Sources said police have identified two other accused persons, who allegedly as-

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THE INTELLIGENCE Bureau. which is the country's domestic intelligence-gathering agency should not limit itself to preparing reports but get actively involved in resolving internal security issues, from inter-state disputes to radicalisation and terrorism, Union Home Minister Amit Shah told a gathering of IB officials from across the country, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Sources described the meeting, held in Delhi on November 9, as the "first of its kind" since Shah took charge of the Home Ministry in 2019 as it included the chiefs of all subsidiary intelligence bureaus under the IB apart from top central officials.

Shah is learnt to have conveyed that IB officers should utilise their skills and networks to also engage with "troublesome groups" and address other key issues such as drug trafficking.

"The Home Minister underlined that the IB has the widest networks among all agencies in the country and expressed concern that its capabilities were somewhat underutilised. He emphasised that the IB is not just

Shah is said to have conveyed that IB officers should engage with "troublesome groups"

problems, resolve them

supposed to flag problems and prepare reports. He was of the opinion that given the agency's capabilities, it must get actively involved with issues and try to resolve them," a Home Ministry official said.

Officials said the purpose of the meeting was to take stock of the IB's functioning and spell out focus areas for future endeavours by its officers. Shah is learnt to have heard presentations from officers in about 10 states in a six-hour stretch while providing feedback and opinion on the Government's expectations from the agency.

"This was the Home Minister's attempt to get to know all officers posted in states and understand issues from their point of view. He also used

the opportunity to directly convey the Government's vision on internal security with officers working at the ground level," a security official said.

In a statement issued later, the Home Ministry said extensive discussions were held on issues related to national security, including counter-terrorism, extremism, cyber-security, interstate border disputes and cross-

border elements. "Our fight is against terrorism as well as its support system, till we do not fight strictly against both of them, victory over terrorism cannot be achieved," the Ministry quoted Shah as having

said at the meeting. According to the statement, Shah also stressed on the need to strengthen the process of information-sharing and liaison between counter-terrorism and anti-drug agencies of states.

"We also have to make the country's coastal security impenetrable and for this we should keep a close eye on even the smallest and most isolated port... We have to make maximum use of anti-drone technology to stop smuggling of drugs from across the border through drones," Shah said, according to

25-yr-old man held for rape, murder of Unnao teenager

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 13

THREE DAYS after an 18-year-old girl was found dead at her residence with injuries in her private parts and some of her clothes removed, Unnao police Sunday arrested a local youth for rape and murder. The postmortem concluded that she died of shock and haemorrhage.

Police said the arrested man. who is pursuing post-graduation and stays in a hostel, was known to the girl. "During our investigation, we went through the girl's cellphone and came to know that she was in regular touch with a youth. We traced the youth. During questioning, he told us that the girl invited him to her residence Thursday morning. She told him she was alone in the house. The youth said that he reached her house after taking energy booster pills. He claims to have taken an overdose of the pills and raped her. After she started bleeding and fell unconscious, he ran away," Additional SP (Unnao) Shashi Shekhar Singh told *The Indian* Express, adding that he later came to know that the girl died of excessive bleeding.

The youth said he went to the girl's house after taking energy booster pills. He claims to have taken an overdose of the pills and raped her, said a police officer

According to police, the location of the accused cellphone also corroborated his presence at the girl's house at the time of her death. Both the accused and the girl are Dalits, police said. The girl was pursuing graduation. On Thursday afternoon, the

girl's body was discovered when her brother and sister returned home from school. They found the main door of the house open.

The girls' parents, father works in a government school and her mother at a community centre – were not at home at the time of the incident. Based on their complaint, police had initially booked two neighbours – a Dalit man and a woman. "We have given a clean chit to the two neighbours since we have not found their involvement in the case," said the local SHO on Sunday.

Homeless woman dies in snatching bid in Mumbai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 13

A 65-YEAR-OLD homeless woman, sleeping on a cement platform near Dhobi ghat next to the Mahalaxmi railway station, died on Saturday after falling down three feet when two persons, including a 15-year-old boy, allegedly tried to snatch her bag in a robbery bid. The bag, however, got stuck in her neck, throwng her off the platform.

The police have arrested one of the accused and sent the juvenile to an observation home.

The incident took place around 3 am in the Dhobi ghat area below a viewing gallery near Mahalaxmi railway station. The woman, identified as Sharda Waghmare), used to sleep on a small cement platform below viewing deck for visitors who come to see Dhobi ghat.

The accused. Shubham alias Pandit Chaube (28) and the boy. were strolling in the area when they saw the bag next to Sharda, who was fast asleep. They decided to steal the bag. "The two pulled the bag. However, it got entangled in Sharda's neck. She fell down three feet injuring her head. We got to know about it an hour later from a passerby who contacted police control room," said an officer from Agripada police station. "A police team rushed Sharda to the nearby Nair hospital where she was declared dead on arrival due to head injuries," said Yogendra Pache, senior police inspector.

Initially, police thought it was an accidental death but when they checked CCTV footage from a camera 20 metres away, they realised she died during a robbery attempt. "We then checked more cameras to find the accused," said police sub-inspector Sandip Galange. Police showed footage to informers and one of them identified Chaube, who has a past criminal record.Chaube informed police about involvement of the boy.

Sharda's daughter, who lives in Wardha, was informed and she claimed her mother's body.

Police investigate after an explosion on Udaipur-Ahmedabad railway track on Sunday. PTI

Explosion on rly track in Udaipur; NIA, other agencies investigate stance has been recovered, which

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 13

THE RAJASTHAN Police on Sunday said they were informed by local residents about an explosion on railway tracks in Udaipur district, following which explosives were recovered from the area.

Officials said the local police officers from the Jawar Mines police station were informed about the incident on Sunday morning.

"We are gathering all evidence. It appears that the explosion took place last night and the railway tracks were damaged. We were informed about it this morning. A train was supposed to pass through the area, where the incident took place, at 11.30 am on Sunday. Some explosive subprima facie appears to be like explosives used in mining activities," said Udaipur SP Vikas Sharma. Railway Minister Ashwini

Vaishnaw said the blast was reported about 35 km from Udaipur. "We have our best on the spot — ATF, NIA and RPF. The accused will be severely punished," he said. The bridge restoration team is

also on the site.

Officials said the Asarwa-Udaipur Express train from Ahmedabad was supposed to pass through the place where the railway tracks were damaged in the explosion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently flagged off the inaugural run of the train.

A railway spokesperson said in light of the incident, the train was halted in Dungarpur.

"We are gathering evidence and are investigating all angles. A case is being registered in the matter," said Udaipur SP Sharma.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday took to Twitter to express his concern over the incident, which he called worrying. Gehlot directed Rajasthan DGP Umesh Mishra to investigate the issue thoroughly.

In a statement on Sunday, DGF Mishra said appropriate action is being taken in the matter and the police are coordinating with railway officials. "Assistance is also being taken from central agencies," the DGP added.

Teams of the Forensic Science Laboratory and the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) also visited the spot and conducted investigations. (WITH PTI INPUTS)

saulted Amit.

Police said the accused is a daily wage labourer.

JHARKHAND: THREE OF FAMILY DIED IN BOKARO IN 2020

Define hunger death, actual number of such cases: HC to govt

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE JHARKHAND High Court has asked the state government the "definition of hunger death" and the "actual number of hunger deaths", if any, following a suo motu cognizance of three deaths in one family within six months in Bokaro in 2020.

Bhukkhal Ghasi, 42, died in March 2020 and his son and daughter, too, died in the next six months. While experts working in

food security called these "hunger deaths", the state denied it by saying all died due to diseases. The matter was brought to court's notice, which turned it into a PIL. In the last hearing, a bench of Chief Justice Ravi Ranjan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad asked the government to file an action taken report on implementation of all welfare schemes prevalent in Jharkhand and the targeted beneficiaries.

On November 4, the HC said: "We have seen the action taken report. However, two things are not clear. First is the mechanism of fixing the target and the second is whether hunger death has been defined by the state under any statute or any circular or whatever, and if not, then how the statements are coming that there is no hunger death or what is the number of actual hunger deaths. We expect that such an affidavit will be filed in two weeks."

Ranchi-based lawyer Sonal Tiwary, who filed an Intervenor Application in this PIL, said he told HC 34 such deaths had happened in the state in the last few years.

not notify the hunger panel's report, so it is not binding in the court of law. Secondly, there is massive scope for improvement considering the recent National Family Health Survey-V Iharkhand report that said 67.4% children (between 6 and 59 months) and 65.3% women are anaemic. With massive loopholes in the foodgrain distribution, the problems are serious. So, the definition of hunger or starvation deaths has to be Jharkhand specific and needs to detail a simpler way to ascertain the deaths without leaving any ambiguity," Tiwary said.

The Jharkhand HC's order asking the state for a definition of "hunger death" assumes significance as current CM Hemant Soren, while in Opposition, had made these deaths an election plank and targeted BJP. However, after coming to power, his government took a U-turn and said there had been no such casualties both during his tenure and also during the BIP's regime.

The issue of "hunger death" came to fore after 11-year-old Santoshi Kumari died in Simdega in September 2017, allegedly of "starvation". Her death triggered a controversy as her family could not get benefits due to mandatory Aadhaar-based authentication. After this, the Raghubar Das government formed a panel to address the starvation deaths. Besides defining "hunger and starvation", the panel devised a protocol to investigate suspected deaths such as conducting a post-mortem within 24 hours and an investigation on the food intake, social security prior to a month of the death among others.

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	238-Saboli	SDM(HQ) District	Thanglienmang	Sr. Account Officer,
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PRICE OF FREEDOM

SC decision to free Rajiv assassination convicts is fraught. Court needs to insulate due process from political considerations

HESUPREME COURT'S decision to release six persons, including four Sri Lankan nationals, serving life sentences in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case on the advice of the Tamil Nadu government raises disturbing questions about due process. These persons — Nalini, Ravichandran, Santhan, Robert Payas, Jayakumar and Murugan — had been convicted after an investigation by a CBI SIT (Special Investigation Team) and a judicial process that began in a TADA court and concluded at the Supreme Court. The former prime minister and 15 others were killed when an LTTE suicide bomber targeted a political rally in Sriperumbudur, near Chennai, on May 21, 1991. A TADA court in January 1998 sentenced 26 of the 41 accused in the case to death; a year later, the SC freed 19 of them, upheld capital punishment to four persons and commuted death sentence of three others to life imprisonment. In 2000, the Tamil Nadu governor commuted the death sentence of Nalini to life on the state government's recommendation; in 2014, the SC commuted the sentence of the other three on death row to life on the ground that there was inordinate delay on the part of the Centre in responding to their mercy pleas. In May 2022, the SC allowed remission of A G Perarivalan's life sentence.

Indeed, the two-judge SC bench has cited the Perarivalan case as a precedent to free the six convicts last week. The Court, regrettably, preferred a procedural approach and allowed itself to be guided by the Tamil Nadu government's push for remissions in a case that pertained to an act of terrorism by an overseas organisation. The Tamil Nadu Cabinet resolu $tion \, of \, 2018 \, reflected \, the \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, However, \, and \, reflected \, the \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, However, \, and \, reflected \, the \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, However, \, and \, reflected \, the \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, The \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, The \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, The \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, The \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, in \, favour \, of \, remissions. \, The \, consensus \, among \, major \, parties \, among \, major \, pa$ the Court ought to have insulated the law and due process from being overly influenced by the political executive. Its approach is stark when the plight of hundreds of persons incarcerated for extended periods because of state overreach in curtailing individual liberties is considered. In the Rajiv assassination case, Tamil subnationalism seems to have carried the day for the convicts — it is evident in the silence of the political class, including those who ride on hyper-nationalism. This arbitrariness is even more fraught given how politics clouds due process. Consider how the Ministry of Home Affairs recently cleared the way for life convicts in the Bilkis Bano case, involving gang rape and murder during the 2002 Gujarat riots, to walk free ostensibly on the recommendation of the Gujarat state administration. Ironically, in the Bilkis Bano case, the Supreme Court had taken exception to the investigation by state agencies to ensure that justice was served to the victims of gruesome commu-

It is baffling that the courts have allowed individual liberties to be determined by local political sentiments rather than by the letter and spirit of law. If the law or the process needs reforms or codification to avoid the charge of exceptionalism, so be it. But abdicating its role to the political executive when it comes to crime and punishment reflects poorly on the judiciary.

WHEN XI MEETS BIDEN

Thaw in US-China relations would calm economic and political nerves in world capitals. Delhi too would be relieved

SIA HAS REASONS to welcome the first face-to-face summit between the US President Joe Biden and the Chinese leader Xi Jinping on the margins of the G-20 summit in Bali, Indonesia this week. Any tempering of the current conflict between the world's leading powers — the US and China — should calm economic and political nerves all around the world that is struggling to recover from the twin blows delivered by the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. The prospect of an imminent conflict between the US and China over Taiwan had indeed put the world on the edge of a precipice. President Biden hopes to "put a floor" below which the relationship between Washington and Beijing will not slide. For Washington, this policy of reducing the dangers of a war is a necessary complement to its determination to compete with China to retain its global leadership and Asian primacy. For Xi Jinping, the ambition is different. He would like Biden to walk back from the current policy of an all-round confrontation with Beijing. Xi would like to negotiate a bilateral accommodation that would consolidate the Chinese guest for Asian dominance.

One summit is certainly not enough to bridge the divide between the US and China that has rapidly deepened in recent years. As Beijing began to assert itself under Xi Jinping, who took charge in 2012, the broad consensus within the US in favour of a positive engagement with China turned into a strong bipartisan commitment to push back. When Biden's predecessor Donald Trump unveiled a policy of challenging Xi's trade and security policies, it was widely viewed as an aberration that would not survive the maverick leader's tenure. But Biden has simply doubled down on Trump's China policies; he also brought greater coherence and expanded the confrontation to include the full range of high technologies. At the same time, the Biden Administration has underlined the importance of keeping communication channels open with China and leaving the door open for cooperation, especially on trans-national issues like climate change.

Any engagement between US and China generates concern in the Indian foreign policy community at the potential for a rapprochement between the two great powers. But three factors today make Delhi less nervous. It is convinced that the current conflict between the US and China is deeply structural and is not amenable to quick solutions. Delhi is more confident than ever before about the depth and stability in its partnership with Washington. Finally, like the rest of Asia, India has a stake in the "responsible management" of the US-China conflict for the costs of such a conflict could be devastating for the entire region.

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A defeat for Trumpism



Question now is whether Republican Party continues to back former president after midterm setback

ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

IN THE RECENTLY concluded US midterm elections, Donald Trump was not formally on the ballot, but he lost. Stated another way, democracy was on the ballot, and it won. America averted a looming disaster.

Why are the midterm elections so important? The entire House of Representatives, consisting of 435 seats, was up for election. America elects its lower house for only two years. Also at stake were 35 seats of the US Senate (out of 100), 36 state governor's races (out of 50), 85 per cent of state legislative seats (nearly 6,300 in all), key state-level executive positions, and mayoral contests in many cities. Presidential candidates are obviously not on the ballot in midterms. Otherwise, midterm elections are a huge political exercise, having significant implications for policy and politics.

The US has also developed a highly unusual midterm tradition. It revels in something not possible in parliamentary systems, as in the UK, Canada or India. There, the party running the executive is also in control of the legislature, at least the lower house. In presidential systems, asplit between the executive and legislature is possible. Indeed, the US President's party generally loses seats in the US Congress in the midterms, which can lead to a loss of majority in the House of Representatives and/or the Senate. Since 1934, only two presidents, Franklin D Roosevelt (1934) and George W Bush (2002), saw their parties gain seats in both houses.

Some of the recent reverses are also noteworthy. Bill Clinton won the presidency in 1992, but Democrats lost the majority in both houses in 1994, as did George Bush in 2006. Barack Obama won handsomely in 2008, but Democrats lost control of the House in 2010. After Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential win, Republicans lost 41 seats in 2018 and also their majority in the House.

This year was expected to be no different. But results have significantly broken from the tradition. With counting still unfinished, Democrats are expected to keep control of the Senate. Republicans might get a majority in the House of Representatives, but only barely. Winning 218 seats is required for a majority in the House; the current prediction is that Republicans will get around 220. In governors'

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Republican, believe Trump's

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legitimate president.

races, too, Republicans have fallen short of expectations. Unlike India, the US has no independent nationwide Election Commission that organises elections and certifies results. States do that here, giving governors and secretaries of state enormous powers.

As we have always known, elections have two sides. One side is purely statistical: How many seats, where, and at what level? The other is about meanings. What does it all add up to, and why?

It is at the level of meanings that the 2022 midterms have produced a most unexpected outcome. The polls were predicting a massive "red wave". Unlike China and the former Soviet Union, "red" in America means "Republican". Bill Clinton witnessed a red wave in 1994. Democrats lost 54 seats in the House and 10 in the Senate, losing the majority in both.

This year's red wave, if it had taken place, would have been qualitatively different. It would have put Trump-supported Republicans in control of the legislature. An astronomically large proportion of these candidates are "election deniers", meaning they have accepted Trump's falsehood that Joseph Biden stole the 2020 presidential elections. Many supported the January 6 attack on the Capitol. A red wave would have also meant having governors, who might not certify elections in the future if the elections did not go their way.

That is why democracy was on the ballot. Trump and many of his Republican candidates were basically saying that they would accept election results only if they won, not if they lost. So long as this is a niche view, democracy is not threatened. But if this view comes to power in a hegemonic way, democracy cannot survive. America has averted a fateful clash at the summit of the polity, the kind of clash that Latin American presidential systems have often witnessed, leading to the collapse of democracies

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But to win a general election, those who win primaries must go beyond their party base and win the vote of independents, estimated to be 30-35 per cent of the voting population. That is why Trump lost in 2020 and that is where Trump-endorsed candidates faltered in the midterms. They attracted the committed party base, but not enough independents to produce a massive victory.

Though exit poll data are not entirely reliable, the two issues that apparently killed a potential red wave were abortions and democracy. In the summer, the US Supreme Court ended abortion as a nationwide right of women, leaving it for the states to decide whether women could have an abortion and until which week of the pregnancy. Women's votes appear to have gone hugely against Republicans because Republicans supported the court's decision.

The vote of the younger generation — in the 18-29 age group — also seems to have gone against Republicans by a 2-1 proportion. We will know more about this later, but a reasonable guess is that Trump's truculent inability to accept his defeat and his obsession with vote restrictions does not attract younger Americans. Their view appears to be that elections should decide who would rule, and voting should be made easier, not harder, especially for groups whose voices normally tend to get ignored. That is exactly the opposite of what Trump and his base want.

Other than winning 2016, Trump has lost all elections since then: The 2018 midterms, the 2020 presidential, a 2021 senate reversal, and now the 2022 midterms. Would he decline now, or will Republicans double down on his plans and strategy? If the answer is the latter, democracy has survived for now, but trouble lies ahead.

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SECURING GREEN TRANSITION

Why China's dominance of electric vehicle supply chain must be countered

DHIRAJ NAYYAR

THE START of COP27 in Egypt has renewed the world's focus on climate change. Electric vehicles (EVs) are key in the global quest to decarbonise. In India, which also faces serious air pollution issues, the transition to EVs is critical. However, there is a China-size risk in the supply chain for electric vehicles. The recent sabre-rattling across the Taiwan Straits ought to be a warning for the world. Given India's troubled relationship with China, the risk may be even more acute.

