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Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar



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International Yoga Day

On this auspicious event dated June 21, 2022, let us all commit ourselves to practice yoga everyday from 5 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. with Yog Rishi Swami Ramdev Ji via his live yoga sessions telecasted on Aastha Channel everyday. Watch him live on other national and regional news channels on Yoga Day.

Let us take an oath on this great occasion of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" to liberate ourselves from all kinds of diseases as well as any sort of addiction, violence, any negative thoughts or emotions and any inhuman tendencies by practising yoga daily and committing ourselves to become "Swadeshi" in our thoughts and spirits towards the attainment of self-sufficient vision.

With the support of nation & dedicated Patanjali volunteers, we are organizing Yoga events at 75 historical and culturally iconic places, around 500 blocks and 500 districts throughout the entire nation. We encourage you all to participate in this "Yoga Mahotsav" to rejuvenate your physical and mental strength and feel pride by becoming a part of the traditional yoga practice and Indian cultural legacy.

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The allopathic pharmaceutical companies have spread the collective deception and fabrication about having no permanent solution for diseases arising out of poor lifestyle, chronic illnesses, genetic disorders etc. and declared few of them as incurable diseases. But, for the past three decades, we have provided holistic health solutions by Yoga to millions of people at their physical, mental and spiritual levels. We have provided research and evidence-based therapeutic services to cure several diseases like BP, Diabetes, Thyroid, Asthma, Arthritis, Infertility, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Type I Diabetes, Parkinson's, Chronic kidney and Liver diseases such as Fatty liver, Liver cirrhosis; chronic skin problems such as Psoriasis, Eczema, Leukoderma, etc. The false advertisements by the allopathic medicine industry have brainwashed the general public to believe their theory of not having a permanent solution for these diseases. If anyone in your family is suffering from such diseases, please feel free to get their treatment at Patanjali Wellness, Patanjali Yogpeeth Phase-II for at least one to two weeks to witness the improvements and to get rid of health problems permanently.

For Registration Contact

Patanjali Wellness
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The oath to liberate ourselves from the slavery of multinational companies and commitment to become self-sustainable by following the Swadeshi path.



To get a permanent solution for all diseases through Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy, please practise 'Integrated Yoga' with Yogrishi Swami Ramdev Ji and learn the certified knowledge about integrated treatment methods along with witnessing the curing of incurable diseases everyday live on Aastha Channel



Everyday 5:00 am to 7:30 am and 8:00 pm



Everyday 9:00 am



Everyday 8:00 am

Witness the proof of MNCs looting more than 1000 lakh crore of rupees from India.



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**JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
Indra Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur- 302004

No: JDA/EE&TAtDir.Engg.-I/2022/D-174 Dated: 17.06.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID**NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I / 10 / 2022-23****Bids are invited for work given below in various zones as per details given:**

S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	A & F	Nature of Work	Last Date
1	UBN: JDA2223WSOB00143	495.28	74/2022-23	EE-8, Road Cut Repair works in Zone-8, JDA	11.07.2022

Details are available at Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in

Raj. Samwad/C/3698/2022-23 Executive Engineer & TA to Dir. Engg.-I

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, रौंजी।**अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सूचना**

टेन्डर रेफरेंस नं०-प०नि०वि०/रौंजी-०३/2022-23 दिनांक :- 17.06.2022

1.	कार्य का नाम	रिंग रोड, रौंजी से जगुआर (STF Camp) पथ (कुल लम्बाई-0.500 कि०मी०) के निर्माण कार्य वर्ष 2022-23.
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु० लाख में)	रु० 510.11 लाख (रुपये पांच करोड़ दस लाख एवं ग्यारह हजार) मात्र।
3.	अग्रघन की राशि (रु० लाख में)	रु० 5.11 लाख (रुपये पांच लाख ग्यारह हजार) मात्र।
4.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	06 (छः) माह
5.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	24.06.2022 10.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न
6.	निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि/ समय	05.07.2022 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक
7.	निविदा खोलने तिथि/ समय	06.07.2022 12.30 बजे
8.	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल रौंजी, मोहरावादी, रौंजी-834008.
9.	प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	0651-2361018
10.	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या	0651-2401010

- प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रघन की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है, जिसे **Tender Online Upload** में देखा जा सकता है, एवं किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
- पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार में निविदा संवेदकों के लिए **UCAN** निबंधन आवश्यक है।
- नियम एवं शर्तों के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखें।

PR 271845 (Road Construction Dept Road Division Ranchi) 22-23 (D) पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, रौंजी।

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Road Construction Department, Road Division, Daltonganj****Short Term e-Procurement Notice**(2nd Call)**PR No. 264195 Road (2021-22) D****e-Tender Ref No-RCD/Daltonganj/532****Dated :- 18.06.2022**

1.	कार्य का नाम	Strengthening/IRQP Work of Padwa More to Patan Road (Length- 14.350 km) for the year 2021-22.
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि	Rs. 6,70,44,906.00(Rupees Six Crore Seventy Lacs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Six Only)
3.	बीड सिक्युरिटी (राशि)	Rs. 6,70,500.00(Rupees Six Lacs Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Only)
4.	कार्य पूर्ण करने की तिथि	03 Months
5.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	24.06.2022, 10:30 AM
6.	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	08.07.2022, 12:00 Noon
7.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	11.07.2022, 12:30 PM
8.	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	अध्यक्ष, ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल, कमरा नं०-330ए, तीसरा तल्ला, पथ निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रौंजी।
9.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष संख्या	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, डालतगंज। 06562-225019
10.	ई-मेल	ecerdmedini-jhr@nic.in
11.	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का सहायता दूरभाष संख्या	0651-2401010

Note : Estimated amount may be very.For further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>Executive Engineer
Road Construction Department
Road Division, Daltonganj.
PR.NO.271875 Road(22-23):D**Office of the Executive Engineer****Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA****e-Procurement Tender Notice (SBD)****Tender Reference No. DWSD/CLTR/SVS/CTR/09/2022-23 (4th Call) Date : 18.06.2022**

Sl. No.	Particular	Details
1	Name of Work	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 10518 Nos. FHCT in different block of Chatra District comprising of suitable R.C.C/Frame Structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) & 05 Years Operation and Maintenance all complete job " On Turnkey Basis" under D.W. & S. Division, Chatra for the Year 2022-23 under (JJM)
	Group No.	No. of Panchayat No. of FHCT Estimated Cost (In Lac) E.M Required (In Lac) Cost of BOQ (In Rs.) Time of Completion
	HNT/SVS/CLTR/01(A)	2 2098 731.23 7.31 10,000/- 09 Months
	PTH/SVS/CLTR/01(C)	4 2271 775.04 7.75 10,000/- 09 Months
	SMR/SVS/CLTR/02(A-1)	1 1993 630.49 6.30 10,000/- 09 Months
	SMR/SVS/CLTR/02(A-4)	2 1946 574.54 5.75 10,000/- 09 Months
	SMR/SVS/CLTR/02(B-1)	1 2210 704.17 7.04 10,000/- 09 Months
2	Date of Tender Uploading in Website	21.06.2022 at 5:00 PM
3	Last date receipt of Bid	27.06.2022 upto 5:00 PM
4	Last Date Submission Cost of BOQ and EMD (Hard Copy)	28.06.2022 upto 3:00 PM In the Office of - 1. Executive Engineer, D.W.&S. Division, Chatra and 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W.&S. Circle, Hazaribagh, 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W.&S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi.
5	Date of Opening Tender	29.06.2022 at 12:30 PM
6	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA (Jharkhand)
7	Name & Address of Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA (Jharkhand)
8	Contact No. of Procurement Office	+91-7544093310, +91-9931972161 or 06541-253273
9	Helpline No. of e-Procurement Call	0651-2480345

- Further details can be seen on & official website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
- Estimated cost may increase or decrease.
- Undersign reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms & conditions contained in the tender document or to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any notice or reason thereof. The decision of the undersigned in this regard shall be find & binding on all.

PR 271852 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D Executive Engineer D.W.&S. Division, CHATRA

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH**DEPARTMENT OF MPP & POWER****GLOBAL INVITATION OF BIDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PUMPED****STORAGE PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH****NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS**

The Director (Energy) on behalf of Governor, Himachal Pradesh invitesproposals from 'Eligible Bidders' for the preparation of Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR), Detailed Project Report (DPR) and implementation of the self-identified Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs), both closed and open loop, in Private Sector in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

A. The 'Eligible Bidder' shall mean any entity which can qualify as a generating Company as defined in Electricity Act, 2003 Part-I Section 2(28) or which would be able to qualify as per the criteria mentioned in the bid document.

B. **GENERAL CONDITIONS:-For detailed terms & conditions kindly visit official website of Directorate of Energy: <https://doehimachal.nic.in/>****C. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

- The Bid Documents containing details of Terms & Conditions regarding Bidding Process & Project Implementation, Bid Application Formats, questionnaire etc. would be available to the interested Bidders on payment of Rupees One Lakh (Rs. 1,00,000/-) per project, through a bank draft/bankers cheque, from the office of the **Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shanti Bhawan, Sector-6, Phase-III, New Shimla (HP)-171009, Tel. 91-177-2673552, 91-177-2673553 Fax No. +91-177-2673553 e-mail: ceenergy09@gmail.com,w.e.f. fifteendaysafter publication.** The bank draft/banker's cheque shall be given in the name of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shimla and drawn on any scheduled Indian Bank at Shimla. For getting the documents through Courier service, the additional charges @ Rs.3000/- for inland and Rs.5000/- for foreign countries shall be payable through a bank draft/bankers cheque.
- The Proposal in response to the advertisement should be accompanied by a non-refundable Processing Fee @ Rs.25,000/- (RupeesTwenty Five.Thousand Only) per MW subject to maximum of Rupees Twenty Five Lakh (Rs. 25,00,000/-) per Project applied for. The payment shall be made through bank draft/bankers cheque in the name of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shimla drawn on any Scheduled Indian Bank at Shimla. Bids not accompanied by the Processing Fee are liable to be rejected forthwith.
- Pumped Storage Sites have been identified by CPSUs / SPsUs in pursuance to the provision contained in the Swaran Jayanti Energy Policy, 2021 and same has been shown in Chapter-5 of Bid Document.
- For any query or clarification, the Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, Shanti Bhawan, Sector-6, Phase-III, New Shimla (HP)-171009, may be contacted on Tel. 91-177-2673552, 2673553, Fax No. +91-177-2673553 e-mail: dir.doehp@nic.in& Official website of Directorate of Energy: <https://doehimachal.nic.in/>
- The last date for sale of Bid Documents to the interested bidders, the last date of submission of bids in the office of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, at the above address and the date of opening of Bids are as under :-

1.	Start of sale of Bid Document	: 04.07.2022
2.	Lastdate for sale of Bid Documents	: 18.08.2022 upto 1700 hrs
3.	Last date of submission of Bids	: 04.09.2022 upto 1300 hrs
4.	Date of opening of Bids	: 04.09.2022 upto 1500 hrs

Note:-If the Last date for submission of Bids or the date of opening of bids happens to be a holiday declared by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in Shimla, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day in the same order and at the same time.

For & on behalf of the Governor of HP

-sd/-
Director (Energy),
Directorate of Energy, Govt. of HP,
Tel. +91-177-2673552, Fax +91-177-2673553
e-mail: ceenergy09@gmail.com

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY	SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. HE-02-2022-23 The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work: Name of work Approx. Value Re-wiring/ Re-conditioning of Electrical arrangements in CRH (old building) & ROC & Reconditioning of power supply arrangements in brook road colony by replacing cables and provision of cable ducting system. Rs. 1,10,44,874/- Up to 11:00 hrs. on 13.07.2022 Last Date of Submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs. on 13.07.2022 For details log on : www.irops.gov.in Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Hubballi PUB/150A/PRB/SWR/2022-23 S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY	E-Tender Notice No. 06/2022 Date 10.06.2022 The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E Tender through IREPS only for supply of following item: Description in brief : Un-insulated cadmium copper catenary wire 65 Sq.mm [19/2.10mm] as per RDSO Spec No. ETI/OH/50(6/97) with A&C slip No.1 to 6 or latest (Qty. 5000 Mtrs.) Tender No. L8225534 Last Date of Submission of bids: Up to 14:00 hrs. on 19.07.2022 For details log on : www.irops.gov.in Senior Divisional Materials Manager/Bengaluru PUB/158A/MRBS/SWR/2022-23 S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

HIMACHAL PRADESH**JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG****NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

This office has called a tender through e-procurement system for the work "providing WSS to drought affected habitation in GP Borderi , Junas, Guila&Mangli under Churah Constituency in tehsil Churah Distt Chamba (HP)including trail & testing run period of 03 months after physical completion of all components of the scheme" vide NIT No. EE/Jal Shakti/Tissa/CB/Tender/NIT/2022-937-987 dated 07-06-2022 is to be opened on dated 23-06-2022 is hereby cancelled due to technical/administrative reasons

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti/Division, Tissa.
Distt. Chamba (HP)-176316

1841/HP

King George's Medical University U.P., Lucknow**BOQ/Custom Bid Inviting Notice****Notice No.: 13/GeM/PS/FO/22-23 Dated : 17/06/2022**
BOQ/Custom bid no. GEM/2022/B/2273783 dt. 17.06.2022 has been invited on GeM portal under 02 e-bid systems (technical & financial) for renovation of modular operation theatres in Shatabdi Phase-I and CTVS from the original manufacturer or their authorized Indian agents on the terms and conditions as per BOQ/custom bid document. Short details can be viewed at kgmu.org & detailed will be available on GeM portal.
(Finance Officer)

Types of Auction		Venue	July-2022	August-2022	September-2022
E-Auction (From:9:00 Hrs)		General Stores Depot/Hubballi	4 th 18 th	1 st 16 th	1 st 15 th
		Mechanical General Stores Depot/Ashokpuram (Mysuru)	14 th 28 th	10 th 24 th	5 th 19 th
		Hubballi Division	12 th 26 th	11 th 25 th	7 th 21 st
		Bengaluru Division	6 th 20 th	2 nd 17 th	6 th 20 th
		Mysuru Division	5 th 19 th	4 th 18 th	8 th 22 nd

For details log on : www.irops.gov.in/E-auction.

PUB/150A/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi

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ई-जाहीर निविदा

कार्यालयाचे नाव-चिपळूण नगर परिषद ता. चिपळूण जि. रत्नागिरी

ई-निविदा मागविण्याची सूचना क्र. ३०१ सन २०२२-२३

चिपळूण नगर परिषदेकडील ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक ३०१ सन २०२२-२३ अन्वये राज्य सरोवर संवर्धनअंतर्गत चिपळूण नगर परिषद हद्दीतील नारायण तलावाचे सुशोभीकरण करणे सन २०२२-२३ अंतर्गत कामाकरिता ब-१ नमुन्यातील ई-निविदा प्रणालीद्वारे खुली ई-निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहेत. सदर निविदा बाबतचा सविस्तर तपशील अटी व शर्ती महाराष्ट्र शासनाने <https://www.mahatenders.gov.in/> या संकेतस्थळावर दिनांक २०.०६.२०२२ रोजीपासून पहावयास उपलब्ध करून देण्यात आलेला आहे. निविदा सादर करण्याची अंतिम तारीख दिनांक १४.०७.२०२२ रोजी पर्यंत सायंकाळी ५.०० वाजेपर्यंत राहिल.

दिनांक : १७.०६.२०२२

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भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संखेद चिकित्सालय, राजनांदगाव (छ.ग.)

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॥ निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ॥

भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव/कोविड 19 में लगने वाले Jumbo/Small Oxygen Cylinder/Nitrus Cylinder/Co2 Cylinder रिफिलिंग हेतु द्वितीय खुली निविदा निर्माता कम्पनी अथवा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेता फर्म से मुहरबंद निविदायें पंजीकृत डाक/सीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से उल्लेखित तिथि अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है, जिसका नियम/शर्ती का अवलोकन कार्यालयीन दिवस पर प्रातः 10.00 बजे से शाम 05.30 बजे तक भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव (छ.ग.) के मुख्य गण्डार कक्ष से किया जा सकता है।

- निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य रु. 1000/- (वापसी अयोग्य)
- निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि 27/06/2022 शाम 05.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 07/07/2022 अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि 07/07/2022 सायं. 04.00 बजे।

भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव के कक्ष क्रमांक 26 में।

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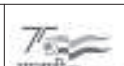
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Inside the gurdwara in Kabul after the attack. *Express*

Two killed in attack on Kabul gurdwara; cowardly, says India

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL
LUDHIANA, JUNE 18

UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN opened fire at one of the main gurdwaras in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday, killing two persons and injuring at least three. The attack comes weeks after an Indian government delegation met key leaders of the Taliban government in Kabul — its first official visit to the country since



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As Covid-19 numbers ease, Govt looks at scrapping Air Suvidha

PRANAV MUKUL & MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AS COUNTRIES ease restrictions for international travellers, India is also considering doing away with the Air Suvidha requirement, which mandates people arriving from abroad to register before they fly into an airport here, government officials told *The Sunday Express*. However, the decision may be at least two months away as the Ministry of Health and

Family Welfare monitors the Covid-19 situation globally. "We have written to the Health Ministry seeking removal of Air Suvidha requirements given that it could add to the convenience of flying as international traffic grows. But the Health Ministry has replied saying they will review the programme in August and decide on this," a senior Civil Aviation Ministry official said. The Air Suvidha portal was introduced in August 2020 as a

India will be critical driver of demand in next 30 yrs, international arrangements may change: Puri

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EXPRESS NEW SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

INDIA WILL be a critical driver of demand in the next 30 years, said Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas. Speaking at the Express Adda in New Delhi on Friday, he also said the "international arrangements that are in place" were likely to change.



Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, *The Indian Express*, and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor, *The Indian Express*. *Renuka Puri*



"We have a population which is economically more active, and our per capita consumption is one-third of the global average... I have a feeling the international arrangements that are in place are going to fundamentally change," he said. Puri was in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, *The Indian Express*, and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor, *The Indian Express*. "Our biofuel blending in 2014 was 1.4 per cent, and today we are already blending 10 per cent. We had a target of 20 per cent for

RAJNATH MEETS CHIEFS OF THREE SERVICES

Protests on, 10% Agniveer quota for jobs in paramilitary, Defence ministry

For 1st batch, age relaxation in CAPFs, Assam Rifles for 5 yrs after upper limit

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

MOVING TO dial down anger on the streets over the short-term Agnipath recruitment for the armed forces, the government Saturday announced that 10 per

cent of vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles will be reserved for Agniveers exiting the three services after a four-year stint. It also announced 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in jobs in the Ministry of Defence and

EXPLAINED To secure future THE QUOTA is part of efforts to assure aspirants of the Agnipath scheme that their future will not be uncertain since most will only have a four-year stint in the armed forces.

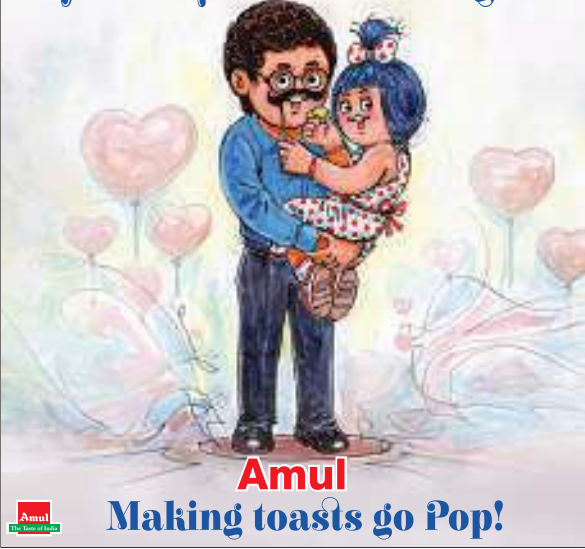
NDA allies face off in Bihar; Centre steps up security for 10 BJP leaders

SANTOSH SINGH & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
PATNA, NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AS THE protests against Agnipath, the Centre's new recruitment scheme for the armed forces, con-

tinued for the third consecutive day on Saturday, including in Bihar, it sparked a war of words between the JD(U) and the BJP, members of the ruling coalition in the state. While Bihar BJP chief Sanjay Jaiswal targeted the JD(U) over its party offices coming under

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EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 2

Key deletions on caste, minorities in revised school textbooks

Removed: 'women, shudras not allowed to study Vedas'; impact of numerical majority winning political power

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

■ "A Dalit is likely to be confined to traditional occupations such as agricultural labour, scavenging, or leather work..." ■ Minorities "must face the risk that the majority community will capture political power and use the state machinery to suppress their religious or cultural institutions..."

THESE SENTENCES are among the several on the caste system and discrimination that have now been pruned from school textbooks by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). These redactions are part of the most sweeping set of changes in textbooks in the past eight years since the BJP-led NDA came to power. *The Indian Express* scrutinised 21 current history, political science and sociology textbooks for Classes 6 to 12 and matched their content with tables circulated within NCERT on the changes. It found that the cuts included several examples of discrimination faced by lower castes and minorities, which were introduced in 2007 to



Book extract on Dalit scavenger deleted from Class 12 textbook

"build a sense of a just society". According to NCERT, the latest "rationalisation" exercise aims to reduce the curriculum load to help students make a "speedy recovery" from learning setbacks suffered during Covid. However, the Council has been in the eye of the storm in the past over its content on caste. During the Congress-led UPA rule, a cartoon on Dalit icon B R Ambedkar was removed from the Class 11 political science text-

TOMORROW: WHERE HAVE THE MUGHALS GONE?

book following protests. Last year, a report by a think-tank headed by BJP leader Vinay Sahasrabudhe, which was submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on Education, claimed that the textbooks give "disproportionate attention" to caste. Now consider some of the key changes carried out this time:

CASTE SYSTEM

■ The section on varnas in the Class 6 history textbook ('Our Past - I') is reduced by half. Sentences on the hereditary nature of varnas, classification of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Kalika Mata temple complex in Pavagadh in Gujarat's Panchmahal district on Saturday. *Express*

INAUGURATES REDEVELOPED TEMPLE IN PAVAGADH

India's cultural treasures are being re-established, says PM

ADITIRAJA
VADODARA, JUNE 18

INAUGURATING THE redeveloped Kalika Mata temple in Pavagadh by unfurling a flag on the superstructure where a dar-gah stood earlier and has been

relocated next to it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday that India's "cultural treasures are being re-established". Calling the renovated temple a "symbol of religious unity" due to the presence of Jain temples in the vicinity, Modi, who took a

cable car to reach the temple atop a hill in Pavagadh in the Panchmahal district, said Gujarat has led the way for "preservation of India's spiritual history". He said temples across the country were being renovated as "new India is re-establishing its



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Gurgaon builder told to pay Rs 100 crore for ‘violation of green norms’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE CENTRAL Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued directions to Ansals Properties and Infrastructure Ltd to pay environmental compensation of Rs 100 crore for alleged violation of norms at its Sushant Lok Phase I property in Gurgaon. Issued on June 7 to the company's chairman, the direction asks for the amount to be paid in 15 days of its receipt.

In September 2018, an order issued by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) following a petition had said: "Allegations in this application, inter-alia, are that there is encroachment of parks in green areas in Block C of Sushant Lok, Phase I, Gurgaon. Illegal extraction and supply of groundwater which is contaminated is taking place. There is absence of water harvesting system. There's absence of sewerage treatment plant. Sewerage of area connects (to) storm water drain." It sought a report from a joint panel with representatives of CPCB, Town and Country Planning Department, Haryana, Delhi School of Planning and Architecture, Central Ground Water Authority, and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Haryana.

The report, from November 2018, said the project proponent is required to obtain environment clearance. It said "consent to establish and consent to operate have not been obtained. It is a violation of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 by project proponent". On extraction of groundwater, the report noted: "Project proponent has applied for registration of 39 tube wells with CGWA but No Objection Certificate (NOC) from CGWA for extraction of ground water is not available". Rainwater harvesting system was not provided, and sewage is "meeting storm water drain as it is not getting passed through the sewerage system to HUDA STP", as per the report.

In an NGT order from 2019,

the builder was directed to stop all construction/expansion activity at Sushant Lok Phase I. The CPCB had also imposed compensation of Rs 16.729 crore for discharge of untreated sewage water. The Haryana PCB was directed to revoke NOCs, consents and authorisation granted to the builder, and CGWA was directed to impose environment compensation for extraction of groundwater through 39 tube wells. The CGWA had assessed compensation of Rs 40,44,000 per annum.

Sources in the Haryana PCB said the property, spread over around 600 acres, is a residential complex. The consents, which were granted by the PCB, were later revoked, they said.

The firm took the matter to the Supreme Court challenging the NGT's 2020 order. It said the order, which upholds CPCB's imposition of a fine, was passed "without hearing the appellant". The appeal also states that there has been no violation of any environmental laws. The SC had then ordered status quo with regard to possession of the property.

An NGT order in September 2021 stated: "Violations found in present case include absence of EC, Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate and consent for extraction of groundwater. Compensation assessed is only on account of untreated sewage water discharge and illegal extraction of groundwater. No compensation has been assessed for establishing project without prior EC."

The NGT asked for the scale of compensation to be revised, referring to an SC judgment in the matter of Goel Ganga Developers India Pvt Ltd vs Union of India. The recent direction issued by CPCB also referred to the judgment which indicated that environmental compensation of Rs 100 crore or 10% of total project cost, whichever is higher, may be imposed.

While hearing the matter in April, the NGT reserved its order and said that it would be uploaded on the website on or before May 27. It is yet to be uploaded.

ALLEGED MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

No bail to Jain, court says ‘possibility of evidence tampering can’t be ruled out’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

A COURT in Delhi Saturday denied bail to AAP minister Satyendar Jain in an alleged money laundering case being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), saying that the accused enjoys an influential position and it cannot be ruled out that he could influence witnesses.

Special Judge Geetanjali Goel also said that Jain cannot be granted bail only on the ground that he suffers from sleep apnea. No specific ground has been taken in the bail application regarding the medical condition of the accused and no documents have been produced to show the extent of the medical condition, said the court.

"The matter is still stated to be at the stage of investigation and it was stated that additional documents recovered during the search operations were yet to be examined and analysed and even the complaint is yet to be

filed, so the possibility of tampering with evidence cannot be ruled out," it said.

Judge Goel also took note of Section 45(1)(ii) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act which states that the court considering the bail application has to be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that he is not guilty of such an offence and that he is not likely to commit an offence on bail.

Jain has been in custody since May 30. He was arrested by the central agency in connection with an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) registered by it on the basis of a case lodged by the CBI in August 2017 under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Jain is accused of having laundered money through four companies allegedly linked to him. He was sent to judicial custody on June 13 on completion of his ED custody.

According to the ED, Jain, between February 2015 and May 2017, when he was a minister,



Satyendar Jain has been in custody since May 30. He was sent to judicial custody on June 13 on completion of his ED custody. Archive

allegedly acquired assets which were disproportionate to his known sources of income. It is alleged by the ED and CBI that Jain and his family members had an active control over at least four companies which laundered money to the tune of

Rs 11.78 crore during the years 2010 to 2012 and Rs 4.63 crore during the check period. The ED alleges that accommodation entries were layered and received from Kolkata-based shell companies into the companies "owned by" Jain and agricultural lands were purchased from those funds.

Senior advocate N Hariharan, who represented Jain, while seeking bail for him, had argued that ED already had a money trial in the case and properties in question stood attached. The court was also told that he meets the triple test of bail as he was not a flight risk and there was no question of any threat to the witnesses.

"ED had referred to accommodation entries of Rs 4.81 crore and one-third was taken as belonging to the accused which was not as per the share holding pattern in the companies in question, which showed that the accused did not have any majority shareholding in either of the companies and had only minuscule shareholdings,

hence by no stretch of imagination it could be said that the accused controlled or managed the three companies and he had no culpability," Hariharan had told the court, adding that there was no evidence to show that cash at any point emanated from Jain.

Jain's counsel also told the court that the agricultural lands had been purchased by the companies, which are distinct entities, and not by Jain. He also had contended that Jain was a victim of a witch-hunt by the ED on account of ulterior motives.

The ED had argued that Jain "never cooperated" with the central agency and that there was a threat to the witnesses whose evidence was vital to the case. It was contended by the agency that Jain did not pass the test laid down under Section 45 PMLA. Stating that the investigation was still at a crucial stage, the ED had described him as "kingpin" in getting the accommodation entries. Jain's exit from the companies was only a sham, the agency alleged.

Water supply to be hit in some parts of Delhi today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

WATER SUPPLY is likely to be affected in parts of Delhi on Sunday due to reduction of the pond level at Wazirabad, according to a communication from the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

The level of the pond at Wazirabad was 667.30 ft against a normal level of 674.50 ft, and the receipt of water from the Delhi Sub-Branch (DSB) and the Carrier Lined Channel (CLC) was also low, the DJB said. This has affected water production at the Chandrawal and Wazirabad water treatment plants which draw raw water from the Wazirabad pond. The DSB and CLC carry water from Haryana to Delhi.

Water supply is likely to be available at low pressure in the morning and evening on Sunday. Areas that are likely to be affected are parts of South Delhi, Delhi Cantt, areas under the New Delhi Municipal Council, Kamla Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Civil Lines, Rajinder Nagar, Patel Nagar, Inderpuri, Kalkaji, Tughlaqabad, Punjabi Bagh, Jahangirpuri, Moolchand, Greater Kailash and Burari.



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amongst others.

SEBI works to enhance the ESG disclosures. It had launched the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting in May 2021 to promote an organisation's commitment to sustainability. The reporting was voluntary for 202-2022 and aimed at enabling companies to adapt to the new requirements. The reporting became mandatory from FY 2022 – 2023.

Fintech, crypto, NFT and unicorns, seem to be the latest buzz, but there are more tangible conversations that are happening around climate protection and sustainability which are part of every conference, international meet and policy-making platform. Law firms, with a progressive outlook and outreach, have already established verticals that cater to enable individuals and companies in adopting methodologies and navigating through rapidly evolving environmental laws.

Acquiring proficiency in the field of environmental laws will be a bankable investment and the options include advising not just government bodies but pre-emptive corporates in structuring and campaigning, lobbies dealing with current changes, and activists seeking legal recourse. Knowledge impacting sustainability laws will be an invaluable demand for shaping the future of the world.

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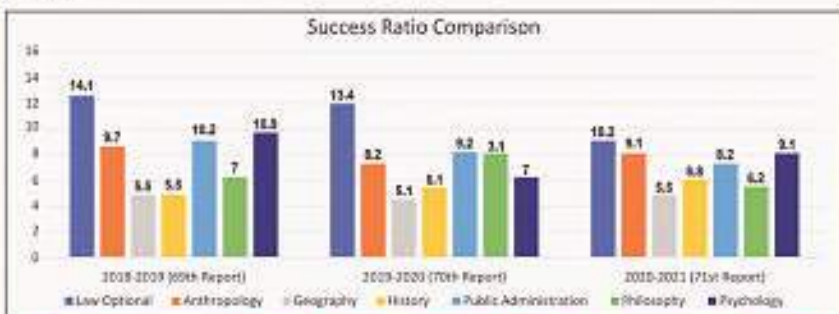
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Almost 26 years after the updated legislation, the practice and profession of arbitration is currently at its peak. The desire of business entities to avoid onerous court litigation coupled with the government's attempt to increase India's ranking in the Ease of Doing Business index has brought a boom in commercial arbitration. This is evidenced by the number of amendments the law has undergone in the recent past, i.e., thrice (2015, 2019 and 2021) in the last eight years. The direct consequence of these developments has been an increase in the demand for arbitration lawyers across the country.

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level, arbitration is usually a part of the ADR course, which also includes mediation, conciliation, negotiation and Lok Adalats. Despite the increased focus on arbitration, classroom teachings at the UG level have been insufficient in meeting professional demands. Hence, a specialised master's degree is considered a precursor to a successful career in arbitration. An intensive arbitration master's not only strengthens theoretical understanding but also familiarises one with arbitration practice and its overlap with litigation. Institutions like Manav Rachna University (MRU) offer impressive options wherein a specialised arbi-

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Arbitration is the current buzzword in the legal profession. This, coupled with India's pitch as a global arbitration hub, pursuing a career in arbitration can be a stepping stone to a successful legal career.

Bharatendu Agarwal
Assistant Professor, School of Law, Manav Rachna University
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The Indian Society of International Law



THE Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), which is located opposite the Supreme Court of India, holds a unique position in the academic world. ISIL was founded in 1959 through the initiative of V. K. Krishna Menon and was inaugurated in the same year by India's first Prime Minister, with the goal of "fostering nation-wide study and development of international law and encouraging comparative study of the application of international law in other States."

Several legal luminaries such as Menon, Nagendra Singh, R.S. Pathak, Upendra Baxi, Ram Niwas Mirdha, R. P. Anand, Rahmatullah Khan, E.M.S. Natchippan have presided over the affairs of ISIL. Pravin H. Parekh, Senior Advocate, is the present President of ISIL.

The Indian Academy of International Law & Diplomacy, the ISIL's teaching arm, offers one-year post-graduate diploma courses in various fields of international law, which are extremely popular among students and professional diplomats. The Indian Journal of International Law, ISIL's flagship publication, is well regarded in academia. Its papers are designed to have an impact on policymakers, international and national forums, as well as scholars. ISIL has a large library that is used by Indian and international scholars. The Society hosts annual international conferences and seminars, as well as short-term summer and winter courses on current international concerns. On July 29 and 31, ISIL will conduct its Golden Jubilee Annual Conference.

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IIMT School of Law An ideal lawyer has moral standards

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Vineet Aggarwal
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Galgotias University Galgotias receives 3.99L CUET applications, features in list of eight most-favourite universities



GALGOTIAS University (Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh) was listed among the eight most-preferred universities in the country as per the applications received for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), which is being conducted by the NTA. Galgotias University has received a record 3,99,373 applications. There are only eight universities in the country that have received more than one lakh applications in CUET. It is yet another milestone in Galgotias' journey towards

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Role of artificial intelligence in transforming judicial landscape of India



ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) refers to machines that can think, perceive, learn, solve problems, and make decisions. AI has developed beyond its original objective of emulating human intelligence and can now automate tasks, improve connectivity, increase productivity, and assist in legal administration. As AI's capabilities have grown, so has its utility in many fields. India has a chance to build its brand of AI leadership in judicial administration.