According to a recent report by the

International Energy Association, every part of the EV supply chain is highly concentrated, mostly in China. The first stage of the supply chain is the key minerals required for batteries, namely lithium, nickel, cobalt and graphite. In graphite, China has an 80 per cent share of global mining output. In cobalt, the politically highly unstable Democratic Republic of Congo mines two-thirds of the global supply and Chinese companies control a big share of that country's mining. Lithium and nickel are not concentrated in China but are concentrated elsewhere: Australia mines over 50 per cent of the world's lithium and Indonesia mines 35 per cent of global nickel. Overall, this is a far greater concentration than in oil and gas. The next stage of the supply chain is the processing of ore/mineral concentrate into metal. China dominates across the board. Globally, over 60 per cent of lithium processing, over 70 per cent of cobalt processing, 80 per cent

It is important to stitch up supply alliances with countries ex-China, as has been done with Australia. At higher ends of the value chain, from battery cells onwards, there is a need to invest much more, not just in PLI, but given the nascent stage of the industry, in R&D. Here, a public-private partnership is vital.

of graphite processing and about 40 per cent of nickel processing takes place in China.

The next stage is cell components. China produces two-thirds of global anodes and three-fourths of cathodes. The only other producing countries of note are South Korea and Japan. After that come battery cells, where China has a 70 per cent share. Finally, in EVs themselves, China has a share of around 50 per cent in global production. Europe is a distant second with 25 per cent. Surprisingly, the US is a small player in the EV supply chain, producing only 10 per cent of vehicles and containing just 7 per cent of battery production capacity. India does not feature as a player of note.

The fact is that China is now the biggest spender on climate/energy transition. According to a report by Bloomberg's New Energy Fund (NEF), in 2021, out of a total global spend of \$750 billion in climate-related investments (90 per cent of which went into renewable energy and electric transport), China alone spent \$266 billion. The US was a distant second with \$114 billion. The major countries of Europe combined would equal the US. India was in 7th place – not a bad rank to occupy - with \$14 billion invested. However, while almost 40 per cent of Chinese and US spending was on EVs, more than 95 per cent of India's spending is on renewable energy. Interestingly, in Europe, about 75-80 per cent of the spending is on EVs, which is why it leads the US in this sector. In India, despite intent, EVs have not

received sufficient investment.

As India makes good strides in its energy transition it cannot afford to depend on China and select countries. A two-pronged strategy is needed. First, on the minerals and materials. India has been slow at acquiring overseas mines of these critical minerals. A recently formed government venture, KA-BIL, which is a IV between three minerals and metals PSUs, is tasked with the job of identifying and acquiring overseas mines. However, given the serious constraints in which PSUs operate, especially when compared with their Chinese counterparts, the chances of success are small. An alternate option is to liberalise exploration policies domestically, benchmark them with global best practices and invite global investors to find and mine in India. Simultaneously, it is important to stitch up supply alliances with countries ex-China, as has been done with Australia. At higher ends of the value chain, from battery cells onwards, there is a need to invest much more, not just in PLI, but given the nascent stage of the industry, in R&D. Here, a public-private partnership is vital. The vibrant startup ecosystem must be leveraged because it is more likely to be innovative than legacy firms. At any rate, it is too risky and expensive for India to be dependent on imports across the energy transition board, particularly EVs. We know that from our experience in oil.

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Explain rich and possible death

NOVEMBER 14, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

390 Akalis arrested

A SERIES OF explosions rocked Punjab during the last 36 hours while the state government swung into action to round up middle rung Akali leaders as a step to foil their plan to protest in New Delhi during the Asian Games. According to an official spokesman, about 390 Akalis have been arrested so far. None of the important leaders, however, have been arrested. Prohibitory orders unhave been promulgated in Delhi.

NAGALAND UNCERTAIN
IT APPEARS THAT the people unable to give

a clear verdict in their fifth general election. As a result, Nagaland seems by all accounts to be heading for a period of political instability and horse-trading. Both the ruling Naga National Democratic Party (NNDP) and the Congress-I, locked in a stalemate, have already begun intense wooing of the 12 independents who now hold the key to power in the state. The first four independents who arrived at Kohima from their respective constituencies had reportedly taken refuge in a safehouse in the city. They are reported to have formed a joint front. Their spokesman, M Zinyu, has told reporters that they have been given "protection" against intimidation.

Brezhnev's funeral

MORE THAN 60 heads of state and government, including Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, will attend the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev. Heads of foreign missions paid homage to the Soviet Leader at the Hall of Columns where his body is lying in state.

SANCTIONS REMOVED

US PRESIDENT RONALD Reagan announced the lifting of the sanctions imposed in December last year against the Soviet Union. The sanctions had been imposed because of the martial law declared in Poland.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

The gene revolution

GM crops have been in the food system for years. It is time to embrace science-based agriculture for farmers' rights



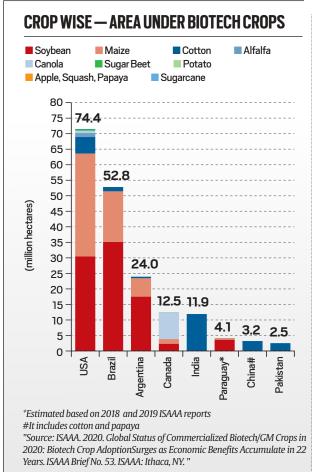
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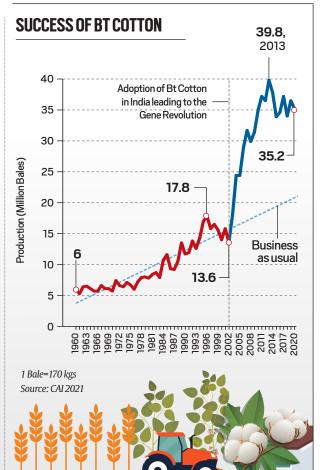
AS SOON AS the government took the decision to release India's first genetically-modified (GM) food crop — Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11) - for "environment release", some activists approached the Supreme Court to ban it for various reasons. The Supreme Court has ordered the status quo to be maintained till the next hearing on the matter on November 17. The opposition to GM food crops is not new. There has been a global campaign in this regard by many activists. Yet, in reality, GM crops have spread around the world since 1996. By 2019, roughly 190 million hectares were under GM crops, led by corn and soyabean in the US, Brazil, Argentina, and canola (rapeseed/mustard) in Canada, with no harmful impact on human or animal health or the environment per se (see infographics). There is ample evidence in support of that. Even Bangladesh has marched ahead with Bt brinjal. More than 70 countries have accepted the use of GM crops.

Even within India, we had our first GM crop, Bt cotton, released in 2002 by the Vajpayee government. Atal Bihar Vajpayee envisioned that science could transform agriculture. He extended the original slogan of "jai jawan, jai kisan" (salutation to the soldier and the farmer), given by Lal Bahadur Shastri, to include "jai vigyan" (salutation to science). Are there any lessons from the Bt cotton decision for the case of mustard today?

Let's look at the results of the historic decision taken by Vajpayee in 2002 to introduce Bt cotton. Cotton production increased remarkably from a mere 13.6 million bales (1 bale = 170 kg) in 2002-03 to 39.8 million bales in 2013-14, registering an increase of 192 per cent in just 12 years, ushering the famous "gene revolution" (Figure 1). Cotton productivity increased from 302 kg per hectare in 2002-03 to 566 kg per hectare in 2013-14, an increase of 76 per cent, while the area under cotton cultivation expanded by 56 per cent, of which about 95 per cent is under Bt cotton. But more important are the gains to cotton farmers whose incomes increased significantly. In fact, it won't be an exaggeration to say that Bt cotton led Gujarat's "agrarian miracle" of very high (above 8 per cent) annual growth rate in agri-GDP during 2002-03 to 2013-14. And it made India the second-largest producer after China, and the second-largest exporter after the US, of cotton in the world

The success of Bt cotton holds many lessons for policymakers but it is not free from controversy and debate. Several concerns have been expressed by NGOs, civil society groups and farmers' groups from time to time to emphasise the risks associated with GM crops. Some of these include — en-





hanced sucking pest damage in Bt cotton; increase in secondary pests such as mired bugs and Spodoptera; emergence of pest resistance; environmental and health implications in terms of toxicity and allergenicity that can cause hematotoxin reactions in the human body and, of course, farmers' exposure to a greater risk of monopoly in the seed business. Based on largely unproven fears that unite the ideologues of the Left and the Right, commercial release of herbicide-tolerant (Ht Bt) cotton, Bt brinjal and now GM mustard have been held under moratorium. This is despite the official clearance from the country's biotech regulator, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC).

This is so ironic because GMOs have been in our food systems for years. India heavily depends on imported edible oils (55-60 per cent of India's domestic requirement is imported). A large portion of this – about three-four million tonnes every year comes from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the US, etc, which is all from GM technology (in soybean and canola). We eat plenty of our own cotton seed (binola) oil, and about 95 per cent of our cotton is now GM. Cotton seed is also fed to cattle which gives the milk its fat content. Even poultry feed, such as soya and corn, is being imported. So, one thing is clear: GM food is already in our food chain, and has been there for quite some

By not allowing GM mustard or for that matter even Bt brinjal for so long, one is denying the basic rights of farmers who want to increase their incomes. The best way to do so is by raising productivity in a susThe success of Bt cotton holds many lessons for policymakers but it is not free from controversy and debate. Several concerns have been expressed by NGOs, civil society groups and farmers' groups from time to time to emphasise the risks associated with GM crops. Based on largely unproven fears that unite the ideologues of the Left and the Right, commercial release of herbicide-tolerant (Ht Bt) cotton, Bt brinjal and now GM mustard have been held under moratorium. This is despite the official clearance from the country's biotech regulator, the Genetic **Engineering Appraisal** Committee (GEAC).

tainable manner. And that's where science comes in. The field trials of GM mustard at different locations showed 25-28 per cent higher yield and better disease resistance compared to indigenous varieties. This can go a long way in augmenting domestic mustard oil supplies and farmers' incomes.

It was expected that India would be at the forefront of the gene revolution and emerge as a major export hub to other Asian and African countries. What the IT revolution has done in computer science, the Bt revolution could have done in agriculture. Unfortunately, our policy paralysis on GM technologies from 2003 to 2021, under pressure from activists and ideologues, has cost the farmers a lot. India is no longer at the forefront. But it is still better to be late than never to catch up vis a vis the gene revolution. Dissent is a good sign in any democratic society and forms an essential part of checks and balances. But once the safety tests are done and the scientific body (GEAC) has given the green signal, what is needed is political leadership to keep the decision-making science-based.

The agriculture of tomorrow is going to be science-based, and the winners will be those who adopt it and develop it further today. Innovation is the name of the game, and "Jai Anusandhan" is a good slogan given by PM Modi. But it will have meaning only when the government goes ahead with not just GM mustard but also fast-tracks Ht Bt cotton, Bt brinjal, and even GM soya and

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Our diabetes challenge

"China's desire to improve China-US relations is sincere, while its attitude to safeguarding its core interests is firm. We hope that Washington will meet

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

A healthy lifestyle, based on eating well, exercising and remaining stress-free can eliminate the disease burden



China halfway."

SHASHANK JOSHI

MODERN LIFESTYLES have led to sedentary habits in virtually all parts of the country. Improved economic conditions and the easy availability and lower cost of cereals, especially polished rice, wheat flour, apart from the consumption of excess sugars, starches, salt and fats/oils have led to dietary changes in both urban and rural communities. In general, people eat more, and eat fast, today. All this contributes to weight gain. Fast food items - in both global and local cuisines – give scant respect to health. That's why people today are vulnerable to diseases like Type 2 diabetes.

Milk and milk products remain the only protein sources in our predominantly vegetarian economy. They must be fortified with Vitamin D. Food and health safety regulations are urgently needed to ensure that foods are free from pesticide residues and chemicals that can not only contribute to the development of diabetes but also cause cancers, apart from other non-communicable diseases

Traditional, as well as modern Indian diets, have excess carbohydrates and fats and lack protein. This is compounded by a lack of fibre and poor intake of fruits and vegetables in urban diets.

There is a need to use less oil in cooking - it should be restricted to less than half kg per person per month - eliminate transfats like vanaspati and avoid reheating oils or food. Indians across regions use different edible oils. No oil matches the right criteria for health. So we, currently, recommend blending at least two edible oils with rice bran oil. Cooking habits like excess frying should be discouraged.

There is a need to encourage locallygrown healthy fruits and vegetables. It's time we promote local millets, herbs and nuts grown in the country, and eschew imported nuts. Groundnuts, pulses and soya are excellent economical sources of protein for vegetarian diets. Egg white, fish and chicken are excellent sources of non-veg protein but red meats should be avoided. Rather than promoting global diet pyr-

amids, food fads and fast foods, we should tweak our traditional diets to make them tasty and healthy, and eat mindfully - eat on time, slowly and less. A large breakfast, moderate lunch and light dinner make us lose weight while the reverse leads to weight gain.

Diet fads that have gained popularity, via social media, are backed by little science. Some can even be harmful. Keto diets, intermittent fasting, and protein diets have short-term gains but can lead to serious health concerns later and must be taken under expert supervision. Science has shown the salience of calorie restriction. Everything else, from carbohydrate control to eating excess protein or fat, may work only in experimental conditions but the data is still conflicting. Remember, no diet works unless it's in conjunction with a healthy lifestyle and exercise.

Break your sitting posture every 30

minutes. Experts agree that short spells of five minutes of a brisk walk could make you live longer by four years. Ten thousand steps is what is recommended but current data says do at least 6,000 to 8,000 steps. Indians have less muscle mass. Classical surya namaskar and sit-ups can build muscle mass. Even when we are stationary we should do movements or be fidgety -- it burns some fuel. But it's also important to be fit and have stamina. Jog, run, swim or play a sport or do physical activity approved by a medical doctor. Many people have regular gym memberships. But we often hear of fit gym-goers dropping dead suddenly. Before enrolling in a gym, a thorough medical check-up, as advised by a doctor, is necessary. Done under expert supervision, yoga provides several benefits. Meditation, mindfulness and chanting of mantras, including the Gayatri Mantra, go a long way in reducing stress, anxiety and promoting good quality sleep.

Stress has a huge impact on health. Adapting to stress or stressful situations with a smile and positive energy is an art. Sleeping on time, for at least seven hours from 10 pm to 5 am, is important for our biological clock. Sleeping less than five hours or more than 10 hours is detrimental to health. If you snore, please get a proper sleep study done and see an expert.

Dealing with tobacco and alcohol addictions requires clear-cut de-addiction protocols. Behaviour therapy, counselling as well as shared decision making play a key role in the modern-day care of a person living with diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes can be reversed without medication by restricting calories (less than 800 kcals). Unfortunately, drastic diets are difficult to follow. Digital diabetes care has become an enabler in suggesting apt treatments. Artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things can be used to create digital body digital twins of patients with the help of teams of professional coaches and doctors. Personal healthcare solutions are delivered after receiving inputs from sensors that provide information on glucose, weight, body composition, food, activity, sleep habits as well as heart health and blood pressure - all these create a health signature of a person with diabetes. These AI-generated signatures, with the help of a personal coach and medical doctors, allow precise advice that enables the patient to handle the disease better and enables the elimination of medication in most cases.

It's mandatory to do an hour of digital detoxification - stay away from mobile phones, computers or television screens and engage in music or hobbies. The theme of the International Diabetes Foundation this year is to educate, empower and create awareness about diabetes. The biggest challenge is that every second person does not know that she/he has Type 2 diabetes. The disease can be easily reversed in younger people. The key is to sensitise everyone.

Mental health is equally important in dealing with the disease. Happiness, gratitude and kindness must replace distress, anxiety and negative recklessness. Let's all work in the 75th year of Indian Independence to make the lives of people living with diabetes happy and healthy.

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lay in appointment of judges: SC to Govt' (IE, November 12). This delay by

the government brings a pending issue to the limelight. Considering that the

present law authorises the collegium to

recommend judicial appointments,

there shouldn't be unnecessary delays

in appointing judges. GoI may object

only in rare cases. Both the collegium

and government must follow set time-

lines. Presently, there are seven vacan-

cies in the apex court and 335 in high courts. These vacancies must be filled

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In their

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

at the earliest.

NATION FIRST

Schools for empathy

Education should be about growth, managing differences — not exams

Mini Krishnan

SOME TIME ago, a group of high-school students were asked to name their greatest fear. "...being scolded for what I did accidentally," ..being rejected by friends," " that I'll fail," "losing my temper," "...disappointing my

Had these things had been discussed in

Children need to share their worries and doubts, talk about why they get angry or cannot control themselves. Though every adult knows that an emotionally stable child will be a more focused student, such is the tyranny of expectation that most teachers are too hard worked and weary to tell their managements that a child's understanding

of himself is as important as his grasp of ac-

ademic subjects.

When universal education based on textbooks was introduced into an oral and traditional culture like ours, it had no room for an attendant mentoring the development of a student's personality. No one thought children needed anything other than order and discipline. The more the student studied the more distanced he became from his natural environment, community and native culture. This tradition has continued with the entire training between the child's 5th and 15th years concentrated on the material world around her about which she is relentlessly tested. The higher order of thinking skills — dare one say spiritual growth, a zone of intimacy impossible to describe but in need of discussion - has faded. Education has become a way of life to pass

Over the last decade or so, as teenage suicides and child-against-child violence began to rise, a question has repeated itself: On the road to academic excellence, did we miss something? We know that we cannot reverse this system but surely, we can modify it with the support of teachers and other stakeholders. In a civilised society (and we congratulate ourselves endlessly about our heritage) each generation is expected to make the society better and safer for the next one. Hence, the tremendous societal role schools have. Training in understanding the value of cooperative growth, empathy and managing feelings and differences has to start early. Countless hours have been spent discussing how personal and social transformation is possible through a well-designed course on social and personal ethics. Hardly anything is said about training the teachers, the agents of

Recently, I watched a video describing millennials and their socio-emotional disabilities. A chilling list of features: Entitlement, self-obsession, narcissism, low tolerance, inability to focus on anything for any length of time. This might well be true of some of them but not all of them. Many youngsters everywhere are responding warmly to outreach messages for help. Any request sent out on behalf of students in distress or appeals for food or donations to animal shelters is almost immediately met with a flood of calls and assurances. Some

of the respondees are school goers.

What does that tell us? Someone inspired them. Something other than their textbooks brought out the best in them. A routine counter to the idea that values can be taught is that they can only be imbibed "We learnt from our parents.") But what if family members are too busy to spend time with children?

A policy to foster the idea and importance of the self in harmony with wider and wider circles can be implemented through schools to influence at least those children who get to attend school who will one day lead their communities and society; they will write and teach, build cities, patent new medicines and technologies; they will enact policies and laws.

This is especially important when millions of Indian children below the age of 10 have no hope of an education. Disadvantaged by illiteracy, they are vulnerable to all the negative forces around them. Doesn't that leave the rest of us with a duty to overcome our limited knowledge based on traditions and prejudices? The intense competition that contemporary life fosters has already left many youngsters with no inner resources to counter anxiety, fear and rage. Some young children are so lonely and edgy they take their own lives when they fail entrance exams, do not get the kind of clothes they want or feel inadequate in English-language classes. It is clear that the skills necessary to manage feelings of anger and disappointment have become extremely urgent and are as important as academic achievement. No single plan of action will fit everyone. Each region, possibly individual schools in consultation with neighbouring institutions, will need to devise what works for them.

Educating for peace seeks to nurture a moral vision about the role of the self in the family, society, nation and the world. A sixyear-old cannot understand the term social justice. A 14-year-old can and must. But the former can understand the idea of sharing and fairness, which in turn will develop into a grasp of what the latter understands in five seconds. An eight-year-old can only be told that he must not destroy leaves and plants for fun or stone a pup for fun. A 15- year-old understands that leaves, birds, insects, people and climate are all linked. If we are to survive on an impoverished planet that cannot manage its food-stocks or famines, its water resources or forests, we must, as quickly as possible, see ourselves as a global family and sensitise children to understand that what affects one group in one part of the world, will eventually affect everyone everywhere else. We have already learnt how to make children healthier but we have paid less attention to their hearts and minds.

Surely the goal of education is to equip people to lead meaningful lives and not only

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RIGHT MOVE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Climate in Ranchi' (IE, November 12). The Jharkhand government's task force will study the potential socio-economic impact of India's climate commitment by limiting the use of fossil fuels like coal. This is akin to the process adopted for the Environmental Impact Assessment by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). The only twist is, instead of looking at the impact on the environment, the focus now is the impact on the people dependent on coal-based industries.

Sushimta Murmu, New Delhi

NEXT STEPS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'After hailing EWS quota, Cong for relook' (IE, November 13). The government should consider extending the purview of the EWS reservation. At the same time, it should lower the income benchmark so the poorest sections among the disadvantaged groups can avail some residual benefits under the EWS scheme.

NO MORE DELAYS THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Explain de-

interest' (IE, November 11). India and Russia's friendship dates back decades. It's to India's credit that in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it has successfully withstood Washington's pressure to align itself with the US. Jaishankar's visit to Moscow reaffirms the understanding shared by the two countries, despite India's growing discomfort at the Ukrainian crisis and its political and economic fallout. When each country is safeguarding its own interest in a fluid world, why should India not do the same?

Vijai Pant, Hempur

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

- THIS WORD MEANS

NINTH SCHEDULE (OF CONSTITUTION)

Jharkhand wants protection from judicial review for its 77% quota. But Ninth Schedule protection isn't absolute

THE IHARKHAND Assembly on Friday passed two Bills - to increase reservation in vacant government posts and services to 77 per cent, and to use land records with 1932 as the cut-off year to determine domicile status. Chief Minister Hemant Soren said the Bills would come into force after the Centre includes these in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.

Ninth Schedule

The Ninth Schedule contains a list of central and state laws that cannot be challenged in courts. Currently, 284 such laws are shielded from judicial review. Most of the laws protected under the Schedule concern agriculture/land issues.

The Schedule became part of the Constitution in 1951, when it was created by the new Article 31B ("Validation of certain Acts and Regulations") which, along with Article 31A, was inserted into the Constitution to protect laws related to agrarian reform and to abolish the Zamindari system. While Article 31A extends protection to 'classes' of laws, Article 31B shields specific laws or enactments.

The First Amendment added 13 laws to the Schedule. Subsequent amendments in 1955, 1964, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1984, 1990, 1994, and 1999 took the number of protected laws to 284.

No blanket protection

While the Ninth Schedule provides a "safe harbour" from judicial review, it does not extend blanket protection.

In I R Coelho v State of Tamil Nadu (2007), a nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court ruled that laws placed under the Ninth Schedule can be challenged on the ground of violating the basic structure of the Constitution. The court said the "basic structure" test would be applicable to laws inserted into the Ninth Schedule after 1973, the year the Supreme Court formulated the basic structure doctrine in the Kesavananda Bharati case.

The IR Coelho verdict said, "A law that abrogates or abridges rights guaranteed by Part III of the Constitution may violate the basic structure doctrine or it may not. If former is the consequence of law, whether by amendment of any Article of Part III or by an insertion in the Ninth Schedule, such law will have to be invalidated in exercise of judicial review power of the Court."

Political caveat

The proposed 77 per cent reservation in Jharkhand breaches the 50 per cent ceiling set by the Supreme Court in the landmark 1992 Indra Sawhney v Union of India verdict. However, placing a legislation in the Ninth Schedule shields it from judicial scrutiny to the extent laid down by the Supreme Court.

After the Bills were passed, Jharkhand CM Soren said, "Whatever we promised to the people, we have delivered. And now it is the Centre's responsibility to find a way to include this in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution...

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expert at the Université Paris

Nanterre, said. "But what

was very surprising in our

Importance of agri exports

EXPLAINED ECONOMY

India's agri exports are growing, but imports are growing faster — driven mainly by vegetable oils. A focus on domestic production and new technologies can help boost the farm trade surplus

TABLE 2



Harish Damodaran

INDIA'S agriculture exports have grown 16.5% year-on-year in April-September, and look set to surpass the record \$50.2 billion achieved in 2021-22 (April-March).

Interestingly, even commodities whose exports have been subjected to curbs wheat, rice and sugar - have shown impressive jumps in shipments.

Farm exports growing

The government had, on May 13, banned the export of wheat. Yet, according to Commerce Ministry data, wheat exports, at 45.90 lakh tonnes (lt) during the April-September period, were nearly twice the 23.76 lt for the same period last year.

On May 24, sugar exports were moved from the "free" to "restricted" list. Also, total exports for the 2021-22 sugar year (October-September) were capped at 100 lt. On September 8, exports of broken rice were prohibited, and a 20% duty slapped on all other non-parboiled non-basmati shipments.

Despite these measures, non-basmati exports have risen from 82.26 lt in April-September 2021 to 89.57 lt in April-September 2022, alongside that of basmati rice (from 19.46 lt to 21.57 lt). Sugar exports, likewise, grew 45.5% in value terms to \$2.65 billion during April-September, and are on course to exceed the all-time-high of \$4.6 billion reached in the 2021-22 fiscal year

Imports surging more

The impressive growth in exports is, however, offset somewhat by imports that have surged even more.

Table 1 captures trends in India's farm products exports over the past decade. 2021-22 registered both record exports (\$50.2 billion) as well as imports (\$32.4 billion). The resultant surplus of \$17.8 billion was much below the \$27.7 billion surplus in the previ-

2012-13 41.73 18.98 22.75 15.53 27.72 2013-14 43.25 2014-15 39.08 21.15 17.93 2015-16 32.81 22.58 10.23 2016-17 33.70 25.64 8.05 2017-18 38.90 24.89 14.01 18.28 2018-19 39.20 20.92 2019-20 35.60 21.86 13.74 2020-21 41.90 21.65 20.24 2021-22 17.82 50.24 32.42 Apr-Sep 21 22.98 15.12 7.86 Apr-Sep 22 26.77

INDIA'S AGRICULTURAL TRADE (IN \$ BN)

2021-22 Apr-Sep Apr-Sep Vegetable 18991.62 8862.38 11097.72 Fresh 2460.33 1101.08 1237.86 fruits Pulses 2228.95 835.35 595.78 658.37 755.27 1299.38 Spices 755.62 1412.52 Cashew 1255.46 Natural 1032.71 442.99 542.18 rubber Alcoholic 693.23 319.28 435.80 Raw 297.25 cotton

INDIA'S TOP AGRI-IMPORT ITEMS (IN \$ MN)

TABLE 3 SOME OF INDIA'S TOP AGRI-EXPORT ITEMS (IN \$ MN)

	2021-22	Apr-Sep 2021	Apr-Sep 2022
Marine products	7772.36	3836.75	4120.08
Non-basmati rice	6133.63	2968.77	3207.29
Basmati rice	3537.49	1659.60	2279.66
Sugar	4602.65	1820.68	2649.00
Spices	3896.03	1992.11	1928.67

ous all-time-high export year of 2013-14. The first six months of the current fiscal have seen the surplus narrow further, albeit marginally — the reason being imports grew at a faster rate (27.7%) than exports (16.5%).

The surplus in agricultural trade matters because this is one sector, apart from software services, where India has some com-

To put things in perspective, India's deficit in its overall merchandise trade account (exports minus imports of goods) widened from \$76.25 billion in April-September 2021 to \$146.55 billion in April-September this year. During the same period, the surplus in agriculture trade reduced only a tad, from \$7.86 billion to \$7.46 billion.

Composition of trade

Table 3 shows some of India's top agricul-

revenue during 2021-22. All but two (cotton and spices) of these items posted positive growth in the first half of the current fiscal too. In cotton, not only have exports collapsed

individually grossed more than \$1 billion in

from over \$1.1 billion in April-September 2021 to \$436 million in April-September 2022, imports have soared from under \$300 million to \$1.1 billion. This has primarily been due to lower domestic production – the 2021-22 crop was estimated at just 307.05 lakh bales (of 170 kg each), as against 353 lakh bales and 365 lakh bales in the preceding two years - forcing mills to import. In the process, ndia has turned a net cotton importer.

In spices, India's exports in recent years have been powered mainly by chilli, mint products, oils & oleoresins, cumin, turmeric, and ginger. In traditional plantation spices such as pepper and cardamom, the country has become as much an importer as an exporter. India has been out-priced by Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Brazil in pepper, while it has lost market share to Guatemala in cardamom.

Another traditional export item where India has largely turned an importer is cashew. In 2021-22, the country's cashew exports were valued at \$453.08 million, compared to imports of \$1.26 billion. Imports have further shot up to \$1.4 billion-plus during the first six months of this fiscal alone.

The big import: vegetable oils

Table 2 shows that almost 60% of India's total agri imports is accounted for by a single commodity: vegetable oils. Their imports were valued at a massive \$19 billion in 2021-22, and imports have increased by more than 25% in the first half of this fiscal. Vegetable oils are today the country's fifth biggest import item after petroleum, electronics, gold, and coal.

This explains two major decisions taken by the government last month. The first was the raising of the minimum support price of mustard from Rs 5,050 to Rs 5,450 per quintal for the 2022-23 crop season. This increase, over and above a similar hike last year (from Rs 4,650 to Rs 5,050), was more than that declared for wheat (from Rs 2,015 to Rs 2,125 per quintal).

The second decision has been to grant clearance ("environmental release") for commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) hybrid mustard. Seed vields from the transgenic mustard DMH-11, bred by Delhi University scientists, are claimed to be 25-30% more than from currently-grown popular varieties. Besides, the "barnase-barstar" GM technology is seen as a robust platform, which can be used to develop new mustard hybrids giving higher yields than DMH-11 and with better disease-resistance or oil quality traits.

A similar approach, aimed at boosting domestic output and yields, may be required in cotton. Insect pest-resistant GM Bt technology helped nearly treble India's cotton production from 140 lakh bales in 2000-01 to 398 lakh bales in 2013-14, and exports to peak at \$4.33 billion in 2011-12.

Production has since been falling, touching a 12-year low in 2021-22, even as India has turned a net importer. It attests to the importance of focusing on domestic production and productivity, while not blocking

Your cat listens to you, notices how you are speaking: study co-author and cat behaviour

CAT OWNERS frequently complain about being ignored by their pets. Turns out your cat may be listening after all. More than that, it cares more than you may think.

A study by French researchers published in the journal Animal Cognition found that not only do cats react to what scientists call cat-directed speech - a high-pitched voice similar to how we talk to babies – they react to who is doing the talking. (Discrimination of cat-directed speech from human-directed speech in a population of indoor companion cats (Felis catus): Charlotte de Mouzon and others) 'We found that when

cats heard their owners using a high-pitched voice,

they reacted more than when they heard the idea that social interaction with hutheir owner speaking normally to an-mans is key in the life of a cat". other human adult," de Mouzon, study



results was that it actually didn't work when it came from a stranger's voice." The findings show that "cats are paying close atten-

tion to their caretakers, down to not only what they are saying, but how they are saying it," said Kristyn Vitale, an assistant professor of animal health and behaviour at Unity College in Maine who was not involved in the study. Unlike dogs, "most cats actually prefer human interaction over other rewards like food or toys," Dr Vitale said.

Cats don't hate us after all, NEW RESEARCH she said, adding that "a growing body of work supports

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The sword of Shivaji, which Maharashtra wants back

ALOK DESHPANDE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 13

THE MAHARASHTRA government has said it is working to bring back the 'Jagdamba' sword of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj from London by 2024, which will mark 350 years of the coronation of the Maratha emperor.

The history of the sword

According to historian Indrajit Sawant, whose book Shodh Bhayani Talwaricha traces the sword's journey, the sword was given to Edward, Prince of Wales (the later King Edward VII), by Shivaji IV in 1875-76.

"The Chhatrapati of Karveer was in possession of this sword which was used by Shivaji Maharaj. The catalogue of his ar-

sword as that of Shivaji Maharaj, and has its description. The meeting between Edward and Shivaii IV happened in Mumbai, and as a return gift, the Prince of Wales presented another sword to Shivaii IV." Sawant said.

However, the sword was not so much a "gift" as it was coercive extraction. Shivaii IV was barely 11 years old then, and like many other Indian kings of the time, he was forced by the British to "gift" them valuable presents, which included weapons with historical significance.

The sword in London

Edward returned to England after an eightmonth tour of India in May 1876. That same month. his mother, Queen Victoria, assumed the title of Empress of India. Upon her death in Emperor of India and reigned until 1910. According to Sawant, the sword is now

Palace in London. A catalogue of the weapons of King Edward VII that was printed in London, describes the sword as "a relic of Shivaji the Great", Sawant said.

The website of the Royal Collection Trust has a picture of an 18th century "sword and scabbard" from Maharashtra, which it says was "Presented to King Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, during his tour of India in 1875-76".

Efforts to get it back

Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak made efforts for the return of the sword when he visited London in connection with a suit of libel he had filed against the journalist

moury is available, which describes this 1901, Edward became King Edward VII and Valentine Chirol for derogatory references made in Chirol's book. *Indian Unrest*.

> The first Chief Minister of Maharashtra, part of the Royal Collection Trust at St James's Yashwantrao Chavan, pursued the matter and later, Chief Minister AR Antulay announced efforts to bring the sword back, and started collecting documents to build a case for India. At the time, however, the sword was referred to as the "Bhavani" sword, and the British argued that a sword of that name was already there in Maharashtra's Satara district.

Jagdamba and Bhavani swords

The Bhavani sword, now in Satara, was also used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, who had at least three swords. But this sword is different from the one in London, which is called Jagdamba in the catalogue of Chhatrapati of Karveer, Sawant said.

What now in Pakistan: 4 possible scenarios for the days ahead

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 13

THE TURMOIL in Pakistan continues towards a likely denouement by the end of this month, when the army chief, Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, is due to step down. Whether he does that, who his successor is, how the new chief is appointed, what relationship the new chief has with former Prime Minister Imran Khan — these will determine the future political course in

While the Shehbaz Sharif government still holds some cards, behind the current political chaos is the falling out between Khan and his erstwhile patron Bajwa – which has to be resolved for a degree of political calm to return. How might this play out in the days ahead? There are at least four possible scenarios.

SCENARIO 1: Bajwa steps down on the due date, and his successor as army chief is appointed.

This seems the most likely scenario at the moment. Bajwa is due to retire on November 29, and he has said many times that he does not want to stay on for longer. Since November 1, he has made a series of "farewell visits" to various units.

Probably because of the current political circumstances, the name of the next army chief has not been announced yet. But it is quite likely that Bajwa's successor has already been finalised.

With Khan almost certain to return whenever elections are held - and if they are free and fair — how he gets along with the new chief will be important. In anticipation, Khan had pushed for a "consensus" chief, to be named after consultations among himself, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Bajwa.

But Shehbaz, who is visiting his brother Nawaz in London, is reported to have said that he would not "surrender" the PM's power to appoint the army chief at any cost. And Khan has declared that a new chief appointed by "thieves" and "traitors" - his description of the Sharifs — would be tainted.

Even if Khan somehow gets to appoint his man, there will be no guarantee of loyalty. Pak army chiefs have tended to outgrow their political patrons: Nawaz appointed Bajwa in 2016, but the then PM's judicial ouster in 2017 was widely seen to have been engineered by the army.



One, as part of a deal between him, the Sharif government, and Khan, so the new army chief may be appointed by the next government, which Khan assumes will be his. After the bid on his life last week, Khan



from Lahore to Islamabad. He has said the march will continue. Reuters

named the PM, the interior minister, and a senior ISI officer as authors of the alleged plot to kill him — but he did not mention Bajwa, triggering speculation that he was keeping the door open for a possible negotiated end to the stand-off.

Two, Bajwa could give himself an extension as a precursor to an army intervention, whose main aim would be to put the lid on Khan's brinkmanship in the "national interest", which in the Pakistan army's lexicon is co-terminus with its own interests.

If the army decides Khan has crossed

one red line too many, the most likely form of intervention would be martial law - perhaps until the elections. The army has learnt from experience that long years of military rule can damage its interests. But an extension to Bajwa, whichever

way it comes, will not go down well within the military, where the hierarchical pyramid keeps shedding officials along the way. The continuation of one person at the top beyond his time jeopardises the careers of many below. Bajwa has been chief for six years; the man before him, Raheel Sharif, got three; and before that, Ashfaq Parvez Kayani too got six.

Khan draws his support from Pakistan's

out in the open.

urban middle classes. The army sees itself as the country's only non-feudal, non-dynastic, and quintessentially middle-class organisation. Not surprisingly, Khan is believed to be popular in large sections of the military, just as Bajwa is disliked. An extension would worsen it for Bajwa. His own cohort in the military has long gone, and he is seen to be out of touch with younger officers. Martial law could draw the divisions

SCENARIO 3: Khan gets his way, 3 and snap elections are called as part of a grand bargain.

In this scenario, the Shehbaz Sharif government would resign, and a caretaker government would conduct the elections. Baiwa would continue till the elections, but would stand back to let Khan win - who would then appoint his own chief.

Despite demanding accountability from the army, Khan, should he return, may not try and reset the civilian-military balance. He will choose a chief who is supportive of his political ambitions and plans. But this may not quite work out the way he wants.

In 1993, after President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had a falling-out, then Army chief General Waheed Kakar stepped in to end the standoff. He got both men to resign to clear the

New Delhi

decks, and a caretaker government was formed under Moeen Qureshi. The ISI took a hands-off approach, and Benazir Bhutto won the election.

However, Bhutto tried to bypass the army and the establishment, and was dismissed even before she'd got halfway through her term.

SCENARIO 4: Khan does not get his way, the long march fizzles out.

In this scenario, Khan is persuaded, by the army and perhaps some international players like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, China, and the US, to let the march die down without the planned climax in Islamabad. The injured leg may come of use here — or the march might come to an end by itself, which seems likely without Khan's active participation. The Shehbaz government stays on.

After an orderly succession on November 29, the next chief would want to strengthen the "institution" and consolidate his hold over the government of the day. Khan would be untrustworthy in the eyes of the army - and the Sharifs and Bhuttos will look to the army to save their government and guarantee their continuance after next year's elections.

The army could, in this scenario, ensure the PTI does not win. The disqualification of Khan is a straw in the wind. But that would mean continued political instability.

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Market Watch

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New Delhi: Nine of the 10 most valued firms together added over Rs 2.12 lakh crore in their market valuation last week, with HDFC Bank and TCS emerging as the lead gainers. Last week, the 30-share BSE benchmark jumped 844.68 points or 1.38 per cent. PTI

NEW GNA ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION FRAMEWORK

Regulatory loopholes may end up interference as guard favouring bigger players: Experts band gets narrower

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

ALONGSIDE A draft proposal to streamline the regulatory framework for the country's power transmission, new connectivity regulations released by the electricity regulator CERC are being red-flagged by market players.

The regulatory framework – called General Network Access (GNA) regulations — seeks to do away with pre-determined point-to-point transmission access to instead enable both access or drawal on the entire transmission corridor in a way that it provides generators and procurers the flexibility of both injection and drawal.