AI can decrease the pendency of cases and lead to efficient judicial administration. According to the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), crores of cases are pending at the District and Taluka levels, while lakhs of cases remain unresolved in the high courts. Such pendency has a knock-on effect, reducing the judiciary's efficiency and, eventually, people's access to justice.

The Covid-19 pandemic has rekindled interest in increasing digitisation, which has resulted in the e-Courts Project, the introduction of virtual courts, and the potential of online dispute settlement, among other initiatives. Using machine learning to train task-specific, narrowly tailored algorithms can automate routine administrative functions, from something as simple as scheduling hearings and creating cause lists to more complex tasks such as discovery and review of evidentiary documents, thereby increasing administrative efficiency.

AI is used to track reoffending criminals in the United Kingdom, adjudicate small claims through a robot judge in Estonia, provide legal advice and approve pensions in

China, Russia, and Mexico, support sentencing decisions in Malaysia, identify urgent cases in Colombia and Argentina and to transcribe court hearings in real-time in Singapore. In the US, the COMPAS (Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions) tool is used to predict an offender's rate of recidivism, risk of violent recidivism, and failure to appear in court. Estonia has introduced an e-residency programme and a national ID smart card. The Estonian Ministry of Justice has also requested Estonia's chief data officer to design a robot judge to preside over small claims, disputes of less than 7,000 euros, etc. China has more than 100 robots in courts to recover case histories.

In India, the NITI Aayog recently published an approach paper recognising the significance of harnessing AI responsibly and ethically. The Indian judiciary, which has already established basic information and communication technology infrastructure through the e-Courts Project, is now examining the potential of AI. The Supreme Court's AI group has already developed and piloted a neural translation tool (SUVAS- 'Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad

Software'), which can translate English judicial judgments, orders, and documents into nine vernacular languages script and vice versa. More recently, a court administration tool (SUPACE-Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency) assists the courts by collecting relevant facts and laws and is not designed to take judicial decisions.

In 2020, the Supreme Court developed SCI-Interact software that helps judges access files and annexures to petitions and make notes on computers. Previously, the Department of Legal Affairs (DoLA), Ministry Of Law And Justice established a web-based tool named LIMBS, or Legal Information Management and Briefing System. The application can be used to keep track of cases from high courts and tribunals that the respective Commissionerates have uploaded. The goal is to track the entire life cycle of a case efficiently. Due diligence must be done to ensure that AI doesn't create biases in the decision-making process, and in case of error by AI tools, the onus for the same must be ascertained.

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DELHI TOTAL CASES	19,20,559
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,506
ICU BEDS	2,130

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,506	9,266
ICU BEDS	2,130	2,061

	June 17	June 18
Cases	83	N/A
Deaths	0	N/A

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
June 17	1,797	901	1	21,978
June 18	1,534	1,255	3	19,889
Total	5,119*	18,89,211	26,229	3,88,58,325

*Total active cases in Delhi

How a forensics lab started in 2019 is helping police crack complex crimes

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

IN MAY, 48-year-old Moinuddin Qureshi was shot dead by two unidentified assailants outside his shop near Moti Mahal restaurant in Daryaganj. Police initially had no leads — CCTV footage was blurred and the suspects couldn't be identified, while nothing came up when his wife Zeeba and other family members were questioned.

The Cyber Cell then sent the couple's phones to the National Cyber Forensics Lab (NCFL) for analysis, which retrieved deleted data — including a screenshot of a WhatsApp ID in which a man's

photo and number were visible — in two-three days.

"Though blurred, CCTV footage showed two men at the crime scene. One of them was wearing a t-shirt which matched the one worn by the man in the deleted photo. We traced the mobile number in the photo and identified him as Shoaib (29)," said an officer. Police said Shoaib claimed that he and Zeeba planned to get married and they decided to kill Moinuddin with the help of a "contract killer", Vinit Goswami. The three have since been arrested.

This was one of the many cases that the Cyber Forensics Lab helped solve this year using data extraction, dump data analysis

and other techniques. The NCFL is a specialised lab which was started in 2019 and has helped the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation and other agencies in collecting crucial data from damaged devices.

DCP (Cyber Cell) KPS Malhotra and the NCFL team of 25 officers have worked on high-profile cases where deleted data acts as key evidence. More than 5,000 devices have been seized and analysed by the team so far, even if they are damaged, burnt or submerged in water.

An ACP-level officer told *The Indian Express* that the team can recover deleted or hidden data from phones in 7-8 hours and from laptops in 48-72 hours,

CYBER FORENSICS LAB

Has a team of 25 officers with training from Russia, UK and other countries



- Started officially in 2019
- Assists ED and CBI with cyber-crime cases
- Uses customised tools and Israel- and US-based software to recover data from burnt/damaged phones and laptops

IMPORTANT CASES IT HAS WORKED ON
Disha Ravi-Farmers toolkit, GitHub app

which is considered highly efficient when compared to other cy-

ber labs in India. "Our teams have in-house tools and use software

such as UFED 4PC, Axiom, Encase, Blacklight, etc. Our focus is to first look into deleted documents, photos and call logs which are easy to recover if the space isn't overwritten. There've been cases where we have recovered photos and chats that were deleted 1-2 years ago," said the officer.

In the GitHub case, where an app was created to post photos of Muslim women alongside disparaging comments, the team collected important evidence from the devices of the main accused Aumkareshwar Thakur.

"We recovered the code script of the app from Thakur's MacBook, which showed he was allegedly involved with uploading and sharing lewd remarks on

photos of the women. He had deleted many files but our team was successful in recovering data related to social media groups and chats," said an officer.

In February, the team was assigned another case where a 33-year-old market research analyst, Mohit Sharma, was accused of sexually harassing a woman and a minor girl, but police couldn't find evidence against him. The Cyber Cell later said they had recovered 4,000 deleted private photos from his laptop and arrested him.

A woman had filed a complaint in September 2020 alleging she was approached by Sharma who posed as a Russian magazine editor. DCP Malhotra said, "The accused induced the woman to

share her photos for the magazine. The accused later blackmailed the woman and her relative, a minor. He also created a fake Instagram account and posted her photos."

The case was transferred to the Cyber Cell last year. The team traced the IP address of the device to Sharma's residence in Noida. However, he claimed his device was hacked and he reported the same to local police.

"There was no visible data related to the case in the said devices. However, we ran a forensic analysis to extract deleted data. Thousands of obscene images of women, including the images relevant in the case, were found on Sharma's laptop," said DCP Malhotra.

BRIEFLY

DU writes to dept heads on workload of faculty

New Delhi: DU has written to the heads of all departments to ensure that the direct teaching-learning workload of all permanent faculty members adheres to the UGC norms. In a letter dated June 16, the Assistant Registrar also asked the departments to make sure that the requirement for an ad hoc or guest faculty must be supported by the timetable and teaching-learning workload of permanent faculty members.

Man held for 'instigating' youth at protest

New Delhi: A 50-year-old retired BSF personnel has been arrested for allegedly delivering an inflammatory speech and instigating youth who were protesting against the Centre's Agnipath scheme in Dwarka's Baba Haridas Nagar. Meanwhile, Noida Police have arrested 10 protesters and booked more than 200 people for rioting and assault during anti-Agnipath scheme protests in Jewar on Friday.

Man kills wife for refusing to serve him food

New Delhi: A 47-year-old man allegedly killed his wife in South Delhi. Police said he and his wife were drinking and they got into an argument when she refused to serve him food, and he allegedly smothered her with a pillow. Police said he went to sleep next to her, not realising she was dead. On Friday morning, he realised he had killed his wife and fled with over Rs 40,000 cash. He was tracked down and arrested, said police. **ENS**



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AGNIPATH SCHEME

Chadha writes to Rajnath to 'stop this trial by fire of youth'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AAM AADMI Party Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha on Saturday wrote to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asking him to roll back the "ill-conceived" Agnipath scheme.

In a letter, Chadha said the scheme had "justifiably caused great anguish among potential recruits from across the country".

"The hopes and dreams of many young aspirants have been stifled by the controversial 'contractualisation' of the armed forces. Over the past two days, we have witnessed with great despair insufficient attempts at last-minute tinkering by the union government such as increasing the age limit," he wrote.

Chadha listed five issues that he said needed highlighting.

"Firstly, we need jawans with peace of mind and job security. The union government has failed to comprehend that a jawan supports not only himself but his family. Only individuals with courage and peace of mind can serve in the armed forces. A



Chadha listed five issues he said needed highlighting

jawan that is busy contemplating career moves or wondering how his family will survive after his tenure will find it harder to serve our country," he wrote.

"Secondly, the scheme has overlooked issues of inadequate training. The Agnipath scheme allows for Agniveers to undergo a crash course in training of six months. An abnormally short period of training will have adverse consequences on the quality of service discharged. The scheme allows for greenhorns to face the nation's greatest security challenges..." he wrote.

Thirdly, Chadha said "the union government's financial

obligations towards the defence pension bill should not be offset by sacrificing the job security of our jawans".

"Fourthly, the scheme negates regimental honour and erodes the quality of our troops. Unity and coordination amongst troops are what drive our armed forces towards excellence, and with a shorter duration spent with their peers, we are sacrificing the spirit of the forces..." he wrote.

"Fifth, such experiments should not be imposed en masse. This scheme has been implemented without running any pilot schemes. Such pilot schemes, preferably outside of the armed forces, would have provided an opportunity to (be deliberated on) before deciding," he wrote.

Chadha demanded the resumption of the regular recruitment process for the current year. "With all the humility at my command, I implore you to roll back the Agnipath scheme, to stop this 'trial by fire' of the youth. The national convener of the AAP and the honourable Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, has also urged the union government to immediately roll back the scheme..." he wrote.

In Kalindi College, governing body and principal face off

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE GOVERNING Body of Kalindi College Saturday resolved to set up a one-man judicial inquiry against the officiating principal for alleged financial and administrative irregularities, and also decided not to extend her tenure. The principal, however, alleged the meeting was "illegal".

Academic Council member Naveen Gaur had in April written to the GB Chairman and the V-C raising the allegations, including that officiating principal Naina Hasija suppressed a report of an Internal Audit Officer (IAO) which stated that there was no approval or sanction by any competent authority for bills regarding expenditure incurred by her for prizes amounting to more than Rs 2 lakh for an event in 2013-2014.

It was also alleged that she got herself transferred from the Contributory Provident Fund scheme to the General Provident Fund without approval from the UGC or following the DU proce-

dures; manipulated documents and did undue favours to certain contractors; and appointed an auditor for the college without following the due procedure.

The minutes of the GB meeting held Saturday read, "The GB resolves that no extension be given to Prof Naina Hasija, as Acting/Officiating Principal forthwith. The GB authorises the Chairman of the GB to appoint the senior-most faculty member as the new Acting Principal in accordance with DU norms."

"...GB resolves to constitute an inquiry on... issues involving administrative and financial irregularities/irregularities," it said, adding, "to conduct the inquiry in a fair and disciplined manner", a "one man judicial enquiry headed by a retired judicial officer as Inquiring Authority" will be formed.

When contacted, Hasija said the meeting was illegal: "How can there be a legal meeting without the principal as member secretary? I wasn't present for the meeting and these minutes are wrong. I'm sitting in my office and doing my official work even now."

1,534 CASES ON SATURDAY

Hospitalisation low, no need for more Covid beds: Doctors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

EVEN AS the incidence of Covid continues to remain high in the capital with 1,534 new cases recorded on Saturday, hospitals say there is no need to increase the number of beds earmarked for the infection as hospitalisations continue to be low. While the number of active cases has shot up to 5,119, just more than 200 people are hospitalised, according to the daily health bulletin released by the government.

There are currently 9,500 hospital beds reserved for Covid treatment across Delhi hospitals, of which only 240 or 2.5% are occupied, according to the government's DelhiFightsCorona portal.

The positivity rate stood at 7.71% on Saturday. However, the current positivity rate might not reflect the real situation on the ground as people have started testing for the infection at home after the home kits became available earlier this year.

"Now a majority of people come with already confirmed home tests; this might not be reflected in the numbers. However, people who test negative on the kits do get an RT-PCR," said Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant of internal medicine at Indraprastha Apollo hospital.

This, along with the government guidelines discouraging asymptomatic tests, has been the reason for fewer tests being conducted. There were 18,422 tests conducted on average daily in June as compared to an average of 70,246 tests conducted each day in January, with the total crossing the 1 lakh mark at least on two instances.

Delhi recorded 1,797 new cases of the infection on Friday, which is higher than the number of cases recorded this April when

EXPLAINED
Positivity rate

DELHI'S POSITIVITY rate had crossed 8% Friday for the first time since January-end when the country's omicron variant-driven third wave was subsiding. The positivity rate is indicative of the spread of an infection in an area, with the WHO considering a positivity rate of 5% or less over two weeks to mean that the spread is under control.

the city saw a slight spike in cases after mask mandates were done away with. All Covid restrictions were re-introduced and the numbers started going down, but not to the level seen after the third wave waned. The number of new cases in the city started increasing again ten days ago.

Nevertheless, hospitalisation and mortality haven't increased proportionally, with city doctors claiming that the pattern is the same as was seen during the milder omicron variant-driven third wave. "At the moment we have 20 patients admitted with Covid, of whom only one person needs the ventilator support. And, that too because he has tuberculosis along with viral pneumonia caused by the virus. Most patients just have a fever and upper respiratory symptoms," said Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director, Lok Nayak hospital.

The hospital, which is one of the biggest Covid treatment centres in Delhi, has 450 beds earmarked for the infection. "There is no need to increase any more beds; we are hardly seeing any admissions due to Covid," he said.

Set up nursery, revive dead lake at Roshanara Bagh: L-G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vinai Kumar Saxena Saturday directed the MCD to redevelop an identified 8.5-acre area at Roshanara Bagh in North Delhi as a world-class nursery of rare and exotic plants and flowers. The work must start "today", Saxena said, with the project set to be completed in three months. The nursery will not only provide 3 lakh plants and saplings annually for plantation across the city, but will also be provided to the people of Delhi at a nominal cost, he said.

A dead lake spread over 3.8 acres will also be restored, with the L-G directing the officials to dredge and clean it to a depth of 4 metres. Stating that rainwater might not be sufficient to fill the lake, he asked that water from neighbouring areas that are prone to flooding and waterlog-



L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena

ging such as Roshanara Road, Kamla Nagar, Malkaganj, and Andha Mughal be channelised to the lake through pipelines.

Saxena said the soil being desilted from the bed of the lake be used to build a 4-metre-high bund. To secure this embankment, the L-G said waste dumped at Bhalswa landfill should be used, adding that this will not only ensure that the soil does not flow back to the lake, but will also reduce the burden on the landfill.

To curb pollution, transport dept mulls 4-month ban on commercial diesel vehicles

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

AS PART of its pollution control campaign this year, the transport department has planned to ban the entry of commercial diesel vehicles, including heavy motor vehicles, into Delhi from November to February. Usually, entry of such vehicles, from trucks to mini tempos, is banned for only 15-20 days either in November or December.

A proposal in this regard has been sent to Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot for approval.

"Diesel-based vehicles and heavy motor vehicles are largely responsible for causing pollution in Delhi. Every year, entry of trucks is banned following an increase in levels of PM 2.5/PM 10 or following directions issued by the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM) or on or-

ders of the National Green Tribunal. So, this year, the transport department has taken preventive steps in advance instead of waiting for air quality levels to worsen," said a senior official.

According to officials, around 70,000-80,000 trucks enter the national capital every day. Vehicles that will be allowed into the city include CNG-run commercial vehicles; e-trucks; all trucks carrying essential goods such as vegetables, fruits, grains, eggs, ice, milk and other food items; and tankers carrying petroleum products, said an official.

"Once the proposal is approved by the transport minister, preparations will begin and restrictions will either start on October 1 or November 1 and will continue for four months," added the official.

Truckers and commercial vehicle associations opposed the proposal, stating that those who

deal with heavy vehicles will have to bear losses worth crores.

"Banning entry of trucks in Delhi for 15-20 days is acceptable, but four months is a long period and will impact transporters. Businesses will be seriously affected. This will also impact the government's revenue and might culminate in a hike in prices of food, vegetables and other items," said Rajendra Kapoor, president of All India Motor and Goods Transport Association.

He added, "Why is the ban only for trucks? Why don't you ban other diesel vehicles in Delhi? If diesel is a prominent pollutant, manufacturing of diesel vehicles should be banned. This is not a solution."

Arun Sharma, president of Delhi Transportation Association, said, "How will people buy CNG vehicles if the price is nearing the cost of diesel? Due to the frequent rise in CNG prices, people are sell-

ing CNG trucks and opting for diesel ones. Truckers can take the Delhi-Chandigarh or Jammu road or any expressway but some routes are through Delhi and this ban will cause major chaos."

Officials, however, said trucks can bypass the city and reach their destination via the Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways.

Experts, too, said the plan was not feasible.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), said: "Ban on the entry of trucks into the city is not a sustainable solution. Instead, the government should focus more on infrastructure and measures should be taken to increase use of public transport system, walking and cycling facilities, and control vehicles inside the city. Delhi has 3 crore cars, so measures such as a parking policy should be implemented."