While the new framework is being seen as a quantum leap in tiding over the problem of transmission constraints and fostering open access to help develop a seamlessly integrated electricity market, experts say there are loopholes in the accompanying connectivity regulations issued subsequently by the regulator. The concern is that these connectivity regulations could potentially end up favouring the **GENERAL NETWORK ACCESS REGULATIONS**

■The General Network Access as a transmission service provides more flexibility and the possibility of open access to the buyers and sellers of power in terms of scheduling, which is subjected to grid constraints, and does not

bigger players in the sector.

The biggest shortcoming in the accompanying connectivity regulations pertains to the perceived dilution of the pre-conditions set for grant of connectivity. It is back to a full circle in some sense, given that regulations were tightened after the Renewable Energy (RE) developers, particularly the bigger players, took advantage of the liberal grant of connectivity by the CERC in 2016 without any stringent pre-conditions. The rules were then tweaked in 2018 to incorporate strict conditions like the letter of award (LOA), financial closure status, the acquisition of 50 per cent land to counter the

suffer from the rigidity of the current point-to-point open access mechanism ■Users at present have to pay long-term charges under the point-to-point connectivity regime, and shell out short-term charges for any deviations from the

agreed path

squatting of grid connectivity by players etc. Multiple players that The Indian Express spoke to said a similar risk has again arisen as in the new connectivity regulations, these preconditions have been diluted or removed.

"Big RE developers will end up potentially capturing the most lucrative RE pooling stations with multiple applications and apply for a staggered date of completion depending on anticipated investment resources. Those who do not have deep pockets to pay the connectivity bank guarantees simultaneously for large numbers of applications could be the losers," an expert who formerly served in a regutivity regulation, notified in July, is slated to be opened from December 1, 2022

The CERC had, in December last year, come out with a draft proposal to facilitate regulatory framework for GNA. At present, a power generator has to work out how the electricity will be wheeled to the consumer under the point-to-point access concept. GNA will enable them to supply from any point, as long as the quantum contracted for is

The GNA as a transmission

service provides more flexibility and the possibility of open access to the buyers and sellers of power in terms of scheduling, subject to grid constraints, and does not suffer from the rigidity of the current point-to-point open access mechanism. Currently, users have to pay long-term charges under the point-to-point connectivity regime, and shell out short-term charges for any deviations from the agreed path. All that changes with GNA, where there is complete flexibility offered to players on injection and drawal.

According to the GNA draft,

ment of the quantum of GNA include state transmission utilities on behalf of distribution licensees connected to intra-State transmission system (ISTS) and other intra-State entities: a buying entity connected to intra-State transmission system; Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State transmission System) Regulations, 2021; a distribution licensee or a bulk consumer, seeking to connect to ISTS, directly, with a load of 50 MW and above; trading licensees engaged in cross-border trade of electricity in terms of the Cross Border Regulations; transmission licensee connected to ISTS

for grant of GNA or for enhance-

for drawal of auxiliary power. Other entities not covered by these regulations but are connected to the inter-State Transmission or for whom connectivity granted under connectivity regulations has become effective, shall be eligible for applying for grant of GNA to the inter-State transmission system for the quantum equal to the quantum of connectivity.

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Broadcasters cite 5G

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

WITH THE guard band between the 5G telecom and broadcast services narrowing sharply, the broadcasters are citing multiple incidents of "disruptions" amid concerns over possible interference and potential outages once full-scale 5G services are launched across the country. The broadcasting industry has sent in representations to the government in this regard, citing earlier reports of service disruptions by operators in places, such as Tamil Nadu and parts of West Bengal,

Broadcasters had earlier told

the government that they would require a minimum guard band of 100 MHz from the 3600 MHz frequency band and start their services from 3700 MHz. "The 100 MHz guard band is absolutely crucial for the broadcasting industry. It gives us enough cushion to avoid any interference by telecom signals and ensures that our services keep running unhindered," an executive from the broadcasting inrequesting anonymity.

Amitabh Kumar, Head of Technology & Broadcasting at Zee Network, said, "Satellites use the frequency of 3700-4200 for broadcasting. Before the 5G services began, the entire spectrum between 3600 Mhz and 3700 was left open as guard band." But the recent 5G allocation, he added, stretches up to 3670 Mhz. Now, it has been left to the distribution platform operators (DPOs) to take care that they are sufficiently protected from the interferences from the 5G services as the midband transmissions are very close to the downlink frequencies, said Raiiv Khattar, former President of Projects at Dish TV. Currently, the telecom companies have been given frequencies in the range of 3630 Mhz, and shortly frequencies up to 3670 will be used for the 5G services. The downlink of the TV signals starts at 3700 Mhz, so the likelihood of interferences is high, Khattar added.

Bandpass filters are a critical device to mitigate the risk of interference. The Telecom Engineering Consultants, which is the technical wing of the Department of Telecom (DoT), has released the generic specifications of the bandpass filters that will help address possible interferences.

But presently, there is no indigenous manufacturer of bandpass filters and the demand will have to be fulfilled by imports. It will be well worth it if the government extends some financial incentives to DPOs from the spectrum auction earnings in the **Minimum** frequency

NOT HAVING a 100 MHz guard band could disrupt the operations of a number of TV channels that operate below the 3800 MHz frequency band. According to the Indian **Broadcasting and Digital** Foundation, an industry body of broadcasters, there are close to 200 channels that operate in that frequency range.

procurement of bandpass filters, else the broadcast stakeholders will have to make substantial investments in procuring bandpass filters. Khattar savs

Not having a 100 MHz guard band could disrupt the operations of a number of TV channels that operate below the 3800 MHz frequency band. According to the Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF), an industry body of broadcasters and cable TV operators, there are close to 200 channels that operate in that frequency range. These include some channels owned by Sahara and some other news channels, among others.

There have already been a few instances of service disruptions at cable TV and broadcasters' end due to interference from mobile telecommunication signals. In December 2021, an entity called Sai Vision cable network complained to the TRAI regarding interference to broadcasting signals in C-band from 5G trials. The complaint was later forwarded to the DoT which said that the entity started using 5G filters to mitigate the issue. A broadcasting industry executive said there were service disruptions experienced in some parts of West Bengal in September during 5G trials in the state.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in its final recommendations before the spectrum auction, told DoT that broadcasters should make do with a 30 MHz guard band so that the frequency band between 3300 MHz to 3670 MHz could be utilised for mobile communication and 5G services by telecom operators. It also argued that broadcasters could use a cavity filter on their systems to coexist with telecom services in the mid

frequency band range. Globally, China has restricted mobile telecommunications in the 3300-3600 MHz band, according to a submission by the IBDF to the TRAI. In Australia, when the government allocated spectrum to 3700 MHz to telecom companies in 2018, "operators of TV and other C-Band services faced severe disruption post the allocation to 5G," the IBDF said. South Korea, the IBDF said, is one of the countries which has auctioned spectrum till 3700 MHz, noting that the country does not use satellite C-Band extensively for cable and satellite services.

Broadcasters say that under the new National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), the government has reduced the guard band between broadcasting and 5G services contrary to their own TEC guidelines and TRAI recommendations. On May 2, IBDF had written a letter addressed to I&B Secretary Apurva Chandra, "reiterating their concerns regarding impinging on the use of C-Band spectrum, specifically 3.6-4.2 GHz".

 $Citing TRAI\, recommendations$ on 5G Auctions which have been released on 11 April 2022, it said: 'TRAI in its recommendations (which inter-alia contains recommendations for the auction of the 3300-3670 MHz band) has specifically outlined the actions on part of the MIB based on the realisation that the proposed auction of the 3300-3670 MHz bands will cause serious interference in C&S

It said that the TRAI has accepted that "there will be interference in the bands of 3700-4200 MHz used by C&S industry; that there is need to use filters... to eliminate interference; and that MIB needs to sensitise MSOs, DTH Operators and other C&S users on

this subject and implications." They said the C-band spectrum is the only spectrum allocated and being utilized by the broadcast industry today (between 3700 MHz - 4200 MHz) will be rendered incapacitated if the immediately adjoining frequencies between 3300MHz -

3670/3700 MHz are used for 5G. "This has already played out in the UAE, Singapore, EU and the US where satellite reception has been adversely affected due to 5G roll out in the adjoining frequencies," the letter said, "as a consequence, there will be huge disruption in the cable and satellite industry and thousands of cable operators and millions of consumers stand

Officials from I&B Ministry told the Indian Express, "The filters will surely be needed with the 5G rollout. It is incumbent upon the cable operators, MCOs and LCOs to acquire the filters and get them installed." The ministry adds, "This may not be an immediate requirement but going forward, this will be required. Even Doordarshan will use the filters.'

Apple rolls

out 5G beta

programme

on iPhones

to be affected.'

SECTOR WATCH FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT

FPIs back in the ring, invest ₹19K cr in Nov

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 13

AFTER PULLING out over Rs 1.40 lakh crore from India since January this year, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have started investing in Indian markets. FPIs pumped in close to Rs 19,000 crore in Indian stock markets so far this month amid signs of moderating trend in the US inflation and softening of the dollar.

As a result, the Sensex gained 845 points during the week to close above the 61,000 level at 61,795.04 on Friday. According to NSDL data. FPIs invested Rs 18.979 crore in equities during November 1-11. However, investors pulled out Rs 2,784 crore from the debt market during the period under review as the rise in interest rates in the US and other developed markets prompted them to invest in their home markets. The change in the FPI investment came after a net outflow of just Rs 8 crore in October and Rs 7,624 crore in September. FPIs were net buyers in August to the tune

of Rs 51,200 crore and nearly Rs 5,000 crore in July. Before that, foreign investors were net sellers in Indian equities for nine months in a row which started in October last year. According to V K Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, there is a major change in the FPI activity in November. "In fact, they were buyers in all trading days of the month till November 11. There is a clear change in the approach of FPIs since they bought even when the dollar and US bond yields were rising. Now the situation has changed to be

more favourable." "Since inflation in the US is showing a moderating trend, dollar and US bond yields are declining. This means FPIs are likely to buy more in the coming days. Also, India has the best earnings growth outlook among large economies. However, valuations are getting stretched," Vijayakumar said. If the US inflation comes down further and the Federal Reserve goes slow in hiking rates, FPI inflow is likely to rise. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'Rising interests to mute bond issuance this fiscal'

Corporate bond issuance is likely to remain muted witnessing 4-5% growth this fiscal to touch ₹41.42 lakh crore on rising coupon rates, according to an Icra analysis

F2. lakh cr: Bond sales mere the sales more than doubled in the second quarter from the first quarter, as banks issued bonds worth an all-time high of Rs 53,900 crore, and NBFCs issuing securities worth Rs 1.1 lakh crore in O2

77-7.5lakh cr: issuance rising, up from ₹6.8 lakh crore in FY22

7.7% Icra expects the 10-year G-Sec (government securities) yields to remain between 7.3 and 7.7 per cent long

\$8-13 bn: The agency anticipates net outflows from FPI segment, down from an outflow of \$16 billion in FY22

Sembcorp to buy Vector Green Energy for ₹2,780 cr

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

SINGAPORE-LISTED utility company Sembcorp Industries Ltd on Sunday said it will acquire clean energy platform Vector Green Energy for Rs 2,780 crore to expand its renewable energy footprint in India to 3 gigawatts (GW). Vector Green Energy, owned by funds managed by the Indian subsidiary of Global Infrastructure Partners, has 519 megawatts of operational (495 MW solar and 24 MW wind) and 64 MW of solar projects under development.

The firm reportedly also has 1 GW of investment-ready assets in the pipeline.

sition in the next three months will bring the Singapore-based group's gross renewable energy capacity to 8.5 GW, closer to its 2025 target of 10 GW of gross installed renewable capacity, Sembcorp said in a statement.

The acquisition complements Sembcorp's existing portfolio which comprises 90 per cent of wind energy projects. A solar heavy portfolio of Vector Green Energy will balance it and increase Sembcorp's spread from 7 states in India to 13 states.

Also, with as much as 90 per cent of operational capacity, Vector Green Energy provides a portfolio that will contribute to cash flows immediately

year weighted average remaining life of pacts to sell power. It has signed power purchase agreements for all but 24 MW or 4 per cent of the portfolio.

Vipul Tuli, CEO of South Asia, Sembcorp Industries, said: "This acquisition brings the significant utility-scale solar capacity to our India business, which will complement our existing wind portfolio. It also broadens and deepens our renewable energy capabilities and presence across states in India, and positions us well for further green growth in the country".

Sembcorp will now have a portfolio of 8.7 GW, comprising 6.7 GW operational.

Collapsed FTX hit by rogue transactions, analysts saw over \$600 mn outflows

REUTERS SINGAPORE, NOVEMBER 13

FTX WAS engulfed in more chaos on Saturday when the crypto exchange said it had detected unauthorized access and analysts said hundreds of millions of dollars of assets had been moved from the platform in "suspicious circum-

FTX filed for bankruptcy on Friday, one of the highest profile crypto blowups, after traders rushed to withdraw \$6 billion from the platform in just 72 hours and rival exchange Binance abandoned a proposed rescue deal.

FTX Chief Executive John J. Ray III said on Saturday that the company was working with law enforcement and regulators to mitigate the problem, and was making "every effort to secure all assets, wherever located."

"Among other things, we are in the process of removing trading and withdrawal functionality,"

The exchange's dramatic fall from grace has seen its 30-yearold founder Sam Bankman-Fried. known for his shorts and T-shirt attire, morph from being the poster child of crypto's successes FTX filed for bankruptcy on Friday, one of the highest profile crypto blowups

to the protagonist of the industry's biggest crash.

Bankman-Fried, who lives in the Bahamas, has also been the subject of speculation about his whereabouts and he denied rumors on Twitter that he had flown to South America. When asked by Reuters whether he had flown to Argentina, he responded in a text message: "Nope". He told Reuters he was in the Bahamas.

The turmoil at FTX has seen at least \$1 billion of customer funds vanish from the platform, sources told Reuters on Friday. Bankman-Fried had transferred \$10 billion of customer funds to his trading company, Alameda Research, the sources said.

New problems emerged on Saturday when FTX's U.S. general counsel Ryne Miller said in a Twitter post that the firm's digital assets were being moved into socalled cold storage "to mitigate damage upon observing unauthorized transactions."

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13 APPLE INC has rolled out a beta

Apple devices as the upgrade lets users try out pre-release soft-This software upgrade enables 5G access on Apple devices, as and when service

programme to enable 5G on

Vodafone enable 5G network access, sources said. Apple Users have to enrol for the Beta Programme on the website, install a profile and

providers Jio, Airtel and

download the software. Jio users using iPhone 12

and above, in cities where lioTrue5G has been rolled out. will be invited to the Jio Welcome Offer. Jio Welcome Offer provides unlimited 5G data at up to 1 Gbps speed to users at no additional cost.

did not solicit an immediate response, the company had last month stated: "We are working with our carrier partners in India to bring the best 5G experience to iPhone users as soon as network validation and testing for quality and performance is completed.'

While an email sent to Apple

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Twitter Blue Bengaluru: Twitter Blue

will probably "come back end of next week", billionaire owner Elon Musk said in a tweet on Saturday. Twitter on Friday paused its recently announced \$8 blue check subscription service on Friday as fake accounts mushroomed. The subscription option, open to anyone prepared to pay, was rolled out earlier this week to help Twitter grow revenue as Musk fights to retain advertisers. REUTERS

Anti-dumping

New Delhi: The commerce ministry has terminated an anti-dumping investigation into import of solar cells from China, Thailand and Vietnam following a request from the Indian Manufacturers Association(ISMA). PTI

COMPETITION LAW

Revised combination assessment timelines under to provide biz certainty, says MCA CCI may issue a statement of

The Competition Act was brought in 2002 and

subsequently, it underwent amendments in 2007

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE REVISED timelines proposed in the competition law will help in making the assessment of combinations swift and time-bound as well as provide certainty to businesses, according to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).

A bill to amend the Competition Act is now being examined by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance.

One of the amendments proposed is to reduce the time limit for approval of combinations to 150 days from the current 210 days and another is that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has to form a prima facie opinion within 20 days for expeditious approval of com-

the CCI started screening mergers and acquisitions Generally, mergers and acquisitions are referred to as combina-

tions in competition law parlance.

The corporate affairs ministry has said the overall time limit for assessment of combinations is being reduced to make the process swift and time-bound.

"Time frame of 20 days will provide certainty in terms of a prima facie view failing which it will be considered as deemed approved. This will provide certainty to businesses," the ministry said in a recent submission made be-

This was in response to com-

ments made by various stakeholders on the changes proposed to the competition law. According to the ministry, CCI

has maintained that approval is accorded generally within 17-18 days but sometimes, it has not taken a prima facie view beyond 30 days which is provided in the combination regulations. There is no cap at present for taking a prima facie view, the ministry added. Another amendment seeks to balance the flexibility in proposing modifications with the timely review and completion of combinations

and 2009. In 2009, the antitrust provisions of the sponse to the statement. law came into force and two years later in May 2011, Then, within an adequate time frame, the modifications may be negotiated and considered by both sides, as per one of the proposed amendments.

> The Competition (Amendment) Bill. 2022 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 5. It will be the first time since the enforcement of the Competition Act in 2009 that amendments will be made to the Act. The Competition Act was

objections to parties to a combi-

nation, then the parties may offer

modifications along with their re-

quently, it underwent amendments in 2007 and 2009. In May 2009, the antitrust provisions of the law came into force and two years later in May 2011, the CCI started screening mergers

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AMID THE RUINS OF WAR, A PIECE OF ART

BANKSY MURAL APPEARS IN UKRAINE

The delicate painting of a gymnast doing a handstand has popped up on the wall of a wrecked building outside of Kyiv. Banksy posted photos on his Instagram page of the artwork in Borodyanka, northwest of Ukraine's capital.

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Natasa Pirc Musai

SLOVENIA TV presenter may become President

SLOVENIANS WERE voting on Sunday in a presidential election runoff. with former TV presenter Natasa Pirc Musar hoping to beat right-wing politician Andze Logar and become the country's first woman president. Although Logar came first in the first round on Oct. 23, opinion polls have narrowly favoured a victory on Sunday for Pirc Musar, an independent candidate who has secured the support of the ruling coalition for the runoff. Although the role is mostly ceremonial, the president heads the army and also nominates several top officials, including the central bank governor. **REUTERS**

COP27

Germany warns delegation of **Egyptian spies**

GERMAN FEDERAL police have warned their nation's delegation at the COP27 environmental summit in Egypt that its members may be subject to spying by Egyptian security agents, three people with knowledge of the matter said. In an email sent on Saturday, the police, known in Germany as the BKA, warned delegates of "overt and covert surveillance through photography and videography" by Egyptian agents, said one of the people quoting from the email.

PAKISTAN Sharif govt bans country's official **Oscar entry**

PAKISTANI authorities have banned filmmaker Saim Sadiq's critically-acclaimed film "Joyland" alleging that it contains "highly objectionable material", months after a certificate was issued clearing the movie for public viewing. "Joyland", which is also Pakistan's official Oscar entry, was granted the certificate by the government on August 17. However, objections were recently raised over its contents. In its notification of November 11, the ministry said the film does not conform with the country's "social values and moral standards".

REACH MAJORITY MARK WITH NEVADA WIN

Democrats seal Senate control

Fate of House of Representatives still uncertain as GOP struggles for majority



WILL WEISSERT, JILL **COLVIN & SARA BURNETT** WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 13

DEMOCRATS HAVE kept control of the Senate, repelling Republican efforts to retake the chamber and making it harder for them to thwart President Joe Biden's agenda. The fate of the House of Representatives was still uncertain as the GOP struggled to pull together a slim majority there.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's victory in Nevada gave Democrats the 50 seats they needed to keep the Senate. Her win reflects the surprising strength of Democrats across the

Netanyahu officially tapped to form Israel government

TIA GOLDENBERG TELAVIV, NOVEMBER 13

ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT officially tapped former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to form a government on Sunday, opening the door for the likely return to power of the long-serving leader

after a one-

year hiatus.

Netanyahu

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Elections earlier this month indicated a clear win for Netanyahu

and his ultra-Orthodox and ultranationalist allies and ended the short-lived, ideologically-diverse government that had ousted him last year after Netanyahu's 12 consecutive years in power.

Though political horse-trading began as soon as the election results firmed up, Sunday's development means Netanyahu now has up to six weeks to conclude negotiations and cobble together a government.

Netanyahu struck a conciliatory tone at the Jerusalem event where Israel's ceremonial President Isaac Herzog bestowed upon him the task of forming a government.

Netanyahu played down concerns by Israeli liberals and some of the country's international allies that Israel was "entering a dark tunnel" with his expected government.

"We will do everything to make this, with God's help, a stable government, a successful government, a dedicated government that will work for the benefit of all residents of Israel, without exception," he said. AP

FULL SENATE RESULTS

36 seats not up for election,

29 seats not up for election,

Flipped 16 seats

FULL HOUSE RESULTS **211** REPUBLICANS DEMOCRATS 204

Flipped 5 seats

US this election year.

With the results in Nevada now decided, Georgia is the only state where both parties are still competing for a Senate seat. Democratic incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock faces GOP challenger Herschel Walker in a Dec. 6 runoff. Alaska's Senate race has advanced to ranked choice voting, though the seat will stay in Republican hands.

Democratic control of the Senate ensures a smoother process for Biden's Cabinet appointments and judicial picks, including those for potential Supreme Court openings. The party will also keep control over committees and have the power

to conduct investigations or oversight of the Biden administration, and will be able to reject legislation sent over by the House if the GOP wins that chamber.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Biden said of the election results: "I feel good. I'm looking forward to the next couple of years."

He said winning a 51st seat $from \,the \,Georgia\, run off\, would\, be$ important and allow Democrats to boost their standing on Senate committees. "It's just simply better," Biden said. "The bigger the number, the better.

6 DIE AS VINTAGE AIRCRAFT COLLIDE

Six people were killed after two historic military planes — a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and a

Bell P-63 Kingcobra — collided and crashed to the ground on Saturday during an air show in

Dallas, the US Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. AP

If Democrats manage to pull off a win in the House, it would mean full control of Congress for Democrats — and another chance to advance Biden priorities, which he has said include codifying abortion rights. The party still lacks the 60 votes in the Senate needed to move many kinds of major legislative changes.

Biden, who called to congratulate Cortez Masto, said he was still hopeful that Democrats could hold the House. "It's a stretch," he acknowledged. "Everything has to fall our way."

A closely divided swing state, Nevada is one of the most racially diverse in the nation, a working-class state whose residents have been especially hardhit by inflation and other economic turmoil.

Beyond Congress, Democrats won key governors' races in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania – battlegrounds critical to Biden's 2020 win over Trump. Republicans, though, held governors' mansions in Florida, Texas and Georgia - another battleground state Biden narrowly won two years ago. AP



US President Joe Biden arrives in Bali to attend the G20 Summit. Biden flew to Indonesia from Cambodia after attending the ASEAN and the East Asia summits. Reuters

Will compete with China, but seek no conflict: Biden

Says US, Japan, S Korea aligned to tackle North Korea threat

NANDITA BOSE & **FRANSISKA NANGOY** NUSA DUA, INDONESIA, NOV 13

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden said on Sunday his country will maintain open communication lines and seek no conflict with China, ahead of what are expected to be tense talks on a range of geopolitical issues at the G20 summit in Indonesia this week.

Biden and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping are on Monday set to meet face-to-face for the first time since Biden took office, as bilateral relations languish at their worst in decades. Jake Sullivan, a national security adviser to Biden, told reporters the meeting could last "a couple of hours".

Biden, who landed in Bali island after meeting Southeast Asian and East Asian leaders in Cambodia, said the United States would "compete vigorously" with Beijing while "ensuring competition does not veer into conflict".

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov also arrived in Bali from Cambodia on Sunday.

The war in Ukraine and its economic fallout is expected to dominate discussions in Bali and at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Bangkok at the end of the week. Earlier, Lavrov accused the

West of militarising Southeast Asia to contain Chinese and Russian interests in a geostrategic battleground.

NATO allies are trying to master Biden held a trilateral meeting

with leaders of allies Japan and

Gaming out how to manage ties

DURING THE G20 meeting, Biden and other US officials will, essentially, be trying to understand where Xi really stands, particularly after the Chinese



premier clinched a third term. Xi has yet to give a wish list for talks with Biden, but Beijing has been wanting US action on trade and Taiwan.

Xi, Biden set to meet today: What the presidents want well, he knows me," Biden

Phnon Penh (Cambodia): There won't be concessions from the US side. No real deliverables, which is government-speak for specific achievements. Don't expect a cheery joint statement, either.

Here's a look at what each side is hoping to achieve out of the US President Joe Biden's highly anticipated meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday.

FOR UNITED STATES

■ Understanding Xi has become imperative since the conclusion of the CPC in Beijing, during which Xi secured a norm-breaking third term as leader. "I know him

about China's economic practices. Taiwan is sure to come up. And Ukraine.

said. "We've just got to figure

■ The US president will

out where the red lines are."

want to send a message to Xi

on White House concerns

FOR CHINA ■ Xi has yet to give a wish list, but Beijing wants US action on trade and Taiwan.

■ The meeting will give China's most powerful leader in decades a stage to promote his country's image as a global player and himself as a history-making figure who is restoring its role as an economic and political force. AP

South Korea and said the three "The United States and its countries were "more aligned than ever" on North Korea.

Japan PM Fumio Kishida took a swipe at China for what he called violations of Japan's sovereignty in the East China Sea and said Beijing was responsible also for heightening regional tension in the South China Sea, a conduit for at least \$3 trillion in annual trade.

China tightens restrictions after Covid cases see spike

JOE MCDONALD

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 13

EVERYONE IN a district of 1.8 million people in China's southern metropolis of Guangzhou was ordered to stay home for virus testing Saturday and a maior city in the southwest closed schools as another rise in infections was reported.

Nationwide, a total of 11,773 infections were reported over the previous 24 hours, including 10,351 people with no symptoms. China's numbers are low. but the past week's increase is challenging a "zero-Covid" strategy that aims to isolate every infected person.

The quarantine for travelers arriving in China is to be shortened to a minimum of five days from seven as part of changes in controls announced Friday to reduce their cost and disruption. But the ruling Communist Party said it would stick to "zero COVID" even as other countries ease travel and other curbs and try to shift to a long-term strategy of living with the virus.

A total of 3,775 infections were found in Guangzhou, a city of 13 million, including 2,996 in people who showed no symptoms, according to the National Health Commission, That was an increase from Friday's total of 3,030, including 2,461 without symptoms.

border shut after firing kills one

Pak-Afghan

ASSOCIATED PRESS QUETTA, NOVEMBER 13

GUNFIRE AND a deadly shooting have led to the closing of a main border crossing between Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan, officials from both countries said on Sunday. Chaman in Pakistan's south-

western Baluchistan province is the most important border point for trade between the two countries, after Torkham in the country's mountainous northwest. The shooting left dead a

Pakistani border guard and wounded two others, a leading trader in Chaman said. Imran Ahmed Khan, who has

served as an official with the local chamber of commerce in recent years, said he attended the funeral of the soldier killed in the cross-border shooting. Pakistani officials were not

available immediately for com-

Attaullah Zaid, spokesman for the governor of Afghanistan's neighbouring province of Kandahar, confirmed the incident but said there were no casualties on the Afghan side.

A security official in Kandahar said the problem started when Taliban soldiers on their side asked Pakistani border guards to stop mistreating Afghan nationals.

The unruly frontier between Pakistan and Afghanistan has seen similar shooting incidents before at Chaman, Torkham and other crossing points.

Officials did not immediately say when the border crossing at Chaman would reopen.

Blast in heart of Istanbul kills 6, Erdogan says 'smells like terror'

DAVID GAUTHIER-VILLARS & AZRA CEYLAN ISTANBUL, NOVEMBER 13

SIX PEOPLE were killed and dozens others were wounded on Sunday when an explosion rocked a busy pedestrian street in central Istanbul in what Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan called a bomb attack that "smells like terrorism".

Ambulances raced to the scene on the packed Istiklal Avenue, which police had quickly cordoned off. The area, in the Beyoglu district of Turkey's largest city, had been crowded as usual at the weekend with shoppers, tourists and families.

Efforts to defeat Turkey and the Turkish people through terrorism will fail today just as they did vesterday and as they will again tomorrow," Erdogan told a



Security forces at Taksim Square after an explosion on the nearby Istiklal street in Istanbul, Turkey, on Sunday. Reuters

news conference in Istanbul, adding that initial information suggested "a woman played a part" in the blast. "It would be wrong to say this is undoubtedly a terrorist attack but the initial developments and initial intelligence from my governor is that it smells like terrorism," he added.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the blast. But Turkish cities have been targeted in the past by Kurdish separatists, Islamist militants and other groups.

If confirmed, it would be the first major bomb blast in Istanbul **REUTERS** in several years.

Man Lived At Terminal 1 Of Charles de Gaulle Airport From 1988 Until 2006

Iranian who inspired Spielberg's *The Terminal* dies at Paris airport

JEFFREY SCHAEFFER PARIS. NOVEMBER 13

AN IRANIAN man who lived for 18 years in Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport and whose saga loosely inspired the Steven Spielberg film "The Terminal" died Saturday in the airport that he long called home, officials said.

Mehran Karimi Nasseri died after a heart attack in the airport's Terminal 2F around midday, according an official with the Paris airport authority. Police and a medical team treated him but were not able to save him, the official said. The official was not authorised to be publicly named. Nasseri lived in the airport's

ater by apparent choice. Year in and year out, he slept on a red plastic bench, making

Terminal 1 from 1988 until 2006,

first in legal limbo because he

lacked residency papers and

friends with airport workers, showering in staff facilities, writing in his diary, reading magazines and surveying passing travelers. Staff nicknamed him Lord

Alfred, and he became a minicelebrity among passengers. "Eventually, I will leave the

airport," he told The Associated Press in 1999, smoking a pipe on his bench, looking frail with long thin hair, sunken eyes and hollow cheeks. "But I am still waiting for a passport or transit visa."

Nasseri was born in 1945 in Soleiman, a part of Iran then under British jurisdiction, to an Iranian father and a British mother. He left Iran to study in England in 1974. When he returned, he said, he was imprisoned for protesting against the shah and expelled without a passport.

He applied for political asylum in several countries in Europe. The UNHCR in Belgium gave him refugee credentials, but he said his briefcase containing the refugee certificate was stolen in a Paris train station. French police later arrested

him, but couldn't deport him anywhere because he had no official documents. He ended up at Charles de Gaulle in August 1988



Merhan Karimi at the airport in Paris in 2004. AP File

and stayed. Further bureaucratic bungling and increasingly strict European

immigration laws kept him in a legal no-man's land for years. When he finally received eral more years until he was hospitalized in 2006, and later lived in a Paris shelter. Those who befriended him in the airport said the years of living

refugee papers, he described his

surprise, and his insecurity,

about leaving the airport. He re-

portedly refused to sign them,

and ended up staying there sev-

in the windowless space took a toll on his mental state. The airport doctor in the 1990s worried about his physical and mental health, and described him as "fossilized here." A ticket agent friend compared him to a prisoner incapable of "living on the outside." In the weeks before his

death, Nasseri had been again living at Charles de Gaulle, the

Viktor is dumped into the airport's international lounge

airport official said.

"Flight."

Nasseri's mind-boggling tale

loosely inspired 2004's "The

Terminal" starring Tom Hanks,

as well as a French film, "Lost in

Transit," and an opera called

In "The Terminal," Hanks

plays Viktor Navorski, a man

who arrives at JFK airport in New

York from the fictional Eastern

European country of Krakozhia

and discovers that an overnight

political revolution has invali-

dated all his traveling papers.

and told he must stay there until his status is sorted out, which drags on as unrest in Krakozhia continues.

17 IDEA EXCHANGE NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

Caste is not a criterion for social or educational backwardness. A group has to fulfill 15 or 20 criteria, not one of them says you have to belong to a caste. Now, caste can be a class, it's a group, but a class is not a caste

Manoj CG: How does the EWS (economically weaker sections) judgment alter the basic architecture of reservation in India? Were you surprised by the judgment, the three-two format it came in?

I was not surprised that the majority upheld the amendment. We were hoping to get at least one dissent. We got two dissents and that speaks volumes for the independence, openness, professional integrity and professional quality of the two judges who dissented because they certainly did not start out having a position on it. I think it has given us rich material for understanding what this judgment really is. In the very first hearing that we had, I told the court that I believe that this is not an ordinary case. It is what I would call the ADM Jabalpur of social justice. Now after the result, and reading the three majority judgments, I would say it is the Jallianwala Bagh of social justice. ADM Jabalpur in the sense that it is a judgment that this Court will regret for a long time to come and will bring it to disgrace for a long time to come. And Jallianwala Bagh in the sense that it slaughtered many principles and fundamental visions of the Constitution

The most important victim of this judgment is the idea of reservation, which had a lot of integrity in the Constitution. The idea of representative democracy as being a fundamental pillar of democracy has been codified into the Constitution. Reservation is only a tool for representation. If we find a better tool, we'll throw reservation into the Arabian Sea.

Apurva Vishwanath: On the last day of the arguments, you proposed something of a compromise - if we could allow the inter-migration between these vertical reservations we have. That's basically the inclusion of SC, ST and OBC in the EWS quota. How would you think that works? Even in the SC and ST reservations, if you get more than the qualifying marks under this category, you are moved to the general category.

A person is a member of the Backward Class only when that person applies to that category. So this is just a set of eligibility criteria for different kinds of weaknesses. All of this ultimately goes back to Article 46, which says the state shall take care with special interests of the educationally and economically weaker sections of the population, especially Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. And EWS, according to the government, is made in pursuance of Article 46. So you're looking at weaknesses, you're identifying different kinds of weaknesses and then you're identifying a weakness that is associated with the criteria set out in the SC, ST and SC criteria, which is the essence that you are suffering from lack of representation.

Ananthakrishnan G: I agree that reservation is to ensure representation. But what has happened to it now? Ten per cent for EWS is not from the 50 per cent set apart for backward classes. That stays. So if anybody has a reason to complain, it is the rest of the 50 per cent general category who have their space shrunk by 10 per cent.

Why did they need to refer to 15(4) pr 16(4) at all? If your intention was to give it to socially and educationally forward classes, your first responsibility is to say that explicitly and directly. Why? Parliament says that they're making this law under Article 46, which says you shall take special care of educationally and economically weaker sections, especially SCs and STs. And you're saying that you're making a law on Article 46 and excluding SCs and STs? Forget the OBCs. You're again arguing that 50 per cent is of those who are not getting reservations. But why have you allowed those who are not getting reservations to get women's reservations, sportspersons reservations or PwD reservations? Is that not a disqualification to the EWS? Is that not a double reservation? It's only OBC, SC and ST reservation that becomes a double reservation. This is not for people who don't get reservations, it is very much for people who are entitled to plenty of other reservations – domiciliary reservation, children of officials reservation, and so on. It simply says you cannot be from the lower caste. What about those who are excluded from the creamy layer of OBC? They are also affected by this 50 per cent reduction. The creamy layer, excluded from OBC, can only be in the 50 per cent open quota.

Ananthakrishnan G: But the 50 per cent from which 10 per cent EWS quota is carved out is not upper-caste category. It is the general unreserved

category. It is not even religion-based. It is not. SEBC (socially and economically backward classes) is not religion-



A scholar in constitutional law and an alumnus of Harvard Law School, Prof G Mohan Gopal is former Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School in Bengaluru. Former Director of the National Judicial Academy, he has had stints with the World Bank, ADB, and was a member of SEBI. Gopal, also former Director of the Rajiv

Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, was in news recently when he argued against the EWS quota amendment in the Supreme Court. He was also handpicked by then Chief Justice of India to head the Centre for Research and Planning (CRP) in 2019, the Supreme Court's in-house think tank, now disbanded



The fact that judiciaries must be representative is an idea well-established globally... So when the judiciary makes decisions, everyone's experience should be at the table and everyone's concern addressed

'Reservation is a tool for representation. If we find a better tool, throw it into the Arabian Sea'

Constitutional law expert and scholar Prof G Mohan Gopal on the Supreme Court verdict upholding 10 percent reservation for the economically weaker sections, and the need for a more diverse Bench. This session was moderated by Associate Editor Manoi CG



Professor G Mohan Gopal in conversation with Manoj CG, Associate Editor, The Indian Express, at the Idea Exchange. Praveen Khanna

based. You've got every religion. It's a category that unites people across varnas, jatis, religions and regions. But communities don't have representation. It is one of the most successful and powerful unitng concepts in India since I Across the country, people say we are Backward Class. We are unrepresented classes. They're fighting for representation. Yes, the open category is anyone. everyone. Then why do you not express concern about the creamy layer of the Backward Classes? They're also losing their 10 per cent but their own communities are not benefiting. So this is just full of anomalies. And that's because you're struggling to do what you really want to do. What you really want to do is to create a carved-out space for the upper caste. You cannot do what you really want to do. So you're struggling with it. If you simply say that this is a different set of criteria, vou open up to anyone who fits in that criteria. You accept that those who are deprived and the multi-dimensional poverty indicators take into account social deprivation also in a different way. So, any group that is a group BPL, not individuals BPL, in my view, deserves representation. We can treat them as a working class from a Marxist point of view, and give representation to the working class. I've been asking my own state (Kerala) government. You are supposed to be a Left party and you're supposed to be a working-class party. I've gone to the High Court of Kerala and filed a case for this. Why don't you give EWS in Kerala to the working class?

Why are you implementing EWS in Kerala the same way Gujarat is implementing EWS? In fact, worse. The Government of Kerala issued an order giving the list of eligible categories of EWS and on top, it is written jati or caste. I said you should have said so as a Left government that we only give it only to the working class. If you want to challenge it in the Supreme Court, go ahead and do it. For us, the economically weaker section means the working class.

Manoj CG: Were you surprised when the Congress supported the Constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament, and after the verdict, they claimed credit for it, saying the process was initiated during the Manmohan Singh time, with the appointment of the Sinho Commission?

No, I'm not surprised. I think it reflects the people who are speaking rather than the movement. The movement itself is very diverse now.

P Vaidyanathan Iyer: You seem to more or less agree that an incomebased criteria qualifies for reservation. And it is not in violation of the basic structure doctrine which the three judges have talked about?

I don't agree. It all depends on what we mean by 'economic'. So you said, economnancial criteria... income assets and so on, that's not economic weakness. Now, when you look at the criteria for social and educational backwardness or Scheduled Caste's eligibility to be a Scheduled Caste, not a Tribe — even a tribe to some extent — you find the same ideas which come within the broad concept of economic, multi-dimensional criteria. And that very much includes social exclusion, lack of representation, a lack of voice, all that comes into the idea of economic representation.