Govt & Politics

‘J&K needs me’: Farooq declines offer to be Presidential candidate

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 18

NATIONAL CONFERENCE president and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah has declined to be the joint Opposition's Presidential candidate, saying that the Union Territory needs him to "help navigate these uncertain times" and that "a lot more active politics is ahead of him".

"I am honoured to have had my name proposed as a possible joint Opposition candidate for the office of President of India by Mamata Banerjee Sahiba. Subsequent to Mamata Didi proposing my name, I have received a number of calls from Opposition leaders offering their support for my candidature," Abdullah said in a statement on Saturday.

"I have taken a few days to discuss this unexpected development with my family and senior colleagues. I am deeply touched by the support that I've received and honoured to have been considered for the highest office in the country".

The former chief minister, however, decided to withdraw his name from consideration, saying his efforts were required in the Union Territory. "I believe that Jammu and Kashmir is passing through a critical juncture



Farooq Abdullah

and my efforts are required to help navigate these uncertain times," he said in the statement.

"I have a lot more active politics ahead of me and look forward to making a positive contribution in the service of J&K and the country. Therefore I would like to respectfully withdraw my name from consideration and I look forward to supporting the joint Opposition consensus candidate," the statement added.

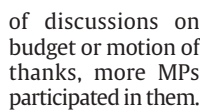
Abdullah said he was "very grateful to Mamata didi for proposing my name". "I'm also grateful to all the senior leaders who offered me their support," he said.

Abdullah is the second leader after NCP chief Sharad Pawar to turn down the offer to be the joint Opposition candidate for the post of President.

CJI'S 'LACK OF QUALITY DEBATES' REMARK CONTRADICTS REALITY: LOK SABHA SPEAKER

'Parliament is more effective, responsive now'

RENUKA PURI/ File



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of discussions on budget or motion of thanks, more MPs participated in them. You look at the productivity or participation or even the government's response — the performance of the 17th Lok Sabha has excelled.

However, a complaint is often raised in the Lok Sabha that the ministers do not answer properly. Could you do something about it?

Whenever a member raises such an issue, I indicate to the treasury benches that the MP is not happy with the reply. My job is to see that the members get a satisfactory reply from the government and I have always tried to ensure that for them. There have been many occasions when

I have told the ministers to give a proper answer.

There is an impression gaining ground that the importance of Parliament as an institution has been eroded. Your take?

See, I just said how the productivity and the performance of the Lok Sabha have been improved.

Executive being accountable to Parliament — that's the cornerstone of our democracy. However, there seems to be reticence on the part of the Executive to uphold it.

Parliament does not interfere in the decisions taken by the Executive. But when the Executive

tries to intervene into the legislative role, it's my duty to see that it does not happen.

The SC has said that laws are being churned out without due deliberations, discussions or perusal. Your response?

I also heard that. I have tried to increase the time for debates on the bills. I make it a point that every bill is discussed threadbare inside the House. The comments made by the Chief Justice (N V Ramana) are not correct. It contradicts reality. The reality is on the records which cannot lie. The reality is that the Indian Parliament has worked more, it has adopted a better democratic system and that the Executive has started being more responsive.

The issue of the government's reluctance to send the bills for Standing Committee scrutiny is yet to be resolved. Why?

The Parliamentary Affairs Ministry suggests on what bill goes to the Standing Committee. I think the good tradition of having the bills discussed threadbare inside the House has now been set up. The government also has supported it. A number of bills has gone to the Standing Committee. Why are the laws made? There are rules for the lawmaking process. There may be times when the government feels that delaying a particular

bill will not do good for the country and expresses its wish to get the bills passed soon. It then suggests that the House can run more time, but the bill may get passed. Then the bills are discussed and passed.

Many Opposition parties pointed out that govt does not engage in discussions with them. Do you think more efforts are needed for better floor coordination?

Whenever there is a session, I make a lot of efforts to see that the House runs smoothly with everyone's cooperation. If there are any roadblocks, I call the ruling party and Opposition leaders to find a way out. It's also my responsibility to see that roadblocks are cleared and the House runs smoothly. I do it regularly.

How do you see the overdominance of Hindi in Parliament where even English-speaking ministers are directed to speak in Hindi.

In the House, even 30 minutes before, if an MP gives a notice to speak in the language he or she wants — from the 24 official languages in Parliament — we have translators to translate it into English and Hindi. It can be facilitated. I cannot comment on whether the minister should give the reply in Hindi or English. It's their right to choose from either.

But it has been a normal practice that the ministers well-versed in English would oblige if a non-Hindi speaking MP asks for reply in English.

I can function only on the basis of rules and procedures. The rules say that the replies to the questions can be given in either of the two languages. It's the minister's choice to oblige the MPs.

Every session, you have to deal with the privilege issues. Is there need for guidelines on what can constitute an issue of privilege?

It is not codified, ever. When the matter comes before me, I refer it to the Committee to decide on it. Sometimes, even if the Committee suggests it's not a privilege issue, I can seek more details about it and seek action. I also have a right to reject the proposals sent by the Privilege Committee. But whenever any hurdles are created for an MP in doing his or her duties, it makes an issue of privilege. But when the issue is related to a criminal case, if someone gets arrested, the arrest has to be informed to the Speaker in 24 hours. We can examine if there is no such intimation. If it is felt that there was a deliberate attempt not to inform the House, it also makes a privilege issue.

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Centre focuses on access to anganwadi services for migrants

ESHA ROY

KEVADIA (GUJARAT), JUNE 18

THE CENTRE has instructed state governments and their Women and Child Development (WCD) departments to ensure digitisation of anganwadi services so that migrating families can continue accessing the government's Take Home Ration scheme even if they move to other states, senior officials of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development have said at its sub-zonal meeting in Kevadia, Gujarat.

Under its Poshan 2.0 programme, the Centre is now focusing on universalisation of access to anganwadi services, particularly for migrant families.

Take Home Ration, or THR, is provided to children between 6 months and 3 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, as well as adolescent girls as part of the Centre's flagship Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). Freshly cooked hot food and a morning snack is provided to children between 3 and 6 years, who attend anganwadi centres daily, for 300 days annually.

According to WCD Ministry officials, migrating families often fall through the cracks and stop receiving benefits of anganwadi services when they relocate from one state to another, or even between blocks and districts within a state. The ministry is now pushing for complete digitisation of the process so that registration of beneficiaries of one state can be accessed in any other, which will ensure that even if a family moves, women, and especially children, can continue to get supplement-

EXPLAINED
E Tracking every food packet

POSHAN ABHIYAN 2.0 covers over 11 crore children in the country, according to data available on Poshan tracker. Take Home Ration has also been linked to the Poshan tracker to ensure that packets reach the beneficiary.

mentary nutrition given by the government to curb malnutrition.

For children, this digitisation process is already underway through the Poshan Tracker, launched by the WCD Ministry several years ago.

"The data of beneficiaries was not available before the digitisation process was begun. All services (then) would be conducted offline," a senior ministry official said. "Now, anganwadi workers have been given smartphones on which they upload data, registration of children and measurements of height and weight, for which they have been provided measuring devices. This data is collected and uploaded in real time."

"The ICDS scheme is Aadhaar-linked. We are talking to states to ensure that all beneficiaries are Aadhaar-enabled and have therefore supplied Aadhaar kits to anganwadi centres," the official said. "This means an anganwadi worker can register people on Aadhaar, making it possible to track them even if they move to other states."

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

WITH HIS mother Heeraba Modi entering into her birth centenary year on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited her in Gandhinagar and penned a personal blog detailing her life and struggles, and how their bond has evolved over the years. "Mother is not just any other word in the dictionary...it encompasses a whole range of emotions — love, patience, trust, and a lot more," he said, adding, "If my father had been alive, he would have completed his birth centenary year last week."

Recalling her birth in Visnagar in Gujarat's Mehsana, and how she lost her mother to the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic at a young age, the PM wrote: "She does not even remember my grandmother's face or the comfort of her lap. She spent her entire childhood without her mother... She could not throw tantrums at her mother, as we all do. She could not rest in her mother's lap like we all do. She could not even go to school and learn to read and write. Her childhood was one of poverty and deprivation."

"My mother is as simple as she is extraordinary. Just like all mothers! As I write about my Mother, I am sure that many of you would relate to my description of her. While reading, you may even see your own mother's image," he wrote.

Modi mentions how she would wash utensils at other houses for supplemental income, as well as peel cotton and spin yarn. She avoided seeking help from others and wanted to be self-reliant.

"Monsoons would bring



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets his mother Heeraba in Gandhinagar, Saturday. PTI

their own troubles for our mud house. However, Mother ensured that we faced minimum discomfort. In the searing heat of June, she would clamber over the roof of our mud house and repair the tiles," writes Modi. "[When] the house would flood... [she] would place buckets and utensils below the leaks to collect the rainwater. Even in this adverse situation, Mother would be a symbol of resilience,"

He writes that his mother is dedicated to hygiene and "would not tolerate even a speck of dust on the bed. A slight crease meant

that the bed sheet would be dusted and laid again. All of us were very careful about this habit as well".

Modi notes that his mother is rarely seen with him in public appearances, with only two exceptions — during the 1991 Ekta Yatra and his oath-taking ceremony as Gujarat's Chief Minister in 2001.

He then goes on to celebrate her character and selfless love for others. He recalls his childhood home in Vadnagar when a friend of his father died and his son, Abbas, was brought to his home to continue studies.

"Mother was as affectionate and caring towards Abbas just like she did for all of us siblings. Every year on Eid, she used to prepare his favourite dishes. On festivals, it was commonplace for neighbourhood kids to come to our house and enjoy mother's special preparations," writes Modi.

He also recalls an incident when he wanted to publicly honour all his teachers after becoming the Gujarat's CM and she declined his request to attend the event, saying, "See, I am an ordinary person. I may have given birth to you, but you have

Today, many years later, whenever people ask her if she is proud that her son has become the country's Prime Minister, mother gives an extremely deep response — I am as proud as you are. Nothing is mine. I am a mere instrument in the plans of God."

— NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER

been taught and brought up by the Almighty." She also made sure that someone from the family of one of Modi's childhood teachers, Jethabhai Joshi, attended the event.

He also mentions her response to her son becoming the country's Prime Minister. "Today, many years later, whenever people ask her if she is proud that her son has become the country's Prime Minister, mother gives an extremely deep response — I am as proud as you are. Nothing is mine. I am a mere instrument in the plans of God," he wrote.

Modi concludes the piece by saying that ever since he became Prime Minister, he is unable to visit her as much but always looks to her for blessing and inspiration.

"Mother always speaks with me in Gujarati. In Gujarati, 'tu' is used to say 'you' to those who are younger or equal. If we wish to say 'you' to someone older or senior, we say 'tame', he writes. "As a child, mother would always address me as 'tu'. However, once I left home and embarked on a new path, she stopped using 'tu'. Since then, she has always addressed me with 'tame' or 'aap'."

Abbas finished his Class 8-9 staying with us: PM's brothers

RITU SHARMA

AHMEDABAD, JUNE 18

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's brothers remember Abbas Miyanjibhai Ramsada Momin from Kesipara village in Mehsana as "a family member". Modi mentioned Abbas in his blog penned to mark his mother's 100th birthday on Saturday. Abbas and Modi's youngest brother Pankajbhai were classmates.

Pankajbhai described Abbas as a "noble human being" who "performed namaaz five times a day and also did the Hajj". "Abbas's father and my father were friends. There was no high school in his village and he was about to quit studies after his primary education. My father convinced his father to let Abbas stay with us and complete his studies. Abbas finished his Class 8-9 staying with us," Pankajbhai told *The Indian Express*.

Abbas, 64 now, retired as a Class-II officer in the Gujarat government, and left for Sydney last week to be with his son, says Pankajbhai.

PM's eldest brother Somabhai said: "He (Abbas) was Pankaj's classmate. For almost two years, he stayed with us at our house."

Pankajbhai recalled how the family, along with Abbas, would celebrate festivals together. "Abbas was like a family member. On festivals my mother would cook food for him. I remember on Muharram when Muslims mourn and wear black... I had a black shirt which Abbas would wear," Pankajbhai said.

MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLLS ON JUNE 20

Stung by RS defeat, MVA partners turn backs on each other

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE

MUMBAI, JUNE 18

DAYS AFTER the setback of the Rajya Sabha polls, when the BJP cocked a snook at the Shiv Sena by winning the crucial sixth seat, and with a couple of days left for the June 20 polls to the Maharashtra Legislative Council polls, the lack of coordination within the Maha Vikas Aghadi is all too evident with each party working separately to secure its vote bank.

With 11 candidates for 10 seats, the contest is inevitable for the tenth seat. While the BJP has fielded five candidates, the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena have put up two candidates each. With the Sena and NCP set to get the numbers to see their candidates through, the fight is likely to boil down to the Congress and the BJP

So far, the Sena or its chief Uddhav Thackeray has not come up with any combined strategy to get the MVA together or to ensure all its six candidates are elected.

Speaking to the media on Friday, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut said, "We have adequate numbers to get both our candidates elected. We have no problems." When asked if the Sena would transfer its surplus votes to the Congress, he said, "We will require our votes to secure our candidates. Each party will work for itself."

Sources said the Sena is still smarting from its defeat in the Rajya Sabha elections — the party feels the Congress, which had surplus votes, did not transfer those to the Sena candidates, as a result of which its candidate Sanjay Pawar lost to the BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik. Besides, sources said, the party doesn't want to take

chances by giving away its extra votes. After all, in the Rajya Sabha polls, the vote of one of its members was declared invalid.

Each of the candidates will require 25.91 votes to get elected. The Congress has 44 votes. To get both its candidates — Bhai Jagtap and Chandrakant Handore — elected, it needs 52 votes, or eight additional votes from smaller parties and allies. The NCP, which has 51 votes, will need just one additional vote to get its candidates Ramraje Nimbalkar and Eknath Khadse elected.

The Shiv Sena has 55 votes. After getting its two candidates, Aamysa Padavi and Sachin Ahir, elected, it will still be left with three surplus votes, which it could — in a situation where there is no cross-voting or invalid votes — pass on to the Congress.

For the BJP to get all five candi-

dates — Praveen Darekar, Ram Shinde, Shrikant Bharatiya, Uma Khapre and Prasad Lad — elected, it needs 130 votes. With 106 members in the Assembly, it will need an additional 24 votes.

The lack of coordination in the MVA is a sign that the coalition's already shaky ties have worsened since the Rajya Sabha elections.

A senior Congress leader admitted, "To get our two candidates elected, we will need eight votes from smaller parties and allies. But we have to plan for ourselves as we are unlikely to get any help from the Sena or NCP."

The BJP, meanwhile, exuded confidence, with party leader Ashish Shelar saying, "We have a fool-proof strategy. We will get the required quota and get all our candidates elected."

"The court's decision disallowing NCP members Nawab Malik

and Anil Deshmukh from casting their votes is good news for the BJP. It is a sign that the BJP will emerge victorious," Shelar added.

Both Malik and Deshmukh are in judicial custody facing trial in two separate money laundering cases. Their pleas to vote during the Rajya Sabha and council polls were rejected by the High Court.

What makes the going tough for the MVA is the unrest and anger against the coalition among smaller parties and Independents, many of whom are aligned with the ruling coalition, who add up to a crucial 29 votes.

The Swabhimani Party's Devendra Bhuyar on Friday took a dig at the Sena, saying, "I think Sanjay Raut should stay by my side 24x7 so that he is convinced about whom I vote for." Raut had earlier alleged that Bhuyar had voted for BJP in Rajya Sabha polls.

Kerala: CPI(M) cultural wing drops actor from event for 'criticising' CM

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 18

CPI(M) CULTURAL and intellectual wing on Friday dropped prominent theatre artist and actor Hareesh Peradi from its event at the last minute citing his social media post where he took a dig at Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over ban on wearing black clothes and masks.

The actor was slated to attend an event organised by Purogamana Kala Sahitya Sangam (PukaSa), an organisation of artists and writers, in Kozhikode on Friday.

Last week, Opposition parties had black-flagged Vijayan in several parts of the state as part of their agitation demanding his resignation in the wake of fresh



Hareesh Peradi

allegations by gold smuggling scandal accused Swapna Suresh. Subsequently, police had forced people attending Vijayan's events to remove black masks and those wearing black clothes were whisked away from the venues. On Sunday, Peradi had shared a Facebook post, in black clothes and a black mask urging people to wear black masks and clothes

for two days. "Protest against a frightened fascist," he wrote in Malayalam. As the police's action drew widespread criticism on social media, Vijayan, on Monday, had clarified that there was no such ban on black clothes and masks at his programmes.

Asked about being dropped from the event, Peradi, on Friday, said, "While I was heading to Kozhikode, I got a call from PuKaSa... you need not take part in the programme in the present political situation."

Meanwhile, PuKaSa Kozhikode district secretary U Hemanth Kumar said Peradi's criticism against the Chief Minister and the Left Government was unwarranted, hence, the organisation decided to keep him away from the event. "...We are really pained that we had to drop him at the last minute," he said.