Amrith Lal: Ram Manohar Lohia has talked about gender as an indicator of backwardness: he savs women irrespective of the caste need to be treated as OBCs. So, is there a need to talk about a wider multidimensional deprivation index in the context of reservation?

Caste is not a criterion for social and educational backwardness. A group has to fulfill 15 or 20 criteria, not one of them says you have to belong to a caste. Now, caste can be a class, it's a group, it can be a class for the purpose of 16-4, but a class is not a caste. Any group or community... caste or community, any group that has these weaknesses, these qualities, can be a socially and educationally backward class. So we've got transgender made into a socially and educationally backward class where the Supreme Court itself, the National Commission for Backward Classes has asked that orphans should be made a backward class, because transgenders, orphans, street children don't have representation and they need it.

So, any group that does not have a voice or is not represented, should be brought into the Backward Classes and given representation through reservation, but not those who are socially and educationally forward and may, by ill luck, have less money in the bank or less income or assets. But it must be structural, it must be systemic, it must affect the group as a whole. And we do not have caste-based reservation. Castes are eligible for reservation. But the first really caste-based reservation is EWS in this country.

Ananthakrishnan G: Wouldn't religion-based reservation be a problem? Would you support it?

We are not giving reservation to a religion. We are looking at a group, applying a set of secular criteria on various measurable indicators based on data. So, the same National Commission of Backward Classes, when the Congress was in power, recommended that Jats should not be made Backward Class. That was politically overridden. Because there was no data to support their exclusion. So, we have no reservation for Muslims. We have reservations for groups, castes and communities. That's a technical word they use in the Backward Class commission... caste and communities, which meet certain criteria of deprivation, resulting in lack of representation.

Deeptiman Tiwary: Following the judgment, two Bihar parties RJD, which had always been opposed to the EWS quota and JDU, which supported the legislation, have came out and said that this opens the door for interpretation and increasing the quota over 50 per cent as it is understood today. Now, following this judgment, if the Bihar assembly brings such a resolution, will it stand the scrutiny of the court?

It's speculative, we'll have to see exactly what it says but one thing is impor-

There is confusion about reservation as simply access to jobs and education seats, as an end in itself, without realising that there is a higher constitutional aim of adequate representation

tant as a matter of principle, which BR Ambedkar also expressed himself in the Constituent Assembly. He said that we have to protect equality of opportunity. Why did he say that? Because equality of opportunity is in the Constitution because these same oppressed people struggle for it. There has never been a right to equality before 1950 in this country...On August 27, 1947, two Dalits got up in Parliament, in the Constituent Assembly, S Nagappa and Munuswamy Pillai, and said, 'We may be dumb, we may be illiterate, but we want our due share'. Before that Nagappa said that though everyone is happy that the British are going but we, the Scheduled Castes, fear that the Hindus have come to power, and they will take us back to Hindu Raj. And they will bring back chaturvarna to oppress the harijans. He said we want our due share.

Now, we are not saying upper-caste Hindus should not have representation. Everyone must have representation.

Aakash Joshi: There has, over the years, been a lot of debate about representation in the executive, legislature and other institutions. Do you think it's time to have a wider, serious discussion about a more

I strongly agree with you. And the fact that judiciaries must be representative is an idea well-established globally. Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the US Supreme Court, before she became a judge, made a speech. I believe it was four times she repeated that she said, as a poor Latina woman, will make a better judge than a white man. Some of the white men objected. She said, No, I'm not going to take it back. Because, as a woman, I've had a life experience that no man has had. As a Latina, I've had the life experience that no white man has had. So when the judiciary makes decisions, we want everyone's experience to be at the table and make sure that everyone's concern is addressed. So some people say, what about merit? But where are we serious about merit? What are the criteria for merit for a Supreme Court judge? Other than the qualifications - age, office and so on... So, yes, we definitely need a more representative judiciary at all levels.

Sourav Roy Barman: Many have argued that this amendment also enjoys considerable political legitimacy. To what extent do you think this has influenced the decision making of the court?

You're right. Whether the fact that this was nearly unanimously approved by Parliament, whether it weighed in the minds... no... I don't think that ever came

New Delhi

up in these long arguments. So that didn't make much of a difference... but certainly, there's a perception to that effect.

Manas Srivastava: In coaching institutes, students have started asking their teachers that should the debate shift to number of seats, jobs and employment rather than on increasing and decreasing reservation? Do you think this argument of reservation increasing/decreasing is also a way a political party takes to cover up its inability in providing jobs?

You make a very important point. There is a lot of confusion about reservation as simply access to jobs and education seats, as an end in itself, without realising that there is a higher constitutional aim of adequate representation. And so. the two are getting confused. And we need to separate that. So we have to shift the debate from being about reservation to being about representation.

..And now we have realised there are two kinds of reservations in this country. One is reservation for representation. And we cannot talk of them in the same breath, we have to realise that there are two opposing ideas of reservation. So we must recognise that reservation has become a weaker tool for fighting for representation, which means we have to intensify the struggle for representation.

Apurva Vishwanath: The hypothesis that when it comes to the Supreme Court testing big pieces of legislation, including constitutional amendment... except when it involves judicial independence or the judiciary's functioning, the Supreme Court always sides with Parliament or the state and gives it a pass. Do you agree with this?

We are talking of judicial review of the highest order, of a constitutional amendment, of a part of the Constitution, and you can only test it on the criterion of violation of basic structure. So in that narrow band, there have been only seven or eight instances where a constitutional amendment has been struck down by the court. And except in one case, where the procedure was violated, the state assembly did not approve. In all other cases, in one form or the other, there was the question of judicial power involved. So, yes, one could argue that they generally have not struck down an amendment where there was no questioning of judicial independence or judicial power, their own institutional role. I'm fully aware of that. That's why I thought it would go 5-0.





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WHY DIABETES AWARENESS, CARE AND TREATMENT IS SO IMPORTANT

NOVEMBER is Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day falls on November 14. This is a good time to understand more about this disease that affects millions of people in India and around the world. Diabetes is a chronic disease that can have serious consequences if left untreated. That's why diabetes awareness, care, and treatment is so important. Diabetes is a condition in which the body's ability to produce or use insulin is impaired. Insulin is a hormone that helps the body to regulate blood sugar level. When there is not enough insulin, or the body can't use it properly, blood sugar levels can become too high. This can lead to a range of serious health problems, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and blindness.

Diabetes In India

In December 2021, while speaking in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya gave details about the spread of diabetes in India. He said that the estimated number of diabetes patients in India in the 20-79 age group was 74.2 million in 2021. This was likely to increase to 124.8 million by 2045. One in 12 adults or more than 74 million people living in India are diabetes patients, according to a new report from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). This figure is the second-highest in the world after China, which has about 141 million people who are living with

Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes is a preventable disease,

and awareness is the first step to prevention. There are many things you can do to lower your risk of developing diabetes, including maintaining a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, and getting regular exercise.

Diabetes In India and Western Countries

Diabetes in India starts at a relatively young age. It manifests itself a decade earlier in Indians compared to people in Western countries. Such early onset of diabetes increases the risk of complications. Presence of central obesity amongst many Indians increases liver related diseases due to accumulation of fat. Important thing to note is that there are not much visible primary indicators as diabetes silently affects us and many of us wake up only after complications . That is why diabetes awareness is important.

Diabetes Care

Taking care of diabetes care is a lifelong responsibility. It is important to implement certain diabetes care strategies so that health complications can be managed. Careful diabetes care can reduce any risk of serious complications. Here are some things to do in terms of diabetes care.

1. Commit to managing diabetes

If you are under a diabetes care team, they can help you learn the basics of diabetes care and offer support also. However, you have to make the effort to take care of your condition. Learn about diabetes, eat healthy, exercise and



maintain a healthy weight and monitor blood sugar.

2. Don't smoke

Avoid smoking or even quit smoking. Smoking does increase your risk of type 2 diabetes. Talk to your doctor on different ways that can help you to stop smoking. Smoking increases your risk of type 2 diabetes and the risk of various diabetes complications like

Reduced blood flow in the legs and feet, which can lead to infections, non healing ulcers and possible amputation

₩orse blood sugar control

Heart disease

Stroke

3. Keep your blood pressure and cholesterol under control

Like diabetes, high blood pressure can also damage your blood vessels. High cholesterol is a concern, too, since the resulting damage is often worse and more rapid when you have diabetes. Eat a healthy, reduced-fat and low salt diet.

4. Schedule regular health checkups and eye exams

Schedule two to four diabetes checkups a year, in addition to your annual health check-up and routine eye exams. Your doctor can then assess signs of any diabetes-related complications -including signs of kidney damage, nerve damage and heart disease.

5. Take care of your teeth & feet Diabetes may lead to gum infections. Brush your teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and schedule dental exams at least twice a year. Diabetes can also lead to pain, tingling or loss of sensation in your feet. Check your feet for calluses, blisters, sores, redness or swelling.

6. Take stress seriously

If you're stressed, you may start ignoring your usual diabetes care routine. To manage your stress, set limits and prioritize your tasks. Learn relaxation techniques. Get plenty of sleep. And above all, stay positive. Diabetes care is within your control.

Diabetes Treatment

If you have diabetes, it's important to manage your condition with regular check-ups, a healthy diet, and exercise. There are many different types of diabetes, but all of them require treatment and management in order to keep the disease under control. With proper treatment, people with diabetes can live long and healthy lives. There is no one-sizefits-all when it comes to treating diabetes. The best approach for you will depend on a number of factors, including the type of diabetes you have, your overall health, and your lifestyle. There are some general treatments that are effective for most people with diabetes. These include lifestyle changes (such as diet and exercise), medication, and insulin therapy. Making healthy lifestyle choices is one of the most important things you can do to manage your diabetes.

Do you have prediabetes?

Prediabetes can be a health wake-up call. It is real and it is common.

Prediabetes is a serious health condition not to be ignored. People with prediabetes have higher blood sugar levels than normal but not high enough yet to be considered for a diabetes diagnosis. It increases the risk of developing diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

The risk of serious health conditions increases if prediabetes goes unnoticed. Having prediabetes can go unnoticed without any symptoms; it shows up with a serious health condition. The risk factors for prediabetes, includes:

- · Being overweight or obese
- Being 45 years or older
- Having a parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- · Sedentary lifestyle
- Ever having gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy)
- Race and ethnicity are also a factor.
- · Co-morbid condition like high BP and



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abnormal cholesterol levels

• Ignoring prediabetes increases the risk of developing diabetes. And long term diabetes may leads to damage especially to your heart, blood vessels and kidneys may already be starting.

The devastating outcomes of diabetes are well-known. However, there is good news. Progression from prediabetes to diabetes is reversible. Making lifestyle changes and sticking to it can help you achieve the same.

People who have prediabetes or at risk of developing prediabetes should make important lifestyle changes which

- Get a prediabetes risk test
- Modest weight loss (around 4-7 kg)
- · Regular physical activity of 150 minutes per week
- Eat healthy, design a diet chart to help achieve your goal
- Manage stress
- · Stay motivated

Talk to your doctor about getting your blood sugar tested if you have any of classic diabetes symptoms. Do not ignore it and start making the necessary changes to prevent diabetes.

Diabetes Meal Planning: What you need to know?



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A meal plan is your guide for when, what, and how much to eat to get the nutrition you need while keeping your blood sugar levels in your target range. A good meal plan include:

- More non-starchy vegetables, such as broccoli, spinach, and green beans.
- Fewer added sugars and refined grains, such as white bread, rice, and pasta with less than 2 grams of fibre per serving.

· Whole foods instead of highly processed foods as much as possible. For diabetic patients, the Diabetes Plate Method is the easiest way to plan healthy meals with just a plate that can help manage blood sugar. The plate method is a simple, visual way to make sure you get enough non-starchy vegetables and lean protein while limiting the amount of highercarbohydrate foods you eat that have the highest impact on your blood sugar. How to make diabetes plate method

- Start with a 9-inch dinner plate
- Fill half with non-starchy vegetables (such as salad, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and

carrots). Non-starchy vegetables are lower in carbohydrate, so they do not raise blood sugar very much. They are also high in vitamins, minerals, and fibre, making them an important part of a healthy diet.

- Fill one quarter with a lean protein, such as chicken, beans, tofu, or eggs.
- Fill one quarter with carbohydrate foods such as grains, starchy vegetables (such as potatoes and peas), rice, pasta, beans, fruit, and yogurt. A cup of milk also counts as a carbohydrate food.
- Then choose water or a low-calorie drink such as unsweetened tea/coffee.



High television time increases the risk of diabetes



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For most of us, watching television (TV) is the most common daily activity

apart from work and sleep. On an average, 40% to 50% of daily free time is occupied by watching TV viewing and this corresponds to a daily TV viewing time of about 3.5 to 4 hours.

Some researchers have observed that three to four hours of watching TV in a day could be linked with premature death and it has also been reported that watching TV can increase the risk for diabetes. It is not surprising to mention but its human tendency that most of us eat junk foods (such as fried foods, processed meat, and sugarsweetened beverages) and love to drink alcohol and/or smoke while watching TV, all these further adds up the risk for diabetes.

According to the reports from a new research study, every one hour spent in front of the TV can make high-risk people more susceptible to develop diabetes by 3.4%. And let us say if you happen to spend a whole day watching TV that could translate into as much as a 30 percent higher risk for diabetes. Watching TV continuously for long time also makes you lazy and leads to increased body weight, which in turn can cause heart problems apart from diabetes mellitus.

It's the time for a change, the message is very simple, cut back time spent on TV watching!!!

Get active!!! Eat healthy!!! Prevent diabetes and its complications.



Diabetic foot infection: What is it and how to prevent?

in people with diabetes. It usually occurs when your blood sugar levels remain high for very long time. Further, longstanding high blood sugar levels can cause damage to the blood vessels, thereby decreases blood flow to the feet. Poor circulation can weaken the skin. contribute to the formation of foot ulcers (foot infection), and impair wound healing. The risk of developing foot problem is high if you have had a foot ulcer in the past, have nerve damage, have any foot deformities or if you have poor blood circulation.

In general, you can lower your risk of diabetic foot infection by keeping your blood sugar with in the normal levels and by visiting your doctor for regular check-ups. You can also lower your risk of developing foot problems by examining your feet regularly.

Taking care of your feet



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Wash and check your feet daily.

• Use lukewarm water and mild soap to

 Thoroughly dry your feet, paying special attention to the spaces between the toes, by gently patting them with a clean, absorbent towel.

- Apply a moisturizing cream or lotion.
- Trim your toenails straight across, and avoid cutting them down the sides or
- If there is corn or callus, do not try to remove on your own; instead consult a foot care provider (such as a podiatrist).
- · Apply moisturizing cream or lotion when feet are dry.
- Avoid walking barefoot
- · Wear cotton socks that fit loosely and always wear shoes to cover your feet.
- Make sure your shoes fit right.

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Diabetic neuropathy (DN) is an serious and common complication of diabetes, with a lifetime prevalence of more than 50% among people with diabetes. DN can encompass several patterns of neuropathy, owing to the numerous possible sites of nerve damage.

DN is an insidious and often disabling disease. Sensory symptoms are diverse, ranging from numbness to dysesthesia [an abnormal unpleasant sensation felt when touched, caused by damage to peripheral nerves], pain and allodynia [pain due to a stimulus that does not normally provoke pain], and typically begin in the feet and spread proximally. Motor function can also be affected, resulting in weakness, atrophy, gait disorder and loss of coordination, preventing patients from engaging in activities of daily living. DN can impact psychosocial behaviour and quality of life (QoL). DN is a major risk factor for diabetic foot ulceration and lower limb amputation. All patients should be assessed for diabetic peripheral neuropathy starting at diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and 5 years after the diagnosis of type 1 diabetes and at least annually thereafter.

Assessment for polyneuropathy should include a careful history and assessment of either temperature or pinprick sensation and vibration sensation. All patients should have annual 10-g monofilament testing to



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identify feet at risk for ulceration and amoutation.

Up to 50% of diabetic peripheral neuropathy may be asymptomatic. If not recognized and if preventive foot care is not implemented, patients are at risk for injuries to their insensate feet.

Prevention strategies for DN focus on glycemic control, lifestyle modifications [such as such as regular exercise and a balanced diet] and footcare [all people with diabetes should have a foot assessment at the time of diagnosis and annually]

In Diabetes: Prevent the Nerve Damages



Food for diabetes:A complete guide to managing diabetes.



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Most of the patients when diagnosed with diabetes for the first time get the fear

that they must quit their favorite foods. Remember, when you have diabetes, it does not mean that you must give up all the foods you love, you can still enjoy a wide range of foods but in limited quantities. You can keep diabetes at bay by picking the right foods.

There is not a single optimal diet or meal plan for people with diabetes. A diet that includes carbohydrates from fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, and low-fat milk is encouraged. Vegetables such as spinach, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumber, peppers and beets are recommended. As a thumb rule, you should aim to fill one-half your plate with veggies. Likewise, corn, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and peas should be avoided. You can eat fruits such as blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries,

apple, peaches, Oranges, Kiwi, Bananas, Grapes and Melon Fruits with high amount sugar like mangoes and banana should be avoided. Vanaspati, butter, ghee, margarine, coconut oil, red meats like sausages, ham, bacon, egg yellow, whole milk and its products should be restricted. You can replace sugary sweets that are high in fat and sugar with natural desserts such as yogurt, frozen fruit sorbets, dates, etc. These foods will satisfy your sweet cravings while also providing good nutrition. Artificial sweeteners do not affect blood glucose levels and may be consumed in moderation. Nutritive Sweeteners such as fructose, honey, corn syrup, molasses, fruit juice or fruit juice concentrates dextrose, maltose, mannitol, sorbitol and xylitol. All these should be best avoided.

Diabetes and its complications



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Diabetes is a chronic disease that continues to be a major health problem worldwide. There has been a steep rise in the number of people being diagnosed

for diabetes in the last decade. And we Indians are at a higher risk of this disease than the western population.

What are the most likely reasons for the increased prevalence of diabetes in India?

Has the diagnosis and detection of the disease improved, have the risk factors for the disease increased, is it the lifestyle changes, unhealthy diet or sedentary lifestyle? In all probability, it is a contribution of all these factors which has increased the prevalence of diabetes in India.

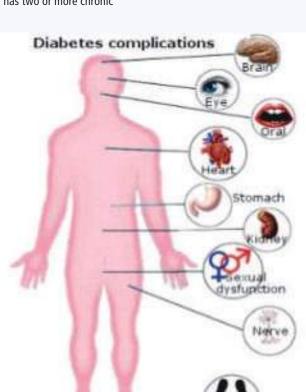
High sugar levels can seriously affect other organ systems of the body. These are called as the complications of diabetes or as comorbid conditions. When a person has two or more chronic conditions, a doctor may refer to these conditions as comorbid. A person with diabetes is more likely to develop complications such as heart disease, sleep disorders, gum disease, sexual problems, nerve damage, kidney problems, cancer, obesity, dyslipidemia, and hypertension. One complication can lead to another.

These complications can happen at any time and gradually develop over a period of time and can lead to serious damage if left untreated. However, they are not inevitable; managing your diabetes well as advised by your doctor can help reduce these risks of developing complications. But you need to take action before it is too late.