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INK THROWING CASE

Warrant issued against Ravi Rana, MLA alleges 'conspiracy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

THE AMRAVATI Police on Saturday visited MLA Ravi Rana's residence at Khar in Mumbai to serve him a bailable warrant issued by the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court. Sources said the warrant was issued this week as the MLA had failed to respond to the notice issued to him by the Bombay High Court. The warrant calls upon Rana to be present before the court on Monday.

Elections for 10 seats of the Maharashtra Legislative Council are to be held on Monday, in which the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance is facing off in a tense electoral battle with the BJP. Rana, an independent legislator, is a known supporter of the BJP.

However, Amravati Police could not serve the warrant as they could not find Rana at his residence. Soon after the visit by the police team, Rana released a video in which he said Amravati Police were in Mumbai to arrest him. "But as I was not present at home, they could not arrest me. This is a conspiracy by the Maha Vikas Aghadi government to ensure that I can't vote for BJP," said Rana.

POCSO CASES

Mumbai top cop: File FIRs unless foul play suspected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

AFTER FACING criticism over a recent circular issued by him pertaining to the registration of First Information Reports (FIRs) of molestation cases and those under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey on Friday issued a revised order directing police officials across the city to immediately register an FIR of molestation or crimes under POCSO Act in cases where they do not suspect any foul play.

In the first week of June, Pandey had issued a circular that mandated prior approval of the Deputy Commissioner of Police before registration of FIRs for each case of molestation as well as those under POCSO Act.

The move had drawn criticism from child rights organisations and was also challenged in court.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
The Dy.CE/BR/L, E.C. Railway, Hajipur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractors with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following works.

Tender Notice No. 01HJP2022-23

Item No. 1, Name of work : Supplying and installation of Automated Water Level gauge with solar power including maintenance and subscription charges for 01 year at Br. No. 10 (39x45.7m) (02 nos. AWL), Br. No. 4 (3x30.5m) in NMA-SRGR section, Br. No. 3 (5x12.2m) in SHC-PRNA section, Br. No. 47 (18x30.5m) in MFP-SMI section, Br. No. 133 (10x30.5m) in JJP-NMA section of SPJ Division & Br. No. 17 (1x33.74+29x125m+1x33.74m) in KGG-MGR section of SEE Division (total 07 Nos. AWL) over E.C. Railway, **Approx. Cost :** Rs. 88,28,801.24, **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 1,76,600.00

Item No. 2, Name of work : Annual subscription charges and Remote site annual maintenance & technical supports and hardware AMC for two years at Br. No. 44, 45, 47 between DHT-KFA, Br. No. 48 between BHB-MNE, Br. No. 01 between SPJ-MKPR stations of SPJ division, Br. No. 2 between GHQ-GHQ, Br. No. 7 between OBR-PPKD stations of DHN division, Br. No. 531 between SEB-DOS stations of MGS division & Br. No. 7DB between HTZ-RJO, Br. No. 7 between PPTA-PHLG stations of DNR division, Br. No. 17 between SBDP-MGR & Br. No. 78 between SEE-HJP stations of SEE division (total 14 nos. AWL at 14 bridges) over E.C. Railway., **Approx. Cost :** Rs. 72,04,781.36, **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 1,44,100.00

● Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender : The tender will be uploaded on 17/06/2022 online on www.irops.gov.in and the date of tender opening is 11.07.2022 and will be opened on the same day after 13.00 hrs.

● Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender can be purchased etc. : Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website : <http://www.irops.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Executive Engineer/Bridge/Line, East Central Railway, Hajipur

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

PROTESTS AGAINST Agnipath, the Centre's new recruitment scheme for the armed forces, continued for the third consecutive day, spreading to states such as Punjab and Kerala that were until now untouched by the violence.

PTI quoted officials as saying that the Railways cancelled 369 trains on Saturday due to the agitation, including 210 mail/express trains and 159 local passenger trains.

Mobs set ablaze Taregana railway station in Bihar during a bandh on Saturday and vandalised Ludhiana railway station in Punjab, as protesters continued to target railway properties on the fourth day of the stir and blocked roads and railway tracks in several states including West Bengal, Haryana, Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh saw pitched protests with instances of arson and stone pelting in several eastern districts. As many as 269 protesters have been arrested over the last two days, with 168 of them booked on charges of breach of peace.

Congress with you, protest peacefully, says Sonia

Party to hold 'satyagraha' in Delhi today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

THE CONGRESS leadership Saturday lent its voice to the clamour for the rollback of Agnipath, with party president Sonia Gandhi Saturday terming the recruitment scheme "directionless".

Appealing the youth to carry out protests in a peaceful and non-violent manner, Sonia, who is undergoing treatment at a private hospital for a lower respiratory tract infection, said she shared the anguish of the youth over the halt in recruitment in the armed forces despite "lakhs of vacancies".

The Congress has also announced that its MPs and other leaders would sit on a "Satyagraha" against the scheme at Jantar Mantar on Sunday.

In a written statement in Hindi, Sonia said: "It is unfortunate that the government has announced a new armed forces' recruitment policy, which is completely directionless, while disregarding your voices. Many Army veterans and defence experts have also raised questions over the scheme. The

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SLEEPER RENEWAL, INSPECTION & DEWATERING WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. KIR/Engg/25 of 2022 Dated: 16-06-2022. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.5, Brief Description of work:** BG TSP(P) of the existing PSC-S sleeper (M+7) density by 60 kg PSC sleeper (M+8) density at Km 149.80 to 150.30, 179.50 to 180.30, 183.30 to 184.00, 184.0 to 186.0, 186.0 to 188.00 (UP line) from Knt 0.30 to 0.90 (DN line) between New Jaipalpur-Malda Town section. (Total = 4.500 Km). **Tender Value:** ₹1,00,23,913.70. **Earnest Money:** ₹2,04,200/- **Tender No.2, Brief Description of work:** Provision of ramp pathway and lights at Singhbad/Radhikapur, Haldibari station near zero point in relation with inspection, observation and checking of passengers and trains during immigration for safety and security at border. **Tender Value:** ₹52,08,824.27/- **Earnest Money:** ₹1,04,200/- **Tender No.3, Brief Description of work:** Dewatering of accumulated water inside RJB under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Bansol Jn. **Tender Value:** ₹16,00,708.09 **Earnest Money:** ₹32,000/- **Tender No.4, Brief Description of work:** Dewatering of accumulated water inside RJB under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Malda Town. **Tender Value:** ₹11,10,298.40 **Earnest Money:** ₹22,200/- **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15.30 hrs. of 05-07-2022 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 05-07-2022. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 05-07-2022 in website www.irops.gov.in

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AGITATION AGAINST AGNIPATH SCHEME SPREAD TO MORE STATES

Protests continue; more than 350 trains cancelled



A bus set ablaze by protesters in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. PTI

In Jaunpur, protesters damaged roadways buses and parked private vehicles in the Lala Bazaar area. Agitators also set fire to a bus and two police motorcycles.

In Telangana, police and protesters clashed in Warangal during the funeral procession of Damira Rakesh, who was killed when police opened fire at protesters at Secunderabad railway station on Friday. On Saturday, protesters tried to diverted the

funeral procession towards Warangal station and clashed with police as they prevented them. Police also detained A Subba Rao, who runs a coaching centre at Guntur to prepare aspirants seeking to join the defence services, on suspicion that he allegedly instigated youths to attack the Secunderabad railway station on Friday.

In Patna and its outskirts, bandh supporters were restrained by police from forcing

shops to down their shutters, but they hurled stones and set fire to Taregana railway station in Masaurhi sub-division and a jeep belonging to the railway police, PTI reported. There was also cross-firing and journalists covering the clash were assaulted.

BJP-ruled Haryana witnessed more trouble as protesters set fire to a vehicle outside Mahendragarh railway station. A protest was also held in Sonipat, where a large number

GURU PRAKASH PASWAN, BJP

‘Scheme good, protests not reflective of entire youth’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 18

KERALA CHIEF MINISTER Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to withdraw the Agnipath Army recruitment scheme.

He said military service was the dream job of the youth. "They execute a unique duty to maintain national security. Hence, the government is duty bound to ensure job security, reservation benefits and other emoluments," he said.

Vijayan said experts in the defence sector had pointed out that the scheme would affect the professionalism of the uniformed job. "The skills gained during the training are meant for long. When such skills gained are used only for a short period, it would affect the national security. The four-year period suggested in the scheme is also a period that has to be used for higher education and gaining other professional skills," he said.

The CM said the Centre should give a convincing answer to all these issues even as dispelling the concerns raised by the youth who had cleared various stages of the military recruitment process. The DYFI, the youth wing of CPI(M), said the outfit would mobilise youths at the national level against the scheme. DYFI national president AA Rahim, in an article in CPI(M) mouthpiece Deshabhimani, said the scheme would churn out thousands of unemployed persons in the country every year.

There are faultlines between



People move to a safer place from flood-affected Solmara village in Nalbari district of Assam on Saturday. Dasarath Deka

Assam flood toll 62, over 30 lakh affected; PM dials Chief Minister to know situation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, JUNE 18

AS ASSAM continued to reel under floods, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Saturday visited several relief camps sheltering the displaced. Earlier in the morning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took stock of the situation, and assured "all possible support" to the state from the Centre. "At 6am today, Hon PM Shri @narendramodiji called me to enquire about #flood situation in #Assam. While expressing his concerns over the hardships being faced by people due to this natural calamity, Hon PM assured all help from Central Govt" tweeted Sarma.

Saturday marked the fifth consecutive day of rains in both the states. In Assam, the Brahmaputra and its tributaries are flowing above the danger level at several places in the state. A release from the Assam

of youths blocked the Rohtak-Panipat national highway.

Punjab witnessed its first day of protests, with youths vandalising railway property at Ludhiana station and a number of protesters gathering at Jalandhar's PAP chowk to protest against the Agneepath scheme.

Demanding rollback of the scheme, protesters, who damaged window panes, ticket counters at Ludhiana station, told police officers who tried to pacify them that it had been nearly two years since the Army recruitment exams were held.

In Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram, around 300 protesters took out a march to Raj Bhavan; in Kozhikode, around 500 youths marched to the railway station. Both protests were peaceful.

In Jammu, Youth Congress workers came out to the streets in support of the protesting Army aspirants, demanding a rollback of the Agnipath scheme.

Inputs from Asad Rehman (Lucknow), Sreenivas Janalya (Hyderabad), Varinder Bhatia (Chandigarh), Divya Goyal (Ludhiana), Anju Agnihotri Chaba (Jalandhar), Shaju Philip (Thiruvananthapuram), and Arun Sharma (Jammu/Pinarayi)



Guru Prakash Paswan

the BJP and JD(U), on various issues... Agnipath is latest.

JD(U) is one of our oldest allies. We fought the 2020 Bihar Assembly elections under Nitish Kumar's leadership and mentorship of PM Narendra Modi. Nitish Kumar would remain CM till the rest of his term. As for differences of opinions and come from different moorings.

Don't you sense unemployed youth's ire reaching a flashpoint now?

One cannot gauge the mood of youth because of protests here and there. We are certainly concerned about youth and they can put up their concerns before the authorities concerned. But these protests are not reflective of mood of entire youth.

—SANTOSH SINGH

Rajasthan resolution seeks rollback

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JUNE 18

THE RAJASTHAN Council of Ministers on Saturday passed a unanimous resolution that the central government must withdraw the newly introduced Agnipath scheme 'keeping in mind the larger public interest and the sentiments of the youth'.

The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by CM Ashok Gehlot on Saturday, said an official statement.

The statement said the Council of Ministers expressed concern over the nationwide protests against the scheme.

"It was discussed in the meeting that many military experts are of the opinion that the Agnipath scheme will neither secure the future of the youths, nor will the country's Army face the challenges with full confidence. Experts say that there should be regular recruitment in the country's Army and along with better training, soldiers

must get all the benefits, so that their future and their family's future can be secured," said the statement.

The statement said that the state government is of the view that the central government should have had a comprehensive discussion with all the stakeholders before introducing any such scheme.

In Saturday's meeting, it was discussed that the whole country takes pride in the Indian Army's glorious history and to maintain its dignity and prestige, it is necessary to have skill, experience and stability in the forces.

"To increase efficiency in the Army, it is crucial to have permanent soldiers instead of short term recruits, so that the country can reap the benefit of their experience. The Army must be equipped with all the resources and must be continuously strengthened," said the statement. It was also discussed that the scheme has created doubts among the youths regarding their future, resulting into protests.

K C TYAGI, JD(U)

‘We ask for relook at scheme, PM should resolve the crisis’

Now that anti-Agnipath protests seem to be peaking, do you demand the withdrawal of this scheme?

There is an urgent need for communication with protesting youths. Second, retired officers of armed forces, youth representatives and government should sit together to review the Agnipath scheme. We are not asking for its withdrawal but a relook at the scheme, given the scale of youth anger.

Do you think rural India would lose significant employment opportunities with the rollout of this short-term scheme?

In UP, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana besides Bihar, armed forces jobs hold biggest attraction. These jobs are somehow related to rural economy. Even though our jawans are paid low salary, yet they send a good portion of their salary back home. In a way, defence jobs are the biggest poverty eradication programme besides giving the soldiers the opportunity to serve



K C Tyagi

the country with passion. I often see the youth doing running practice on the national highways. Sentiments of young job aspirants are surely hurt with the short tenure job that Agnipath offers.

What should be a comprehensive employment model for the NDA govt?

The NDA government has surely taken up several measures but we need to go back to the Gandhian model of cottage industry. Let the small scale and large industries co-exist. Had villages been autonomous and self-sufficient, people would not have migrated from villages. Bihar has immense potential in agro-processing sectors. Likewise, other states can also explore ethnic products.

—SANTOSH SINGH

KARNATAKA PSI EXAM SCAM
Court: Gravity of wrongs more serious than crimes punishable with death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

THE GRAVITY of wrongdoings in the recruitment of police Sub-Inspectors in Karnataka is more serious than the crimes punishable with death or life imprisonment, a Karnataka court has observed.

The Sessions Court in Kalaburagi where the scam was unearthed in April this year made the remarks while rejecting the bail plea of former BJP functionary Divya Hagaragi, one of the key accused in the case.

The CID arrested Hagaragi on April 29 from Maharashtra. Her bail plea and those of others, including a Karnataka State Reserve Police Assistant Commandant Vajjanath Revor who was to provide security but allegedly facilitated the cheating at the exam centre, were rejected by Sessions judge Hemavathi over the last week. "The gravity of the offence and its impact on society at large is to be viewed seriously, the meritorious candi-

dates who took the examination have suffered due to this act of the petitioner and other accused persons," the court said while rejecting the bail plea of Hagaragi.

"It has a great impact on the upliftment of the entire society at large who expect transparency in relation to recruitment for a government job. Of course, none of the offences is punishable with death or imprisonment for life but the gravity of the offence committed by the accused persons is more than that of the offence which is punishable with death or imprisonment for life," the court observed.

The court also rejected Hagaragi's plea to be given special consideration as a woman.

"On perusal of the materials on record at this stage, there is a prima-facie material to show that this petitioner [Hagaragi], along with other accused persons, made the recruitment process system to the post of PSI a commercial transaction, not employment, and they have shaken up the entire recruitment system by malpractice, fraud

and conspiracy," the court said.

In the course of the hearings, state prosecutors told the court that 75 per cent of the 545 candidates selected to be Sub-Inspectors were involved in malpractices. The Karnataka government annulled the results of exam last month after the CID reported large-scale rigging.

The scam surfaced after it was found that one of the selected candidates at Kalaburagi, Veeresh K, who obtained 121 marks in the exam had only answered questions for 31.5 marks in the objective section. Many candidates who were not selected approached the government after the news of the recruitment of a candidate who had answered only 21 questions spread on social media.

A total of 545 candidates were selected in January 2022 from among 54,287 candidates who took the written exam on October 3, 2021 (from a total of 1.5 lakh aspirants). As many as 42 candidates who appeared for the exam have been arrested by the CID so far.

J&K: Off-duty police officer found dead with bullet wound

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 18

THE BODY of a policeman was found in paddy fields in south Kashmir's Pulwama on Saturday morning with police saying that he was shot dead by suspected militants in the area.

Police sources said Farooq Ahmad Mir, a sub-inspector with the J&K Police, left his home for the paddy fields in his native village of Samboora in Pampore on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, the village residents spotted his body in the fields and informed police.

A police team reached the spot and recovered the body. He had a bullet wound on his chest.

"Dead body of Farooq Ahmad Mir of Samboora SI (M) posted in IRP 23 Bn was found in paddy fields near his home. Preliminary investigation reveals that he had left his home for work in his paddy fields yesterday in the evening, where he was shot dead by terrorists using a pistol," J&K Police tweeted.

Why did it take 14 more years to liberate state, asks Goa CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, JUNE 18

CHIEF MINISTER Pramod Sawant Saturday said he was yet to find an answer as to why it took 14 years to liberate Goa from Portuguese even after India achieved Independence in 1947. The CM was speaking at the release of a documentary film on the state's freedom struggle on Goa Revolution Day at the Entertainment Society of Goa in Panaji.

Goa Revolution Day is celebrated on June 18 to commemorate the public meeting held at Margao in 1946, during which freedom fighter Ram Manohar Lohia had given a clarion call for liberation.

"How many freedom fighters from Goa and from the rest of India sacrificed their lives between 1947 and 1961 (the year Goa was liberated)? How many of them embraced martyrdom? That is a question that still comes to my mind and I have still not found an answer to it. I am still looking for an answer," said Sawant.

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

1. Applications are invited for the following posts of Gp 'C' Civilian Defence Employees under HQ Southern Command, under different categories :-

Ser No	Name of Posts	No of Vacs
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(b)	LDC	08
(c)	Cook	01
(d)	MTS (Daftary)	01
(e)	MTS (Messenger)	14
(f)	MTS (Safaiwala)	05
(g)	MTS (Chowkidar)	02

2. Application format and other details are available on www.HQSCrecruitment.com online application are invited from eligible candidates between 20 Jun 2022 to 19 Jul 2022.

3. The selection board has full right to reject application which will be incomplete for requisite documents.

4. The right to shortlist candidates for the test lies with the Selection Board after benchmarking based on percentage in 10/12" class.

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Deve Gowda, Shivakumar ask govt to withdraw textbooks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

FORMER PRIME Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader H D Deve Gowda and state Karnataka Congress chief D K Shivakumar shared the stage on Saturday to participate in a protest called by civil rights groups, writers, and religious seers to seek the withdrawal of new school textbooks introduced by the state government.

The opposition parties, rights groups, writers and seers have accused the BJP government of saffronising school textbooks and casting key social reformers such as Basavanna and Dr B R

Ambedkar in a lesser light in new school books.

Shivakumar ripped a copy of the new textbook and said the government should withdraw the revised textbook or face its downfall.

Deve Gowda said: "A final call has been given to the government (to withdraw the textbooks). D K Shivakumar has shown his anger by tearing the textbook. I would like to request you to keep the Gokak agitation as your guidance. People of the whole state participated (in the agitation)."

"We should not do politics on this issue; we will support any decision you take," the former PM told the audience.

Stating that the Constitution of India should be the Bhagavad Gita, Ramayan, Bible, and Quran of all citizens, Shivakumar said, "Karnataka should be the land of Basavanna, Kanakadasa, Shishunalla Sharif, and Kuvempu. All communities must be taken along. Our thinkers and reformers have all been insulted. No one can tolerate this, cutting across political lines. We have to protect the heritage of the state and that is why we are protesting."

Shivakumar also asked why no one from the right-wing had raised objections if they were not in favour of the textbooks that were revised by the Baragur Ramachandrappa committee under the Congress-led government.

Regional Office, Samastipur : Panchwati Complex, Mohanpur Road, Samastipur (Bihar) Pin-848101

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Union Bank of India, Daudpur Branch, Vill., & PO- Daudpur, Saran-841205 BM Mr. Dilip Kumar Mob. 7889192663	1. M/s Jay Bhawani Hardware, (Prop.- Sri Biresh Kumar Singh) 2. Sri Biresh Kumar Singh, S/o Sri Sitaram Singh, 3. Sri Sitaram Singh, S/o Late Motiraj Singh, All are at Vill.-Sadpur Chhatar, P.S.- Daudpur, Anchal-Manjhi, Dist. Saran- 841205	Rs. 17,80,546.55/- as on 31.05.2022 plus Interest and other Expenses	All that piece and Parcel of land & building in the name of Sri Sitaram Singh, S/o Late Motiraj Singh situated at Mohalla- Dumduma, Daudpur, Saran, bearing land details as under:- Property 1 :Khatra No. 326, Khesra No. 613, Thana No. 154, Tazui No. 4931, Area 1 Kattha. Boundry: N- Rasta then Vandee Bibha Devi, S- Dinanath Mahto, E- Nij, W- Nij & Makaan Property 2: Khatra No. 326, Khesra No. 613, Thana No. 154, Tazui No. 4931, Area 1 Kattha 7 Dhur. Boundry: N- Rasta then Bibha Devi, S- Dinanath Mahto, E- Haricharan Sah & Bibha Devi, W- Sitaram Singh	Rs. 12,23,000.00/- Rs. 1,22,300/- Rs. 10,000.00/-

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**Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran**
Offers e-Auction of
Residential and Commercial Properties in Faridabad and Gurugram Zones And
HSVP Happiness and Food Street Faridabad



On 29th June, 2022

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2.	Union Bank of India, KDKM Branch, Hospital Complex, Road No.-2,Juran Chapra, Muzaffarpur., Bihar-842001 BM : Dharmendra Kumar Mob. 8210895038	1. Sri Jaylal Ray (Borrower) 2. Sri Jaymangal Ray (Co Borrower) Both S/o Sri Ram Vilash Ray, Vill. Shivrhan Chaturbhuj, PO Jhapahan, PS Ahiyapur, Muzaffarpur, Bihar 842004 & 3. Sri Ramesh Ray S/o Sri Ramdeo Ray (Guarantor), House No. 18, Turki Khararu, PS Minapur, Muzaffarpur, Bihar 843165	Rs. 8,54,259.94/- as on 31.03.2022 plus Interest and other Expenses	Property 1 : Land & building in the name of Sri Jaylal Ray S/o Sri Ram Vilash Ray situated at Mauza Sahbazpur Ahiyapur, Dist. Muzaffarpur, Bihar 842004 Bearing land detail as under:- Khatra No. 57, Khesra No. 618, Area 1.25 Decimal. Boundry: N- Sashu Sharan Shahi, S- Nij Man Mokira, E- Hal Khandar Jaymangal Ray, W- Jay Narayan Singh Property 2 : Land & building in the name of Sri Jaymangal Ray S/o Sri Ram Vilash Ray situated at Mauza Sahbazpur Ahiyapur, Dist. Muzaffarpur, Bihar 842004 Bearing land detail as under:- Khatra No. 57, Khesra No. 618, Area 1.25 Decimal. Boundry: N- Sashu Sharan Shahi, S- Renu Sinha, E- Mithlesh Pandey, W- Hal Khandar Jaylal Ray	Rs. 14,50,000.00/- Rs. 1,45,000.00/- Rs. 10,000.00/-

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**MADHYANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LTD.**
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Public Notice
Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (MNVNL) has submitted the Petition for True-up for FY 2020-21, Annual Performance Review for FY 2021-22 and Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2022-23 to the Hon'ble Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC). In this regard, the Hon'ble UPERC is organizing Public Hearing on **22.06.22 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM** through Video Conferencing (VC). All stakeholders who wish to participate in the public hearing are requested to register their details on **email-ID: office@uperc.org**. All stakeholders can participate in public hearing may approach from their Residence, Office or MNVNL Headquarter / Zonal offices.
Information related to registration for Public Hearing is available on MNVNL website <https://www.uperc.org>.
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Warren Buffett

USA

Warren Buffett charity lunch fetches bid of \$19 million

A WEALTHY person has bid a record \$19 million to eat lunch with Warren Buffett, in the 21st and final time that the billionaire businessman auctioned a private lunch to benefit a San Francisco charity. The winning bid at the eBay auction, which ended on Friday, far surpassed the previous record of \$4.57 million paid in 2019 by cryptocurrency entrepreneur Justin Sun. Proceeds benefit Glide, a nonprofit in San Francisco's Tenderloin district that helps the poor, homeless or those battling substance abuse. Glide offers meals, shelter, HIV and hepatitis C tests, job training and children's programmes. This year's winner chose to remain anonymous. **REUTERS**

BANGLADESH

Floods leave many stranded

Dhaka: Army troops were called in to rescue thousands of people stranded by massive floods that have ravaged Bangladesh, leaving millions of homes underwater and severing transport links, authorities said Saturday. Lightning strikes have killed at least 15 people in eight districts in Bangladesh since Friday, and four people were killed in landslides, police said. The flooding in Bangladesh was described by a government expert as potentially the country's worst since 2004. Rain continued on Saturday, with more forecast over the next two days. **AGENCIES**

BRAZIL

Amazon deaths: 3rd suspect held

Brasilia: Brazil's federal police said on Saturday that a third suspect in the deaths of British journalist Dom Phillips and Indigenous expert Bruno Pereira has been arrested. The pair, whose remains were found after they went missing almost two weeks ago, were shot to death, according to an autopsy. Phillips was shot in the chest and Pereira was shot in the head and the abdomen, police said. Police said the third suspect, Jefferson da Silva Lima, known as Pelado da Dinha, turned himself at the police station in Atalaia do Norte in the Amazon. **AP**

Fuel crisis: Govt offices, schools in Lanka to shut down from next week

Healthcare sector to continue work; protests at fuel filling stations across country

PRESSTrust OF INDIA
COLOMBO, JUNE 18

CRISIS-HIT Sri Lankan government has announced a shut-down of public sector offices from next week, beginning Monday, due to severe fuel shortages as the island nation continues to reel under its worst economic crisis.

The Sri Lankan Education Ministry has also asked teachers in all government and government approved private schools in the Colombo city limits to conduct online classes from next week due to prolonged power cuts, the *Daily Mirror* reported.

Consequently, spontaneous protests have been reported at filling stations around the country where consumers have been

Autorickshaws wait in queue for fuel in Colombo. *Reuters*

waiting in long serpentine queues for fuel for hours.

"Taking into consideration the severe limits on fuel supply, the weak public transport system and the difficulty in using

private vehicles this circular allows minimal staff to report to work from Monday," the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry said in a circular issued on Friday. However, those

employed in the healthcare sector will have to continue reporting to work, the circular stated.

The Sri Lankan Education Ministry announced that all government and government approved private schools in the Colombo city limits would remain shut in the next week due to prolonged power cuts, and asked teachers to conduct classes online, the *Daily Mirror* reported.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's Agriculture Minister Mahinda Amaraweera on Saturday was jeered by a group of farmers who protested his visit to an agriculture-related programme in Tissamaharama, forcing him to flee the premises. Upon his arrival, a group of angry locals gathered opposite the local government body and staged a protest, according to web portal newsfirst.lk.

IMF team to visit Colombo next week

Colombo: The IMF has reaffirmed its commitment to help crisis-hit Sri Lanka as a team from the global lender is set to visit Colombo from Monday to continue discussions on a possible bailout programme to support the nation's economic recovery.

"The IMF team is visiting Colombo during June 20-30 to continue discussions on an economic programme that could be supported by an IMF lending arrangement, building on the progress made during the May 9-24 virtual mission," the international lender has said. "We reaffirm our commitment to support Lanka at this difficult time, in line with IMF's policies," it said. Sri Lanka seeks an IMF support facility worth \$4 to 5 billion. **PTI**

VIOLATION TO ATTRACT PUNISHMENT

Pak reels under energy crisis, Karachi markets to shut by 9 pm

PRESSTrust OF INDIA
KARACHI, JUNE 18

THE NIGHTLIFE in Pakistan's biggest city Karachi has been hit with the Sindh province government directing all shopping malls, markets, wedding halls and restaurants to close down early to save fuel and energy.

The move by the provincial government on Friday was aimed to overcome the energy crisis in the country that has also affected Pakistan's economy.

"We are facing an ongoing energy crisis and we need to take measures that might not be popular, but necessary to control the situation," Home Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo said.

Mangnejo said all markets, bazaars, shops and shopping malls would have to close by 9pm, while wedding halls and restaurants have also been instructed to shut down by 10.30 pm.

The official said these measures were being taken to not only reduce wastage of fuel and electricity, but to find a solution to the power outages and load shedding so the shortfall between the demand and supply of electricity could be reduced. Mangnejo said that a notification from the Sindh government

Eatery under fire for using 'Gangubai' scene for promotion

Karachi: A popular restaurant in Karachi city has come under fire after it used a popular scene from Alia Bhatt's "Gangubai" movie to promote a men's day at the eatery. The restaurant, Swings post read: "Swings is calling out all the Raja's out there. Ajao and avail a 25% discount on Men's Monday at Swings!" Facing massive criticism on social media and by its customers, the owners of the restaurant came out with a half-hearted apology which only fired up more criticism. Social media was flooded with criticism of promotional gimmick. **PTI**

also authorised SHOs to register complaints against people who violated the directives. The federal government on Saturday also issued similar instructions for the Punjab province.

WE WILL PREVAIL: ZELENSKY

Ukraine gets possible path to EU seat, aid pledges from Britain

AGENCIES

KYIV, JUNE 18

WITH A blessing for its EU ambitions and a pledge of unwavering support from Britain, Ukraine vowed on Saturday to prevail against Moscow as its troops battled the Russian assault near a pivotal eastern city and communities were pounded by more heavy shelling.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who made a surprise visit to Kyiv on Friday and offered training for Ukrainian forces, on Saturday stressed the need to keep supporting the country and avoid "Ukraine fatigue" after nearly four months of war. "We are with you to give you the strategic endurance that you will need," Johnson said.

At Russia's showpiece economic forum in St. Petersburg on Friday, Putin said Moscow "has nothing against" Ukraine joining the EU, because it "isn't a military organization, a political organization like NATO."

On the battlefields, the industrial city of Sievierodonetsk was under heavy artillery and rocket fire as the Russian forces attacked areas outside the city.

EXPLAINED
What happens with Kyiv's application

CURRENTLY, THE European Commission has only recommended that Ukraine (and Moldova) be granted candidate status. This recommendation will be discussed by the EU's 27 member states during a summit that will be held in Brussels on June 23-24. For Ukraine's bid to move forward, the bloc will have to agree that Ukraine has met the Copenhagen Criteria.

the Ukrainian military said on Saturday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose defiance has inspired Ukrainians and won him global respect, said on Saturday he had visited soldiers on the southern front line in the Mykolaiv region "Our brave men and women. Each one of them is working flat out," he said on his official Telegram account. "We will definitely hold out! We will definitely win!"

People arriving in UK on boats will be electronically tagged

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, JUNE 18

The UK government is to launch a 12-month pilot scheme that will involve some illegal migrants seeking asylum in the country being electronically tagged to keep track of their movements, it emerged on Saturday.

British PM Boris Johnson defended the plans as he said it was essential that people who arrived through dangerous routes on small boats and hidden in lorries could not simply "vanish".

Documents linked to the UK Home Office proposals suggest

that the government wants to obtain data on how frequently asylum seekers abscond. "This is a very, very generous welcoming country. Quite right too. I am proud of it, but when people come here illegally, when they break the law, it is important that we make that distinction," Johnson said.

"That is what we are doing with our Rwanda policy. That is what we are doing to make sure that asylum seekers can't just vanish into the rest of the country," he said. The scheme, which has come at an initial cost of GBP 120 million, would discourage traffickers from facilitating dangerous crossings in unsafe boats. **PTI**



SOARING COSTS SPARK PROTESTS IN LONDON

Thousands of people marched through central London on Saturday in a protest over the soaring cost of living in Britain. Huge crowds flooded into the British capital for the rally to demand the government do more to help people faced with bills and other expenses that are rising more quickly than their wages. *Reuters*

Israel responds to rocket attack from Gaza

Jerusalem: Palestinian militants fired a rocket into southern Israel early Saturday, shattering a two-month lull in violence at the Gaza-Israel border. The Israeli military said aerial defence systems intercepted the projectile, which activated warning sirens in the southern coastal city of Ashkelon. There were no reports of casualties.

Hours later, Israeli aircraft carried out a series of airstrikes on four military sites for Hamas, the militant group that rules Gaza. Videos showed plumes of smoke and fire rising from the targeted camps in central and northern Gaza Strip. No Palestinian group claimed responsibility for the rocket fire but the Israeli military blamed Hamas. An Israeli raid in the West Bank early Friday, in which three Palestinian militants were killed and eight injured, could have triggered the attack from Gaza. **AP**

TikTok star, political chameleon, runs for Colombia's presidency

JULIE TURKEWITZ

BUCARAMANGA, JUNE 18

AS MAYOR, he called himself "the king," punched a councilman who offended him and told a city employee pushing him to follow the rules that he would wipe his own buttocks with the law.

Rodolfo Hernández, a 77-year-old businessman and former mayor, has emerged as Colombia's most disruptive presidential candidate in decades, electrifying voters with a single-issue "drain the swamp" message amplified by a team of social media wizards who have made him a TikTok star, allowing him to circumvent the trappings of conventional campaigns.

He is one of two remaining candidates in Sunday's election for president of the third-largest nation in Latin America, with the winner taking control at a pivotal moment in the country's history.

The Colombian presidential candidate Rodolfo Hernández during a campaign. *NYT*

"What the Colombian people really want is to rescue the entire public administration from the clutches of politicians," he told *The New York Times*. "I embody that."

The Donald Trump-like figure was dismissive of his tendency to offend, including calling Venezuelan women a "factory for making poor children" and declaring himself a follower of the "great German thinker" Adolf Hitler. "I say what

I feel," Hernández said. "I'm not interested in the aftereffect."

Still, he has clarified that he meant to say Albert Einstein.

As a candidate, Hernández has promoted himself as a paragon of democracy, a successful businessman who makes good on promises and cares for poor. In May, he achieved a surprising second-place finish in the first round of voting, beating out Federico Gutiérrez, a former big city mayor backed by the conservative elite. Hernández faces Gustavo Petro, a former rebel and longtime senator who is hoping to become Colombia's first leftist president.