Brain

- Eye damage
- Oral Health
- Heart disease
- Stomach
- Kidney damage
- Sexual Dysfunction
- Nerve damage
- Foot damage



Diabetes and heart disease often go hand in hand



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If you have diabetes, then the risk for you getting heart disease is doubled when compared to individuals who do not have diabetes. The longer you have diabetes, the more likely you are to have heart disease. High blood sugar levels cause damage to the blood

vessels and the nerves that control your heart. Further, if your blood pressure levels and cholesterol levels are also high, then its 'possible' that your chances of getting heart problems is very high.

By bringing the following changes in your life, you can lower your risk for heart disease or keep it from getting worse

- 1. Follow a healthy diet:
- Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, lean protein, and whole grains.
- Eat fewer processed foods (such as chips, sweets, and junk food) and especially avoid food comprising of trans fat.
- Drink more water, fewer sugary drinks, and less alcohol.
- 2. Maintain healthy body weight: This will have beneficial effects not only on heart but also reduced blood

pressure and cholesterol levels

- Be physically active: Helps control blood sugar levels and lowers your risk of heart disease. Try to get at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity physical activity, such as brisk walking.
- 4. Manage your ABCs:
- A: Get a regular HbA1C test done
- B: Try to keep your blood pressure below 140/90 mm Hg
- C: Manage your cholesterol levels.Reduce stress. Try meditation or
- deep breathing exercises
- 6. Quit smoking.



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Diabetes distress or burnout is the feeling of frustration, sadness, guilt and worry with regards to managing diabetes. You have been religiously following all the routines of taking your medication on time, eating the right diet, taking time out for your daily walk and physical activity, checking your blood sugar levels regularly. And all of a sudden you feel vindicated for not getting the desired results or you develop a health problem related to diabetes despite your best efforts. These feelings may result in frustration &

Diabetes distress and burnout discouragement, and you may stop

monitoring the blood sugar levels, even stop practicing your routine stuff. You're experiencing a diabetes distress or

Anyone can feel diabetes distress and a lot of people experience it more than once. The most common reason for feeling diabetes distress is worrying about getting complications in the future or feeling anxious about your diabetes management. It is slightly more common for people who take insulin.

Having diabetes distress for a long stretch of time can lead to burnout. It is completely normal to go through a burnout and there is nothing right or wrong way to feel. Knowing the signs of these feelings can help you overcome or manage these feelings better. However, it is important to be aware about some signs that things are getting too much and those

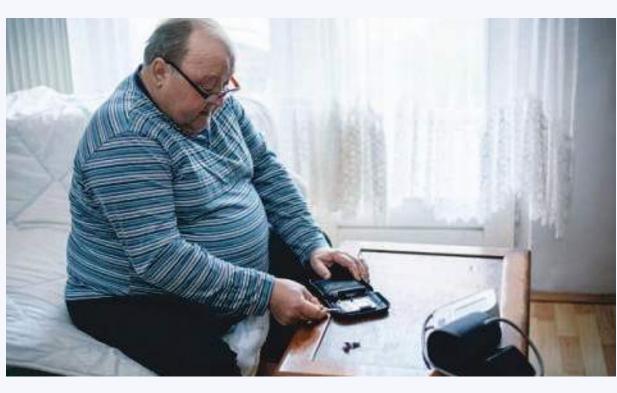
- Feeling angry and frustrated about the demands of managing diabetes.
- · Lack of motivation to change the

unhealthy habits in managing diabetes.

- Avoiding doctor appointments or regular checking blood sugar levels.
- Being lenient with your diet.
- Feeling lonely.

Be kind to yourself, recognize the signs and symptoms and get the right support from your healthcare team and people around you to overcome these feelings.





"Diabesity" - Diabetes and Obesity

India is facing the challenge of "Diabesity"; combined burden of diabetes and obesity, especially in young adults and children. But it has become a norm these days; blame it on the unhealthy lifestyle, diet or decreased physical activity. All of these factors contribute to this double-trouble of Diabesity.

As we are enjoying the festive season in India, traditionally any occasion in India is celebrated with intake of sweets and other delicacies. We have heard of "Muh meetha karo" for any joyous occasion numerous times in our lives. It is just one of the many instances where we let go on what we eat and there is no limit to the

There is a strong relationship between calorie intake and obesity. In India, the



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prevalence of obesity is on the rise

especially in young adults and children

due to an increase in energy intake owing

to easy availability of high fat, energydense foods, along with less burning of the calories as a result of urbanization and sedentary lifestyle. Parallel to the rise in overweight and obesity, the prevalence of diabetes has also increased in India.

There are recommendations or guidelines on the sugar intake, total calorie intake and physical activity in place to combat obesity and diabetes. But, are we adhering to it? Don't wait for the year to end to start a resolution with regards to your health.

Lead a healthy and active lifestyle.







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Uncontrolled high blood glucose levels for a long time can lead to various close to normal as possible. complications, many of which can be serious if they are not identified and treated immediately. One such plenty of physical activity. complication caused by high blood • Maintain healthy body weight glucose level is damage to the nerves (the • Making sure that high blood pressure medical term for this is diabetic and heart disease are treated if these neuropathy).

Nerve damage usually is felt in the legs under control. and feet first followed by the hands and If needed NCV (Nerve conduction arms. When your nerves are damaged, velocity) test can be done. there is reduced ability to feel pain or Consult your doctor immediately when temperature changes (numbness), you have numbness, tingling or loss of tingling / burning and painful sensation, sensation in any limbs. which often worsens at rest or at night. Also leads to serious foot problem such as

ulcers and infection. It is not necessary that all diabetics should experience these symptoms because few people experience these symptoms and few do

Nerve damage can also lead to problems with the bones, muscles, and joints in the feet. Over time, this can cause a person's foot to have an abnormal shape. These symptoms can be managed or reduced if your blood sugar levels are within the normal values. However, it is always believed that prevention is better than cure. Having said this, there are several ways by which the risk of getting nerve damage can be reduced such as-

- Maintaining blood sugar levels as
- Eating a healthy diet and getting
- conditions are present and cholesterol is

Low Blood Sugar Levels (Hypoglycemia): Learn the symptoms and its management



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Low blood sugar, also called low blood glucose or hypoglycemia, occurs when the level of glucose in your blood drops below 70 mg/dL.

Low blood glucose is common among people with type 1 diabetes and among people with type 2 diabetes who take insulin or some other diabetes

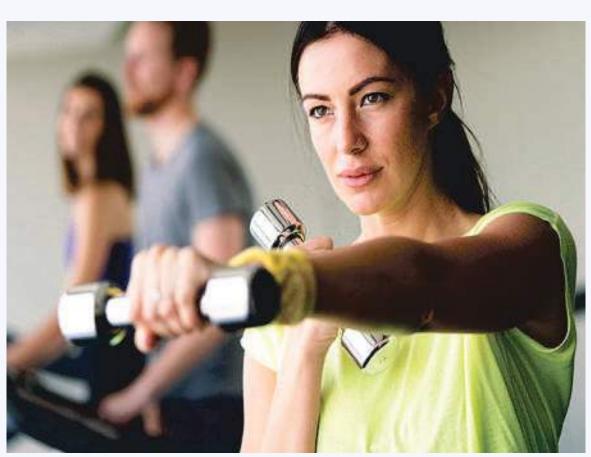
Symptoms of low blood glucose tend to come on quickly and vary from person to person. However, if hypoglycemia is mild-to-moderate, you may have headache, feel shaky or jittery, hungry, tired, dizzy, confused, your heart beat increases and you can't see or speak clearly. If its too low, you may lose consciousness/have a seizure. It can also lead to coma/ death. Generally, 50% of diabetic patients report low blood sugar event at least once in a month. It is common when you skip meals and in diabetics who take insulin or who are

above 65 years of age or those with kidney or heart disease or if you have alcoholic drinks on an empty stomach. When you experience low blood glucose levels, then below methods can be followed, which can increase the glucose levels in your body

- Chew 3 or 4 glucose tablets
- Drink any fruit juice (120 ml)/ milk
- Eat 5-6 hard candy / consume 1 tablespoon of sugar/honey

After 15 minutes, check your blood glucose again. If it is still too low, have another serving until your blood glucose level is above 70 mg/dL. If it will be an hour or more before your next meal, have a snack as well.

Contact your doctor if blood sugar remains low.





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Diabetes and skin complications, How to avoid it?



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Diabetes affects all parts of the body and skin is no exception. Skin complications can be the early indicators of having diabetes. The skin complications in

diabetics can range from a superficial, harmless damage to the skin to a serious

Regardless of the severity of the problem, people with diabetes need to take utmost precautions as they are easily prone to these infections. These include bacterial infections, fungal infections, and itching. Other skin problems happen mostly, or only, to people with diabetes. These include diabetic dermopathy, necrobiosis lipoidica diabeticorum, diabetic blisters, and eruptive xanthomatosis.

Bright side of it is most of these skin complications can be easily prevented and treated. Taking the below precautions will help prevent these skin

 Manage your diabetes well. People with high glucose levels tend to have dry

skin and less ability to fight harmful bacteria. Both conditions increase the risk of infection.

- Keep skin clean.
- Avoid very hot baths and showers.
- Moisturizing your skin regularly.
- Do not scratch dry or itchy skin.
- Treat cuts right away. See a doctor right away if you get a major cut, burn, or infection.
- During cold, dry months, keep your home more humid. Bathe less during this weather, if possible.
- Use mild shampoos.
- See a skin doctor about skin problems.
- Take good care of your feet.

Hypoglycemia (Low Blood Glucose) Indication & Management

Low blood Glucose, also called low blood sugar or hypoglycemia, occurs when blood glucose drop below 70ml/dl.

Low blood glucose can occur in any diabetic patient whether he/she is on oral medication or Insulin.

It occurs more often in Type-1 diabetes, in patient who have very wide fluctuation in blood glucose ,in patients with erratic meal timings & patients who skip their meals, in alcoholics & patients having kidney disease.

Symptoms of low blood glucose can come on quickly & vary from person to person.

If hypoglycemia is mild to moderate, one may have headache, feel shaky or jittery, hungry, tired, dizzy, confused, may have profuse sweating, have palpitation (high heat rate), slurring of speech or blurring of

If blood glucose to low (severe hypoglycemia) one may lose



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When blood glucose becomes low, then one can do any of following to increase

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consciousness or have seizure.

blood glucose

Chew 3-4 glucose tablets

- Drink about 120 ml of any fruit juice or 200 ml of milk (with sugar 2 Tsp)
- Eat 5-6 glucose biscuits

meal, take a snack as well.

Consume 3 tsp of of honey or glucose powder in water

After 15 minutes check blood glucose

If it is still low take another serving until blood glucose is 100 mg/dl or more If it will be an hour or more before your

Don't inject insulin, take oral anti diabetic medication at the time or near the time of low blood glucose.



Eating junk food increases the risk of developing Diabetes

Poor diet and being less active (doing no exercise) are is one of the major cause for the development of diabetes mellitus. Poor diet refers to eating junk food which has high-calories but of no nutrition values. According to the experts in diabetology, individuals with diabetes should focus on the quality of the food they eat than the quantity of food what they eat, because it's the quality of the food that really matters. Eating junk food, processed foods (such as French fries) and consumption of soft drinks have been reported to increase the risk of diabetes, this is because junk food contains trans fatty acids, saturated fats and refined carbohydrates which not only increases your blood sugar levels but also



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increase your body weight.

Though, diabetes is not curable, it can be managed by avoiding junk food and eating healthy nutritious and balanced diet along with medications that have

been prescribed by your doctor. Now the question is what type of food are healthy for diabetics. Healthy food includes whole grains, polyunsaturated fats, fiber-rich foods, omega-3 fatty acids and other minimally processed foods, which can cut down the risk of developing diabetes.

Similarly, snacking between meals has also been found to increase the risk of diabetes. Thus, it is important for all diabetics to be physically active and prefer healthy food rather than eating junk and processed foods. So, make it a routine to eat a healthy diet which keeps your blood sugar levels in check and helps you lead an active lifestyle.





Diabetes: Symptoms and diagnostic tests



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Diabetes is a severe disease that slowly progresses and its warning signs can be so mild that you do not notice them. Few people do not find out they have it until

they get problems from long-term damage caused by the diabetes. Some people do not notice any symptoms at all and in fact it has been reported that 1 out of 5 diabetics do not know that they have diabetes. The common and most important symptoms of diabetes include increased hunger, thirst, and urination. Apart from this, an individual may also experience fatigue, blurred vision, and unexplained weight loss. However, approximately 57% of diabetic patients remain undiagnosed. Do keep remembered, early diagnosis can provide appropriate and timely care and which eventually help in preventing the

There are several tests that are available which can be used to diagnose diabetes. However, your doctor may advise you few blood tests which can help in diagnosing

diabetes. These tests are-

- Fasting blood sugar (FBS): This test is done on empty stomach, before you have
- had anything to eat or drink.) Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c): Also commonly known as Glycated hemoglobin test, which measures your average blood
- sugar level over the past 2 to 3 months. Random blood sugar test (RBS) –This test can be done at any time throughout the day, regardless of when you last ate.

In addition to the above tests, you may also be advised to get your cholesterol, blood creatinine and urine tests done, to check if there any complications developed due to high blood sugar levels.

EPL: Arsenal take five-point lead over City into WC break

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AS THE Premier League gets ready to pause for the World Cup, some unlikely storylines are in place for the second half of the season.

Arsenal has a five-point lead and is undoubtedly Manchester City's biggest challenger for its title. Newcastle is increasingly looking like a team with enough quality to get into the Champions League.

Graham Potter and Frank Lampard, meanwhile, might do well to finish the season in their respective jobs at Chelsea and Everton. The final round of matches before a six-week break saw Arsenal respond to City's shock 2-1 home loss to Brentford by beating Wolverhampton 2-0 to open up its biggest lead so far in the league. Martin Odegaard's goals in the 55th and 75th minutes earned Arsenal a 12th win in 14 games. The only points Mikel Arteta's team will have dropped before Christmas came in a loss at Manchester United and a draw at Southampton, a brilliant run of results that few could have seen coming.

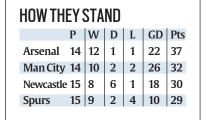
While Arsenal's players maintained their intensity at Molineux, City's stars — including the recalled Erling Haaland - were unusually flat at Etihad Stadium as Ivan Toney reacted to his snub by England for the World Cup by scoring the opener in the 16th and the winner in the eighth minute of stoppage time. Phil Foden had equalized for City, which is two points clear of third-place Newcastle after its 1-0 win over crisis-hit Chelsea.

Chelsea crisis

Newcastle has now won five straight games to boost its improbable — at least this season — bid to qualify for the Champions League in its first full season under Saudi ownership. Seven points separate Newcastle and fifth-place Manchester United, which visits Fulĥam in one of two games taking place on Sunday.

Joe Willock's curling shot from outside the area condemned Chelsea to its third loss in a row. Its only wins in the last eight games have come in the Champions League, with a defeat at Manchester City also eliminating Chelsea from the League Cup in midweek

We are in a bad moment," said Potter. "We take the break to recharge and go again."



All things big & small that build up towards the kick-off of the greatest sporting spectacle on earth - the FIFA World Cup

Qatar World Cup a 'mistake', says Lahm; Southgate eyes ultimate glory for Eng



'FIFA has damaged football and its credibility as a Western org'

Seven days before the World Cup is due to start in Qatar, former Germany captain



Philipp Lahm says it was "a mistake" to award the tournament to the Gulf Arab country. Lahm, who is head of Germany's organizing committee for the 2024 European Championship, wrote Sunday in a column for

Zeit Online that the World Cup "does not belong" in Qatar and he criticized the human rights situation in the nation. Lahm acknowledged some progress "but homosexuals are still being criminalized, women do not have the same rights as men, and there are restrictions on freedom of the press and expression." He added that conditions for migrant workers are "devastating."

Lahm, who won the World Cup with Germany in 2014, slammed FIFA for awarding the tournament to Qatar in 2010 when he says there were better candidates available. "FIFA has damaged football and its

Lahm, who is head

committee for the

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credibility as a Western organization," said Lahm, who also questioned Qatar's enthusiasm for the sport. "Soccer isn't a popular sport in Qatar and there's practically no opportunity for girls to play," said Lahm, who said he won't be attending the 32-team competition that runs from Nov. 20 to Dec. 18. Lahm's comments come

the 32-team after widespread protests in competition Bundesliga and Germany's second division from fans who have been voicing the same concerns. His column also comes after former

FIFA president Sepp Blatter criticized the decision to award the tournament to Qatar. The 86-year-old Blatter cited a meeting between former French President Nicolas Sarkozy and then-UEFA President Michel

Platini for swaying key votes.



A placard with the inscription "Boycott Qatar 2022" was raised during a Bundesliga match on Sunday. Football fans in Germany have opposed the World Cup in Qatar. AP

Southgate says players can make 'best' period for England

England manager Gareth Southgate called on his players to shut out the noise ahead of this month's World Cup, and focus instead on the opportunity they have to become the greatest team in the country's history with victory in Qatar.

Southgate's side reached the semi-finals of the 2018 World Cup and the final of last year's European Championship, but England have failed to win a major trophy since lifting the World Cup on home soil in

England begin their group campaign against Iran on Nov. 21 and also face the United States and Wales in Group B.

"With the players we want to talk to them about the excitement of going to a World Cup," Southgate said. "We understand the need to comment on the off-field things that surround this tournament. but we want the players to feel that enthusiasm that they've had since kids. We want to fuel that. We want them to transition from

a hectic club schedule to thinking about England. We want to talk to them about the fact that this, whatever happens over the next four weeks, has been the second-best period for English football. We can make it

Saudi Arabia player fails dope test, dropped from squad

Saudi Arabia coach Herve Renard has dropped Fahd al-Mowallad from his 26-man squad for the World Cup in Qatar "as a precaution" due to the winger's failed doping test in February. Al-Mowallad had been included in Renard's squad for the tournament despite testing positive for furosemide, which is on the World Anti-Doping Agency's banned drug list due to concerns it can mask

But the team said Sunday that it was dropping Al-Mowallad, who plays for Saudi team Al-Shabab, "as a precaution" as there is still a case against him, and that Renard had called up Al-Shabab teammate Nawaf Al-Abed in his place.

Saudi Arabia faces a tough task is Group C, where it opens its campaign on Nov. 22 against Argentina, four days before it plays Poland, before its final group game against



Injured Davies named in Canada's squad

Canada named Bayern Munich's Alphonso Davies in their squad for the World Cup on Sunday, putting to rest any doubts over whether the injured full back would be fit for the tournament in Qatar after picking up an injury. Davies, who plays as a forward for Canada, missed the German side's last two Bundesliga games after suffering a hamstring injury earlier this month, with the 22-year-old tearing a muscle fibre in his right rear thigh. Davies has played 34 times for Canada, scoring 12 goals, and is their most high-profile player. They were the first CONCACAF country to punch their ticket to this year's World Cup and will be appearing at the finals for the first time in 36 years. Canada will also rely on Cyle Larin, who was the top scorer in the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifiers with 13 goals, four more than his team mate Jonathan David who also made the squad. Canada are in Group F with Belgium, Morocco and Croatia. John Herdman's side begin their campaign against the Belgians on Nov. 23.