Hernández has proposed "total austerity" and says he will declare a state of emergency to tackle corruption, prompting fears that he could shut down Congress or suspend local officials. "We will do everything by reason and law," Hernández promised. "Nothing by force." **NYT**

A memorial at Robb Elementary School. *AP*

Deputy: Officers had chance to shoot Uvalde school gunman

ASSOCIATED PRESS
UVALDE, JUNE 18

TWO UVALDE city police officers passed up a fleeting chance to shoot a gunman outside Robb Elementary School before he went on to kill 21 people inside the school, a senior sheriff's deputy told *The New York Times*. That would mean a second missed opportunity for officers to stop Salvador Ramos before the May 24 rampage inside the school that killed 19 children and two teachers. Officials said a school district police drove past Ramos without seeing him in the school parking lot.

The unidentified officers, one of whom was armed with an AR-15-style rifle, said they feared hitting kids playing in the line of fire outside the school. Chief Deputy Ricardo Rios of nearby Zavala County told the newspaper.

The officers' chance of stopping Ramos passed quickly, perhaps in seconds, Rios said. Messages from *AP* to Rios and the Zavala County Sheriff's Office have not been returned. The Zavala County sheriff's officials responded to the shooting in support of Uvalde and Uvalde County officers. Rios said he had shared the information with a special Test House committee investigating the massacre.

"Took a little bit longer than we initially had expected," state Rep. Dustin Burrows said.

SERIES LIKE 'BATMAN: THE LONG HALLOWEEN' INFLUENCED BIG-SCREEN IMAGES OF THE HERO

Tim Sale, comic book artist who reimagined Batman series, dies at 66

GEORGE GENE GUSTINES
JUNE 18

TIM SALE, an award-winning comic book artist best known for his work on the DC Comics characters Batman and Superman and for influencing depictions of the Caped Crusader in numerous films, died Thursday in Seattle. He was 66.

His death, in a hospital, was caused by kidney failure, said Richard Starkings, a friend and colleague. Many of Sale's most notable series were collaborations with writer Jeph Loeb, a partnership that began in 1991. Together they told the story of Batman in "The Long Halloween,"

a murder mystery set during the hero's early days, as Gotham City was overrun with mobsters and supervillains. The team also explored Clark Kent and his evolution from farm boy to superhero in "Superman for All Seasons."

Those two stories alone showed Sale's visual range.

The Batman adventure was moody, filled with eerie, stark shadows that heightened the creepiness of villains like Calendar Man, Joker and Scarecrow.

The Superman tale evoked Norman Rockwell paintings of idyllic times, with the title character enjoying tranquil moments with a childhood sweetheart, his dog and his adoptive parents.

"Tim Sale was an amazing



Tim Sale died of kidney failure

artist, draftsman and storyteller," Jim Lee, the chief creative officer and publisher of DC Comics, wrote in an Instagram post. "Beyond the taut chiaroscuro style which became his trademark. Tim clearly put a premium on storytelling, clarity and pacing — cherishing emotion above all. His stories were beautifully visceral, nuanced and evinced deep humanity. Tim simply had no use for surface banality."

Batman joins forces with two other Gotham City crimefighters in the scene from 'The Long Halloween.' *NYT*

Filmmakers Christopher Nolan and Matt Reeves, both of whom directed "Batman" films, have cited "The Long Halloween" as an inspiration. In an interview with the website *World of Batman*, Christian Bale, who played the character, discussed the influence of "The Long Halloween" and a sequel, "Dark Victory." They had "some really fantastic imagery," he said, "and I would kind of imitate those positions."

In an interview, Loeb said: "Tim was more interested in capturing the small moments. When people traditionally think about comics, it is biff-bam-boom. He could draw the biff-bam-boom, but it was the quiet moments that made it extraordinary."

Timothy Roger Sale was born in Ithaca, New York, on May 1, 1956, and grew up in Seattle. His father, Roger Sale, was a literary critic. His mother, Dorothy (Young) Sale, was a feminist political activist. He is survived by his mother; his sister, Maggie Sale; and his partner, Susan Bailey.

Sale studied at the University of Washington and the School of Visual Arts in New York City, but did not graduate from either. "He really wasn't built for that," said Maggie Sale, his sister. But he did complete the John Buscema Art School, which was advertised in the pages of Marvel Comics and held in a New York City hotel for a short time in the 1970s. **NYT**





(From left) Kutupalong Refugee Camp in Cox's Bazar; more than half the Rohingya population in Bangladesh are children and adolescents below the age of 17; the Rohingya receive aid and support from a large number of international organisations

FROM THE 40-foot-high watch tower at the highest point of the winding, up-and-down mud-and-brick road, the shantytown is seen stretching in all directions, until it fades into the monsoon mist. Tin and bamboo huts, some of them lined with blue or grey plastic sheets, cling to red mud hillsides, along with clusters of trees, palms and shrubbery.

The lanes radiating from the main road are numbered, with UNHCR and Bangladesh government signs, and the names of international aid organisations and humanitarian nonprofits.

This is Kutupalong in the Ukhiya *upazila* of Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar district, the world's largest refugee camp. Here, a million of perhaps the world's most unwanted people live cheek by jowl on a little more than 6,000 acres — 24 sq km — of denuded forest in which elephants roamed until recently.

Starting late August 2017, more than 700,000 Rohingya, an indigenous Muslim ethnic minority living mainly in Myanmar's southwestern Rakhine state, fled as the country's military launched a campaign of terror against the community, including torture, gangrape, mass executions, and the razing of hundreds of Rohingyas villages.

The vast majority came to Bangladesh, landing on the white sand beaches of Cox's Bazar, or crossing the Naf river into the country. A UN fact-finding mission concluded in 2018 that the reasons for the exodus included crimes against humanity, and accused the Myanmar military of "genocidal intent".

The Rohingyas have suffered systematic discrimination, disenfranchisement, and targeted persecution for decades — and small and large groups have been coming to Bangladesh from at least the 1970s following violence in Rakhine. Before 2017 — when the Myanmar military unleashed a brutal response to alleged attacks by a group called the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army — waves of Rohingyas had come to Bangladesh in 1978, 1992, 2012, and 2016.

As several thousand refugees, whom the Bangladesh government calls Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs), arrived on August 25, 2017 — and kept coming for weeks afterward — the Kutupalong camp underwent dramatic expansion.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the Rohingyas reminded her of the plight of her own family and people during the 1971 war of liberation when India had opened its doors to them. If Bangladesh could feed 160 million of its own people, it could also share its meals with the helpless victims of war crimes committed next door, she said.

That was almost five years ago. There have been no fresh arrivals of Rohingyas for many months now. But there has been very little progress in repatriating those who are already in Bangladesh.

In the camps, peace, the absence of violent persecution, and the assurance of food and medical care of the kind that many Rohingyas had never enjoyed earlier, have led to a sharp increase in their population. As the world has shifted its attention to crises in Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia, the Rohingyas are no longer discussed as frequently or with as much urgency. And Bangladesh, at last tiring under the burden of its own generosity, is beginning to worry.

According to UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency, there were 926,486 registered Rohingyas refugees in Bangladesh as of May 31 this year. More than 780,000 live in the Kutupalong camp and a few smaller camps in Ukhiya; another 116,000 are at the Nayapara and nearby camps in Teknaf *upazila* to the south. More than 26,000 have been transferred to Bhasan Char, a 40-sq-km island that emerged from the Bay of Bengal near the mouth of the Meghna river in 2006.

Bangladeshi officials say the actual numbers are bigger — at least 1.1 million FDMNs live in the Kutupalong camp alone. Some 35,000 new births are registered every year in the camps, they say, but the

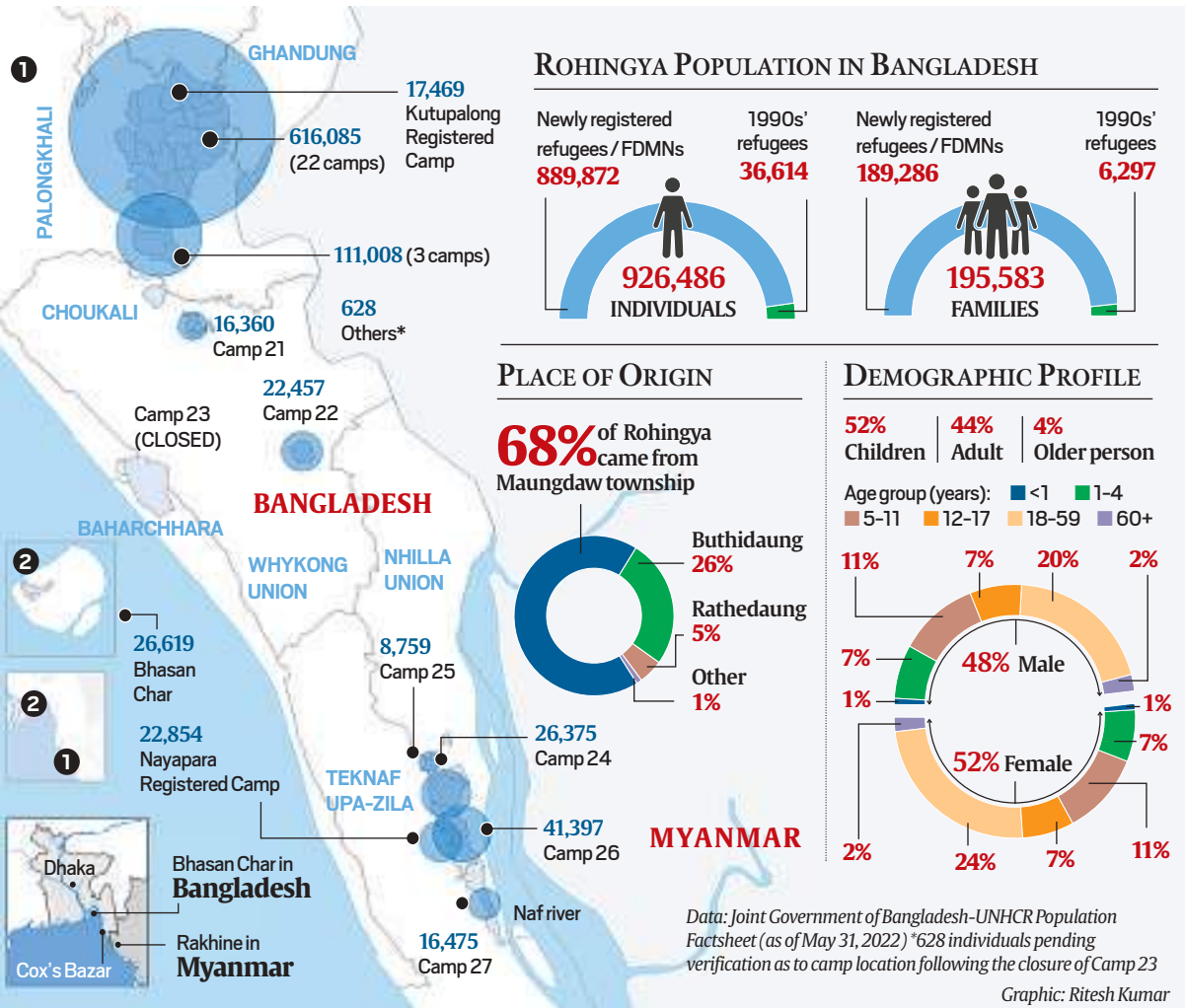
Fishing sampans on Cox's Bazar beach this week. It is on boats like these that many Rohingyas arrived in Bangladesh

Photos: Monojit Majumdar



BANGLADESH'S ROHINGYA PROBLEM

Five years after Bangladesh took in hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas driven out of Myanmar, the refugee population is exploding — with serious security implications. Bangladesh warns that the consequences of potential crime and extremism will not leave India untouched. MONOJIT MAJUMDAR reports from Kutupalong in Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp



number of babies born would reach closer to 60,000 if unregistered births are counted as well. This massive population is putting an enormous burden on resources and the environment, besides creating conditions for criminal activity and friction in local society, senior Bangladeshi officials said.

"The annual rate of growth of population in Bangladesh is 1%, while the population of the Rohingyas is growing at 6 or 7 per cent. Over the last five years, more than 70,000 pregnant women have come from Myanmar, and more than 200,000 children have been born in the camps here," said Dr Hasan Mahmud, the Information and Broadcasting Minister of Bangladesh.

"These numbers are over and above the 2 or 2.5 lakh Rohingyas that were already living in this country before 2017," he said.

More than half the registered population of the camps is aged 17 or younger, according to a fact sheet published jointly by the Bangladesh government and UNHCR. Sixteen per cent — almost 150,000 — are children younger than 4, and were born in Bangladesh. Another 36% — more than 330,000 — are children and teens between the ages of 5 and 17. The average family size in the camps is 4.7, and close to 7 in 10 families have between 4 and 9 members each. (See chart)

This rapidly growing reservoir of state-

less, deracinated Rohingyas carries serious social and security implications not just for Bangladesh but also for India, especially its sensitive Northeast, several Bangladeshi officials and security experts said.

"Crime such as kidnapping for ransom, petty theft, and dacoity are increasing. Cox's Bazar occupies a key location on the Bay of Bengal, and some Rohingyas have been found to be involved in the trade of drugs — mainly *ya ba*, a combination of methamphetamine and caffeine whose name means 'crazy medicine' in Thai — and the trafficking of humans," said Commodore Mohammed Nurul Absar, a retired naval officer who is now chairman of the strategic affairs think tank Central Foundation for International and Strategic Studies.

"We also cannot rule out the rise of extremism in the camps in the future. The Rohingyas often have little education, and many are angry and desperate, and vulnerable to radical Islamist ideology," Absar said.

Minister Mahmud said while the Hasina government was taking all required security steps, a million or more people packed in the camps did present a major concern. "Already they are involved in criminal ac-

tivities," he said. "It (the camps) can become a breeding ground for fanaticism, and a recruiting ground for extremist groups."

Dr Ashikur Rahman, Senior Economist at the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh in Dhaka, said the world is yet to fully fathom the economic costs and political risks of the lack of progress on the repatriation of the Rohingyas to Myanmar.

"Even as the commitment of aid to the Rohingyas refugees dwindles in the foreseeable future, it will take perhaps more than a billion dollars annually just to ensure their basic livelihood. Given the increasing demographic pressure (in the camps), I don't see the economic burden of this crisis being eased anytime soon," Rahman said.

With more than 10 million Ukrainians facing displacement due to the war with Russia, the world's political elite were unlikely to give the Rohingyas any more attention than earlier, Rahman said. "As a result, this refugee crisis is here to stay — and the challenge for local and national policymakers is to ensure that it does not

"If India could persuade Myanmar to take the Rohingyas back, it would be of help. But the biggest role has to be played by China, which I believe has a good relationship with the military junta. They should do it. We have said this to the Chinese as well."

DR HASAN MAHMUD, I&B MINISTER OF BANGLADESH

VOICES IN THE CAMP

MOHAMMAD AMIN, 48
I was a teacher in a madrasa in Myanmar. One day, soldiers came to my village and took me

away to a coolie camp. They beat me continuously for a week. One day I managed to escape by boat to Bangladesh. There were 100 villages in our area, all have been burnt. There is no one there any more, all are here.

MOHAMMAD NOOR, 30
The atrocities started in 1978, in 1982 the government brought a law to

cancel our citizenship, and after 1989, constituted a special force to drive us out of the country, especially targeting areas with 85% or more Muslims. We came to Bangladesh because we could have gone nowhere else.

NURUL AMIN/WIN NAING
I used to work for a humanitarian NGO, Norwegian Refugee Council, in Maungdaw in

Rakhine. My elder brother, a headmaster in a government school, was killed by the Myanmar army in front of our eyes. I fled in a row boat and arrived at the Bangladeshi island of Shah Porir Dwip. My family came separately.

now blow out into a political crisis."

This could happen in two possible ways, Rahman said. As bitterness among the host population increases, local political actors could seek to reap the tension — hurting, among other things, the tourism potential of Cox's Bazar. And the Rohingyas, given their contacts across the border, could potentially become conduits in the drug trade of Southeast Asia.

"We must anticipate and prevent this problem, rather than react to it," Rahman said. "Bangladesh is stuck between a rock and a hard place with no easy way forward."

Absar too flagged the destabilising potential of conflict between the local community and the refugees. "Many Rohingyas are willing to accept very low wages, undercutting the competition for work. They are supported by the international community and NGOs, and they sometimes have more cash in hand to spend, triggering resentment in the local people," he said.

The Palongkhali forest is the habitat of the endangered Asiatic elephant, Absar said. "Many species of wild animals were displaced once the camp came up. The environmental degradation is huge." Several incidents of fire and human-animal conflict have been reported in the camps.

Agencies like the World Bank and UNHCR acknowledge the concerns around both the environment and the potential for conflict with the local population.

The Bangladeshi-led 2022 Joint Response Plan of the UNHCR launched in late March this year sought more than \$881 million to support 1.4 million people, including around 540,000 Bangladeshis living in communities around the camps.

At the end of March 2020, the World Bank had announced a \$350 million grant for the needs of both the Rohingyas and the host communities. In 2018, the Bank announced a project to restore trees in 19,925 hectares in Cox's Bazar, besides sustainably improving the availability of wood for fuel and reducing human-wild elephant conflict.