Squad: Goalkeepers: James Pantemis, Milan Borjan, Dayne St Clair Defenders: Samuel Adekugbe, Joel Waterman, Alistair Johnston, Richie Laryea, Kamal Miller, Steven Vitoria, Derek Cornelius Midfielders: Liam Fraser, Ismael Kone, Mark-Anthony Kaye, David Wotherspoon, Jonathan Osorio, Atiba Hutchinson, Stephen Eustaquio, Samuel Piette Forwards: Tajon Buchanan, Liam Millar, Lucas Cavallini, Ike Ugbo, Junior Hoilett, Jonathan David, Cyle Larin, Alphonso Davies

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BRIEFLY

Sindhu pulls out of World Tour Finals

New Delhi: Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu has withdrawn from the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals as she is yet to fully recover from a stress fracture on her left ankle. The 2018 edition champion Sindhu had sustained the injury on way to her title winning run at the Commonwealth Games in August. The BWF World Tour Finals is scheduled to be held in Guangzhou, China from December 14.

Shooting: Women's team wins gold

New Delhi: The Indian junior women's team won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle event of the Asian Airgun Championships in Daegu, South Korea on Sunday. The team of Tilottama Sen, Ramita and Nancy thwarted Korea 16-2 in the 10m air rifle team women junior event to bring home another gold in the continental competition. Mehuli Ghosh and Tilottama had picked two gold medals for India in the 15th edition of the tournament on Saturday.

ISL: Kerala Blasters beat Goa 3-1

Kochi: Kerala Blasters ended their 10game losing streak against FC Goa with a 3-1 win in the Indian Super League here on Sunday. It was their first win over Goa since November 2016. Goals from Adrian Luna, Dimitrios Diamantakos and Ivan Kaliuzhnyi within the space of ten minutes secured all three points for the Blasters, while Noah Sadaoui scored for the Gaurs. The three points lifted Kerala Blasters up into fifth place, level on points with FC Goa.

Real Kashmir start I-League with win

Imphal: Real Kashmir FC began the I-League season on a winning note, beating hosts Neroca FC 1-0 here on Sunday. It was Issahak Nuhu's excellent 53rd minute strike that sealed all three points for new head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo's team. After a goalless first half, Kashmir's efforts were rewarded a few minutes into the second half, with Nuhu finding the back of the net off a Yakubu Wadudu cross

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ACROSS

- Shown up by a space traveller
- 5 Only about five find the answer(5) 8 Where people may eat tea if
- care is taken (9) 9 Prize piece of china?
- 10 A lifetime of bridge (4) 12 Test said to produce antipathy
- 14 Trouble knitting a scarf
- 15 Fail again being careless
- 17 Arrested perhaps and
- 22 Standing order (9) 24 Crack up? (5)
- the brush-off (7)
- recovered car parts (8)
- 18 Young bird lacks the vision to be smart (4)
- 21 Application in a letter to us (3)
- 25 Stand up perhaps to receive

DOWN

- May start with excellent cards in clubs (5) Gone bad? (3)
- Dead and not before time
- 4 Vegetable container found in
- dump(6) Frightened from the beginning
- but went ahead (8) Key worker in the hairdressing
- salon?(9) Train to speak (7)
- 11 Possibly meant to go round
- some accommodation (9) 13 It's played for the HQ dance (8)
- 14 A lot of money for a piece of
- 16 New deed includes it when revised(6) 19 Is able to hold on as a rule
- 20 Hill workers (4)
- 23 One politician in difficult issue
- (3) Solutions Crossword 4897: Across: 1 Tabulate, 5 Rail, 9 Shrug, 10 Shadows, 11 Instrumental, 13 Enters, 14 Ganges, 17 Struggling on, 20 Brindle, 21 Imbue, 22 Even, 23 Staggers. Down: 1 Task, 2 Baronet, 3 Light brigade, 4 Toss-up, 6 About, 7 Listless, 8 Cave painting, 12 Sensible, 15 Goodbye, 16 Albert, 18 Raise, 19 Lees.

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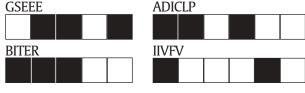
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$ the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. To_is to change, and to be_is to have changed often. - John Henry Newman (4,.,7)



- Јоџи Неигу Мемтап Answer: To **live** is to change, and to be **perfect** is to have changed often. SOLUTION: GEESE, TRIBE, PLACID, VIVIFY

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SUDOKU

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You're passing through a very businesslike phase In fact, if you're not rushed off your feet, I'd say

stars. There's no time like today for taking firm action to deal with general fitness questions, especially if there's emotional stress in the air. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

This is a proud time for you, so if you feel you have good reason to show off. get on with it. Your family stars

are buoyant, and you should receive much pleasure from younger relations' success. Let's face it, it's nice when others do well. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There are people

talking too much, or who criticise you for always changing your mind. You may just have to ignore such types over the next few days as the stars urge you to say what you like, when you like and how you like. On the other hand, there's no point in upsetting people needlessly

who accuse you of

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Do speak your mind today, especially if people at work are missing the point. You should be able to explain yourself very clearly at the moment, and even when you

feel that you're not getting

that partners will get your

your message across, I think

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

lust to bring you up to date on the week's emotional ramifications, it now

looks as if you are about to make a very pleasant romantic discovery, First, though, you must complete a trip down memory lane. Was there something said in a letter or phone call that you haven't yet properly digested? I think there might have been.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) This is an ideal moment to make a fresh start in all areas

of life, partly because one stressful cycle is going to be leaving you alone for a while. Actually, you may focus on anything concerning family relationships and affairs of the heart. A fresh perspective is also called for in a financial

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BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You may be concerned by just

will work out, which might not be a bad thing if it helps focus your mind on loose ends which need to be sorted out now. A professional burden should be lifted very soon, but you may not be able to work out vet which is the right way forward. All should be revealed

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You should accept

in its proper time.

their problem.

that everyone has the right to their point of view. You may soak up as many different opinions as you can over the coming weeks, and understand that truth invariably lies in the eye of the beholder. Some people just refuse to agree with

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Forget the Monday morning blues: the

you, no matter what, but that is

sensible Sagittarian will be up at dawn. ready to take the world by storm. There's a cash bonus out there waiting for whoever reaches the finishing post first. However, you must be very careful to check all details

yourself: there is no alternative

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Inspiration is the key at the moment. If you pursue ideals rather than selfmotivation, you'll gain. Once other people have realised that

you have their best interests at heart, they'll be on your side. It's just a question of winning them over in the first place that presents the problem. AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

Venus is about to do a strange 'U' turn,

salvaging one special emotional situation. In the meantime, you may afford to bide your time, making plans in secret, A child or younger person needs your support, perhaps because the pressures of the past are making it difficult for them to

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Sooner or later you will understand someone's efforts to

cope with the present.

get close to you. Right now, in spite of your Piscean intuition, you may be missing all the vital messages. Perhaps you need to pay more attention to the detail and less to your day-dreams.

In tournaments like these you can't carry baggage with you (loss to Ireland), that was a little blip on the way. But the best teams learn from their mistakes and not let it affect them."

-BEN STOKES

For years England fixated on Tests; now they show the world how white-ball cricket is bossed

ENGLAND TAUGHT

England openers scored at 9.25 runs per over in the powerplay through the tournament

FLEXIBILITY

They could start with a spinner, and had various options for the death overs

WRIST SPIN

Leggie Adil Rashid delivered in the last three games, taking wickets and keeping runs down

England also had an off-spinner, left-arm pacer, quick bowler, swing bowler, and a T20 specialist

BIGGER POOL

Mark Wood and Dawid Malan were not missed as Chris Jordan and Harry Brook performed

CUP GOES HOME

Buttler, who fell in love with the game watching Dravid and Ganguly smash hundreds at the 1999 WC, has led a team out of Eoin Morgan's shadows

SRIRAM VEERA

NOVEMBER 13

ONE OF the first times Jos Buttler showed that there was some life in him apart from in his wrists and the pale eyes was when he showed sustained anger at Ravichandran Ashwin for running him out at the non-

Then in another IPL game, he would charge across from long-on to tell Rishabh Pant & Co. what he thought of them for trying to call back a batsman over some umpiring dispute. It was measured, firm: the finger wagging and the head shaking.

It was a sign that he had a voice, could question authority, stand for his teammates, and could be a leader of men. He was setting an example, leading from the front. After his 49-ball 80 against India in the semi-final, in the final he played a vital hand again, scoring 26 from 17 balls.

When the Pakistan pacers were spitting venom, Buttler stuck around so that the batters who followed him had it easy. He laid the foundation for England's 5-wicket win.

Buttler proved he had in him to not only step into the big shoes of 50-over World Cup-winning skipper Eoin

Morgan but also make the England fans believe in something that wasn't Bazballism or Stokesism.

"It could have been seen as 'we're still trying to live in the Eoin Morgan era' but very quickly Jos said this is a new team," Ben Stokes said at the start of the T20 World Cup

So what is this new England team all about? They bat aggres-

sively just like in Morgan's days, have a lot of bowlers, just like Morgan deployed. Moeen Ali summed it up thus: "Under

Morgs [Eoin Morgan], you had more of a set plan about who was going to bowl." He should know. In the game against

New Zealand in this tournament, at the changeover, Buttler suddenly told Moeen that he would be bowling the first over. Until then, Moeen hadn't bowled a ball in the tournament and there had been no pregame plan revolving around his bowling. He gave just four runs in the over.

Ahead of the semi-final against India, the plan was to bat first. But Buttler would have a close look at the pitch and changed

"The majority of us were thinking: 'It's a great wicket, let's go out and put a statement out there," said England coach Matthew Mott. "And he (Buttler) was really clear. He consulted and then said: 'No, I think this is our best chance of winning.' And it proved a masterstroke.'

Strong leader

Buttler also made the strong decision of bringing back Alex Hales after Johnny Bairstow's injury and Jason Roy going off the

Hales was consciously ignored during Morgan's reign for his conduct. Even recently, Ben Stokes, in a documentary about his life, would not even take Hales' name but refer to him as 'then friend' when he talked about the street fight outside a pub that had threatened to end his career. He probably felt that Hales had snitched in court, and hadn't stood by him.

Buttler was clear that much water had flown under that bridge and the England team needed Hales' firepower.

When he came to the World Cup, Stokes hadn't played a T20 game in 18 months. Buttler sat him down for a chat. "When we got here, before we'd even had a training session, he sat me down for five or 10 minutes and just said: 'This is your role, this is what I want you to do," Stokes said. "That 10-minute chat just made me really understand the way in which I can affect the game.'

Mark Wood, who didn't play the semifinal and final due to injury, described the bonding among the players: "CJ (Chris Jordan) came in without many games behind his back, but everyone trusted and backed him. We have a squad who everyone knows what they can deliver, trust in their ability, and there is no selfish behaviour. Everyone is scrambling for each other."

A day before the final, Buttler would talk about how it was his childhood dream to lift the World Cup one day. The Buttler proved he had dream of playing cricket can itself be traced and attributed, in some ways, to Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Indian and Sri Lankan fans at Taunton. It was the summer of 1999,

when Dravid would join

Ganguly with India 6 for 1. "It was an incredible day," he says. "The Indian and Sri Lankan fans made it fantastic. Ganguly and Dravid were something else," Buttler once told

GQ magazine. More than two decades later, that young boy would raise question marks over Dravid's career as a coach with a swashbuckling knock in the T20 World Cup semi-final.

SCORFCARD

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PAKISTAN: M Rizwan b S Curran 15, B Azam c and b A Rashid 32, M Haris c Stokes b A Rashid 8, S Masood c Livingstone b S Curran 38. I Ahmed c I Buttler b Stokes 0, S Khan c C Woakes b C Jordan 20, M Nawaz c Livingstone b S Curran 5, M Wasim Jr c Livingstone b C Jordan 4, S Afridi not out 5, H Rauf not out 1; Extras: (B-1, LB-1, W-6, NB-1) 9; Total: (8 wkts, 20 Overs); Fall of Wickets: 1-29, 2-45, 3-84, 4-85, 5-121, 6-123, 7-129, 8-131; Bowling: B Stokes 4-0-32-1, C Woakes 3-0-26-0, S Curran 4-0-12-3, A Rashid 4-1-22-2, C Jordan 4-0-27-2, L Livingstone 1-0-16-0.

ENGLAND: I Buttler c Rizwan b H Rauf 26. A Hales b S Afridi 1, P Salt c I Ahmed b H Rauf 10, B Stokes not out 52, H Brook c S Afridi b S Khan 20, M Ali b M Wasim Jr 19, L Livingstone not out 1; Extras: (LB-1, W-8)9; Total: (5 wkts, 19 Overs) 138; Fall of Wickets: 1-7, 2-32, 3-45, 4-84, 5-132; Bowling: S Afridi 2.1-0-13-1, N Shah 4-0-30-0, H Rauf 4-0-23-2, S Khan 4-0-20-1, M Wasim Jr 4-0-38-1, I Ahmed 0.5-0-13-0.



After years of giving primacy to Tests and crinkling noses at white ball cricket, England now hold both ODI & T20 titles. AP

Psychologist's advice made Stokes WC champ

SRIRAM VEERA

NOVEMBER 13

"YOU DON'T want to play for England. You just want to piss it up the wall with your mates, and have a good time" – Andy Flower, former England coach, to Ben Stokes.

On a dry hot July day in London in 2013, Ben Stokes sidled into the seats in the stands at Lord's, and sat next to psychologist Mark Bawden. He had struggled through the season, was feeling down with his performance, so much so that his captain at Durham, Paul Collingwood, had texted him, 'are you ok?'

He wasn't. But he didn't want to share his heartache with his teammates as he didn't want to short-change his boisterous tattoostar image. But he realised he had to open up to someone, and he decided Bawden was the go-to man.

Bawden, who has worked with a few English teams, heard him out before giving his verdict that Stokes was suffering from 'Bottle Bottle Bang' syndrome'. In normal lingo, it meant Stokes was bottling up his frustrations inside him, and it keeps festering inside until it explodes. He had to lighten up, else the wretched rut would continue. It had been a poor summer mentally and the shotmaking ability was on the wane.

And the year had started terribly when in January, he and Matt Coles were asked to leave an England Lions tour of Australia af-



England's Ben Stokes scored an unbeaten 49-ball 52 in the final. AP

ter being caught drinking too late into the night. Andy Flower was one of the personnel involved in taking the tough decision, and he even had a few tough things to say to the

Not that he needed just a solitary chat with the psychologist. In March 2014, the frustration of a poor tour in West Indies saw Stokes punching the locker in the dressing room, breaking his hand, forcing him to miss the World T20. More meet-ups with Bawden took place and he was even given a routine when angry: go to the dressing room and pack up your kit-bag. That packing process apparently has helped Stokes calm down a

Bawden, the psychologist who helped

Stokes, likes to classify his sporting subjects in two types: Assassins (thinkers) and Warriors (feelers). He puts Alastair Cook in the former, and Stokes of course falls in the 'warrior' category.

One knows the backstory: the pub fight that threatened his career, the death of his father, the mental-health struggle, the Test captaincy recharge with Brendon McCullum, the ODI World Cup star, and now the T20 World Cup champion.

Another T20 final would give him the greatest blues yet. West Indian Carlos Brathwaite had smashed the living daylights out of him to win the World T20 final. England had almost two hands on the trophy but Stokes had let the grasp slip, and lost them the trophy. This time around, he didn't bottle his emotions, and got over the debacle as soon as it was humanly possible.

More mental health issues would turn up, he would publicly acknowledge them, and take a break. Stokes would come back, take over the Test captaincy, and even if McCullum had any doubts about his approach, Stokes didn't.

Now, one thing remained. The T20 World Cup. When he came to the World Cup, he hadn't played a T20 game in 18 months. Buttler sat him down for a chat. "When we got here, before we'd even had a training session, he sat me down for five or 10 minutes and just said: 'This is your role, this is what I want you to do," he said.

And Stokes would deliver what was required of him in the must-win game against Sri Lanka that put England into the semi-finals. And now, in the final.

He poked and missed a few balls from Naseem Shan and Haris Rauf but unlike the young Harry Brook, who tried to counter-attack with a slog, Stokes didn't lose his head. He would even walk across to Brook to calm him down

With 38 runs needed off 26 balls, Ben Stokes did a Stokes. Nerveless, ambitious, and one who trusts his own game. Against him was Shadab Khan, a very good leggie. First ball, Stokes backed away to slam it to longoff boundary. Nasser Hussain started to turn into a Bill Lawry on air. The next was a thriller: Stokes backed away, Shadab held his nerve and for a long time, it seemed he had his man. Stokes had heaved it on the up and the white ball seemingly hung in the air. The long-on fielder jumped but grasped thin air. Stokes, and England were away. "What about this bloke Stokes! What about big occasions?

Staggering," Ian Smith responded on air. Around Christmas time in 2013, Stokes was walking with his girlfriend Clare, when the couple chanced upon Flower in a chat with other coaches. He told Clare that, "I really want to tell him, I told you so, I did have it in me." Clare restrained him, saying Flower must have used it to motivate him and not to disparage, and Stokes knew she, and Flower, were indeed right.

Inside edge does Rizwan again, Rauf mans the boundary despite injury

EMOTIONAL



Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Rauf in pain

HARIS RAUF was nursing a stiff leg for most of the match. He would walk gingerly, stutter around with a grimace, wince in pain at times. But it did not prevent him from making lungbusting runs or flinging to the ground to block boundaries. He was prowling at long-on when Harry Brook pulled Naseem Shah. The ball raced fence-wards, but just before the ball thudded onto the boundary cushion, Rauf's little palms intervened. He then somehow staggered back onto his feet and flung a flat, fast throw. Soon after the effort, he clutched his thigh, but the pain hardly seemed to matter.

Shadab gets Harry

After playing all sorts of tricks on Harry Brook but enjoying no luck, Shadab finally got his man three balls into the 13th over. With only five runs having accrued in the previous two overs, England were getting fidgety. And Shadab threw one up fuller and wider outside off-stump, like how Yuzvendra Chahal would have surely done with the benefit of the longer boundaries, had he only been played in this World Cup. Brook threw his hands at the bait, but hit it too flat and straight to Shaheen Shah Afridi at long-off. The fielder seemed to do his knee some damage, but it brought Pakistan an-



Mohammad Rizwan got bowled off the inside edge for the third time this WC. AP

other precious wicket.

Rizwan drags onto stumps

When Sam Curran leaped in the air to celebrate Mohammad Rizwan's wicket, it was the third time Rizwan would get bowled off the inside edge in this tournament. The first time was through an attacking shot. In the past, he was tentative outside off, just poking at them and finding the ball clattering onto the stumps off the inner edge. But this one from Curran was fuller, wider and Rizwan went after it with a flourish. But it was the wobble-seam ball and Rizwan could only drag and edge it.

'I am the captain!'

When Shaheen Shah Afridi wanted the LBW appeal against Phil Salt to be reviewed, he turned to Mohammad Rizwan and asked him to go for it. Babar Azam was around with a smile, and gestured to his chest - as if to say. 'hey I am the captain, it's my decision.' And he

New Delhi

went for it. He also had a chat with umpire Kumar Dharmasena after he had gone upstairs, and Dharmasena shook his head to say no, not out. And it was not out.

How Naseem set up Buttler

The pace bowler in Ian Bishop came out roaring. Naseem Shah had bowled three balls outside off-stump to Jos Buttler and just missed the edge. Bishop shouted on air, it was almost a lament. "Still no slip, still no slip ... I think wicketkeeper Rizwan is asking for it," he said with a bit of relief. Soon Iftikhar could be seen moving to the slips, hoping that Naseem's well-directed thunderbolts would touch Buttler's bat and reach him. Next ball, Buttler moves outside off-stump and guides the ball over the 'keeper's head for a six, Naseem doesn't get rattled, he sticks to the off-stump line and beats Buttler again. His good work doesn't go to waste as Haris Rauf too sticks to the same plan and gets Buttler in the next over.

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