Most refugees in Kutupalong say they want to go back to Rakhine, provided the international community can ensure their safety. Bangladeshi officials and analysts, speaking on the record and off, aren't so sure.

"It is my prudent apprehension that the Rohingyas crisis will stay with us for the long haul, and I do not see any meaningful repatriation happening in the next five years," Rahman, the economist, said. A senior officer in the Bangladeshi security establishment put it less delicately: "No Rohingyas is about to go back. Because if they go back, they will face the same violence and persecution that they fled in the first place." Another officer said: "Look at their options. They get aid and rations here. They are stateless anyway, and at least their lives aren't in danger here."

And yet, Bangladeshi officials say, there is no alternative to full repatriation. The government in Nay Pyi Taw failed to honour an arrangement signed in November 2017 under which 1,500 Rohingyas would have returned each week, completing the process within a couple of years. On February 28, 2019, Bangladesh, fed up with the "hollow promises" of Myanmar, told the UN that it would not accept any more displaced people.

"Not a single Rohingyas has volunteered to return to Rakhine due to the absence of conducive environment there," then Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque said. "Is Bangladesh paying the price for being responsive and responsible in showing empathy to a persecuted minority...?"

The frustration has only grown since then. India, and more importantly China, must persuade the Myanmar junta to take back the Rohingyas, Minister Mahmud said.

"We gave the Rohingyas shelter, acting as a responsible member of the international community. Now the international community must stand beside both Bangladesh and the helpless Rohingyas. If not resolved, this will not remain the problem only of Bangladesh, this will be the problem of the region, the problem of the world," Absar, the retired naval officer, said.

The Rohingyas issue has been the cause of tensions between India and Bangladesh in the past, and continues to carry that potential. Dhaka sees New Delhi as passing to it the entire burden of dealing with the Rohingyas. Additionally, crackdowns on a few thousand Rohingyas who have managed to enter India has forced some of them to flee to Bangladesh.

"That is not good," said the senior Bangladeshi security official. "Pushing anyone to the wall makes them even more desperate."

(The Indian Express was a guest of the Government of Bangladesh)

Across
THE AISLE



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Jobs should have been the singular focus of the Modi government. It was not; it wasted 8 years. It used its social and political capital to divide the people of India

THE GOVERNMENT has flattered me by reading my column (*The Indian Express*, February 20, 2022). Finally waking up to the reality of soaring unemployment, it has announced that 10 lakh persons will be recruited to posts under the central government. Save a few exceptions, every family is affected by the *lack* of jobs. Add to that the *loss* of jobs. Especially after the pandemic-hit year (2020-21) and the indifferent recovery year (2021-22), unemployment is the biggest economic challenge faced by India.

In the run-up to the LS elections 2014, Mr Narendra Modi, the BJP's candidate for prime minister, made the lofty promise that he would create 2 crore jobs a year. There were sceptics, but their voices were drowned by the drumbeats of the *bhaktis* (believers). The *bhaktis* swallowed every promise including the mind-boggling promise that 'black money stashed abroad will be brought back and Rs 15 lakh credited to the account of every Indian'. I doubt if any one did the math.

After the new government took office, all talk ceased about creating 2 crore jobs a year or crediting every Indian's bank account with Rs 15 lakh. The people were unusually forgiving! The government got busy in refurbishing and renaming the UPA schemes and claiming them to be its own. The MGNREGA scheme that provided 'last resort' jobs to the poor — that was lampooned by Mr Modi — was retained because the government could not invent an alternative scheme.

More minus than plus in jobs

BAD TO WORSE

The situation on unemployment has only got worse. There are two universally-used metrics: the first is the Total Labour Force and the second is the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR). The total labour force in India is 430 million. The LFPR is the proportion of the total labour force that is currently employed or looking for employment. That percentage was 42.13 per cent in May 2022 (source: CMIE). It is one of the worst in the world (US: 63 per cent). The CMIE concluded that "millions left the labour markets and they even stopped looking for employment, possibly too disappointed with their failure to get a job and under the belief that there were no jobs available."

The following data is revealing:

Share of Households with	Percentage
no employed person	7.8
one employed person	68.0
two or more employed persons	24.2

Besides, only 20 per cent have salaried jobs, 50 per cent are self-employed and the rest are daily wage labour. In June 2021, according to CMIE's Consumer Pyramids Household Survey, the median household monthly income was Rs 15,000 and the consumption expenditure was Rs 11,000. In such a precarious labour market, when the sole employed person in a family lost his/her job — as it happened in the pandemic-

hit year — that family invariably fell into distress and poverty. The poorest were the worst hit. Data show that malnutrition and hunger have increased.

In the 8 years since 2014, millions of jobs were lost, few jobs were created, the LFPR declined and unemployment increased. We cried hoarse, but the government did not pay heed. It took refuge in dubious statistics. At one point, even 'selling pakoras' was touted as a job!

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

I had written in the February 20, 2022 column that "jobs are hidden in plain sight"! According to government documents, there are 34,65,000 sanctioned posts in government. As of March 2020, there were 8,72,243 vacancies out of which 7,56,146 were in Group C (source: *The Hindu*). Every section is affected, but none more than the SCs and STs. If 10 lakh persons will be recruited in the next 18 months, that is a good beginning, but the *net addition* to the jobs already identified will be 10,00,000 minus 8,72,243 or only 1,27,757.

The government has to do much more. There are millions of jobs that have to be 'identified' or 'discovered' or 'created' such as teachers, researchers, librarians, sports coaches, trainers, physiotherapists, counselors, doctors, nurses, para-medics, lab technicians, sanitation and conservancy workers, city planners, architects, agricultural extension officers,

food processors, veterinarians, fishers, etc.

These are 'essential' jobs in a developing country. Government seems unaware of these opportunities.

JOBS OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT

The bulk of the jobs are outside government. They are in the private sector, especially in areas that have not been explored fully like the oceans, rivers and waterbodies and dry-land agriculture. There is a huge population that has multiple needs that are not satisfied. Fulfilling those needs, even partially, will create millions of jobs. Take personal transport: 24.7 per cent of households do not own a car or a motorbike or a cycle. Or consider household goods: in a tropical country, only 24 per cent of households own an air conditioner or air cooler. Just providing these essential goods at affordable prices to millions of households will vastly expand the country's manufacturing capacity, create thousands of jobs and make life happier.

Jobs should have been the singular focus of the Modi government. It was not; it wasted 8 years. It used its social and political capital to divide the people of India. Thanks to wrong policies, a divided India also suffered economically. 10 lakh government jobs will not heal the wounds or repair the damage to the economy. It is too little and too late.

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SUSPECT CHOICE

Some suspect that the BJP's surprise decision to field Ghanshyam Lodhi, and not Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, as its candidate for the Rampur Lok Sabha by-election is part of a secret understanding with former Rampur MP Azam Khan. Khan, the SP politician who resigned his parliamentary seat after winning the Rampur Assembly constituency from jail, was last month granted bail by the Supreme Court in 81 cases filed against him by the Yogi government. The Central government's rejoinder to the bail application filed by Kapil Sibal was rather weak. Lodhi, a former SP MLC, is a close associate of Khan and used to describe himself as his "Hanuman". While Khan was in jail, Akhilesh Yadav never bothered to visit him. But after his release, Akhilesh sent a blank candidate's form and asked Khan to fill out the name of his choice to contest in his place. Akhilesh expected that Khan would nominate his wife. Instead Khan waited till the very last moment before filling out the name of Asim Raza, Rampur city president, considered a lack-lustre candidate.

DIPLOMATIC DIVISIONS

NSA Ajit Doval, rather than the MEA, was successful in mollifying the feelings of Iranians upset over Nupur Sharma's verbal missile. During the Iranian Foreign Minister's recent visit to India, Doval reportedly assured the minister that "anyone who speaks like this will be taught a lesson". While the Iranians reported the former police officer's remark approvingly, the NSA neither confirmed nor denied the conversation. The MEA did not divulge details of the meeting but contradicted reports that any threat had been made to Nupur by pointing out that Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had removed the purported remark from its official website. But the statement remains on the Iranian official news agency website.

SEETHING CM

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's constant contradictions of BJP policy is a deliberate strategy. Recently, he scoffed at Amit Shah's statement that history needed to be rewritten, remarking caustically, "How can anyone change history?" Nitish's message is clear: the BJP can attempt to marginalise

its alliance partner at its peril. When two senior BJP ministers sought to meet Nitish, he sent word that he was busy, indicating that he would only talk at the Amit Shah level. Nitish knows the numbers favour him. Whomsoever he aligns with gets a majority in the assembly. One conjecture is that Nitish hopes to strike a deal with Tejashwi Yadav as part of which Nitish will continue as chief minister till the 2024 election, after which he will step down to make way for Lalu Prasad's son.

A DISPUTED POLL

While the buzz is that is Kiran Chaudhary was the second Congress MLA, along with Kuldip Bishnoi, who allegedly sabotaged Ajay Maken's chances of election to Rajya Sabha, she has denied it vehemently. Banshi Lal's feisty daughter-in-law, like many Haryana Congress MLAs, was infuriated by the appointment of Hooda's lieutenant as state party president in place of the affable and popular Kumar Selja, but that doesn't mean she turned dissident. The cancelled ballot paper had a tick on the candidate's name instead of the stipulated vertical line and Chaudhary, a seasoned veteran, who has voted in six previous Rajya Sabha polls, would not normally have made such an obvious glaring mistake. Chaudhary's argument is that the ballot paper is secret so how could anyone claim to have seen it? Incidentally, the winner, media owner Kartikeya Sharma, is related by marriage to Ajay Maken and the joke making the round about the victory he stole from Maken inevitably centred around "Maken chor". Priyanka Vadra is doubly annoyed with the Hoodas. Not only did they assure the Gandhis that Maken would win easily, but Deependra Hooda, after three-fourths of the ballots were counted, came out of the counting centre to announce triumphantly that the Congress had won, resulting in the first false news flashes.

LEFT HIGH AND DRY

Ever since the government indirectly took charge of the management of Delhi's Gymkhana Club, things have gone to pot. The unkindest cut of all was a letter last week from the present nominated six-member general committee declaring that all spouses of deceased members will not be entitled to use the club facilities from July 1. The numerous elderly spouses of deceased members have been using the club as their second home for years and are totally dependent on the club's take-away food facilities. Disbarring the widows, who hold legitimate spouse cards, is in contravention of the club's articles of association.

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Why Ukraine doesn't figure in our classroom

WAR IS cruelty. War is trauma. War is unnecessary. Yet, it is 2022 and war is still the foremost thing on our minds and on our screens. A quick Google search on the Russia-Ukraine war reveals eight or nine articles on its "latest" updates. However, there is only one article on the war crimes in Ukraine. Therein lies the problem.

We cannot do away with the fact that innocent and civilian lives, upon whom war was imposed, are being lost. Between Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelenskyy, there are children living and learning in Ukraine, children who are registering the kind of things which, in an ideal world, they should not have had to.

But does that really bother us? Had most people even heard of Ukraine before this armed conflict? Have we become so inured to violence that it doesn't faze us as long as it isn't happening in our own backyard? Does it bother us even then?

With reports of instances of violence, assault, rape, death, summary execution and looting of civilian property coming in from Ukraine, is the wider society and the educational system, both in India as well as Ukraine, equipped to handle the conversations, the trauma, and the process of healing? Should it be the responsibility of teachers and educators to talk about the effects and consequences of war?

Between the two of us, we have been educators for the past many years, teaching History, Political Science and Mathematics in schools in Delhi, and have always been surprised and saddened by the lack of compassion and empathy that is endemic to the way we teach.

Not only do we not understand our teenagers, we also do not understand what exactly we need to be teaching them. Whenever I teach Nazism and the Holocaust, for example, I always need to take extra efforts to bring home the unspeakable horror and dehumanising aspect of war and Fascism.

The prescribed textbooks are insufficient and lack any discussion on humanitarian aspects. Once my class is over, the students immediately go back to their games, gabfests and general apathy.

My angst is thus the result of realising the flaws in the way I was taught, as well as in the way I am forced to teach. It might also make sense if parents and others



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close to the students broach these subjects to the students and engage in meaningful discussions with them.

By not doing that, we are deliberately ill-equipping students as the decision makers of tomorrow. In the unforeseen future, they may not be able to understand their own pain, much less empathise with the pain of others.

Today's children of Ukraine will one day become officers, leaders, educators, sportspeople, international journalists, environmentalists, but we do not really know the ways in which this trauma is going to affect them, the situation becoming even more complicated if they have lost a parent in the war.

And the news is woefully inadequate to deal with the issue at hand. All it does is report the war to offer political insights.

During this war, there is absolutely no remedy that is provided to the sufferers, no discussion on its visceral impact on human rights, and no ethical responsibility that is shouldered by the political war mongers.

But we are not political analysts. We are artists and educators. As educators, we feel and know that the education system is engendering apathy by omitting empathy from the curriculum. They are not im-

parting the sensitivity and wisdom to students — a requirement to recover from such senseless tragedy.

In India, 'democracy' and 'fascism' are part of the national curriculum but students are tested only on the facts and meanings of the terms. The toll that the so-called democracy and fascism are taking on human beings around the world are not discussed.

If the conventional education system is failing, I believe that artists — visual and performing — need to shoulder the responsibility and shake the complacency of the general populace.

However, the artists are also a neglected community. More often than not, they lack even the essential resources to bring about the necessary social change to which they have selflessly devoted their lives.

Hence, artists need to join hands with philanthropists and take up bold initiatives that will get the immediate attention of decision makers. Art will not only provide a very important distraction from the immediate, it will also give recognition to the faceless masses who are tortured by the inhumanity of life.

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WHEN BILL GATES stepped down from the Microsoft board in 2020 to pursue philanthropy, people conveniently forgot the allegations of his intimacy with a former employee that might have prompted such a move. And by the time Jack Dorsey decided to step down from Twitter in his 40s, people believed his higher love and calling, seeing a greater purpose behind his flowing beard, ice baths and once-a-day meals. Yet when Sheryl Sandberg, considered the tech goddess and as much a doughty maker of Meta as Mark Zuckerberg, stepped down from her pedestal, all hell broke loose.

While her predecessors were hailed as change-makers, she was denounced as a

If you can lean in, you can lean out too

mid-life maniac. Her sin? Choosing "to write the next chapter of her life", prioritising family life and pursuing women-oriented philanthropy. For all her clarity of thought at 52, daring to make the next half of her life count in different ways, she wasn't considered either noble like Gates or the sexy mystic like Dorsey. All she faced was one big question — "Why now?" — with attendant conspiracy theories. Unfortunately Sandberg, for all the glass ceilings she had shattered throughout her life, had all the broken shards headed her way.

Was she escaping controversies like Cambridge Analytica, unethical data leaks and biased politics? Grave charges indeed. Does anybody stop to think that she might have felt choked enough by the toxicity of it all and decided to step outside than stay inside? Why doesn't anybody consider that she made millions

during her tenure and is resourceful enough to start anything she wants?

Most surprising was the attack on her by her own kind, the women whom she addressed through her charitable foundation, Lean In, that aims to see women in 50 per cent of the positions in company boards and 50 per cent in the workforce. For someone who had been righteous about working mothers not giving up, they simply accused her of betraying the feminist cause, trading her hard-won position for personal comfort and being hypocritical about continuing to work for women's causes.

In a moment, Sandberg was seen as trivialising the criticality of her mission. And by foregoing her role-model position, she was seen as supreme traitor to the cause and reinforcing stereotypes of women not having it in them to go the whole hog. In an instant, people had turned her change-making mo-

ment into one of abandonment. Some even bad-mouthed her "Lean In" initiative as just a glossy handout of what male techpreneurs were already doing, seizing the leadership of a digital world that was completely wired out of real issues.

Yet Sandberg embodies nothing but the real issues. It matters little that a widowed woman at 52 also has the right to be happy and is simply taking some time off to reboot, steady her new ship, blending "her extended family of five children (fiance Tom Bernthal's children and her two teenagers). Since when were working women anti-family or another species? Most middling women treat the 50s as an age of reconciliation, happy to let their professional confidence override their competitive hunger, at ease with letting their children go their way, and keen on winding down than starting up all over again.

Sandberg has shown us that she has the courage to unlearn and relearn. For all talk of Lean In being about women of privilege, the foundation is equally devoted to addressing challenges of women in the fringes and challenging ageist biases for midlife women at the workplace.

Sandberg herself had once said, "As we get older, our challenges are exacerbated." In a fitter world, where work life spans are increasing, why are women still considered either over-the-hill or a burnout? If men at 52 can be re-hired and re-trained for the depth of their experience, so can women who are far more flexible, adaptable and don't mind beginning from scratch. Aggression and talent are in the end gender-agnostic. Yet women are not courted back despite the companies they helped build. Enough said, nothing done. Credit Sandberg for trying to do something.

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Bring out the bulldozers?

WHEN THOSE we elect to rule us disrespect the law, they lose the right to impose it. Has this message gone home to Bulldozer Baba as his admirers call him? When he saw trains and buses being burned in his own state last week, did Yogi Adityanath discover that bulldozers may terrorize those whose homes they crush, but they are incapable of bringing law and order? This happens only when the state is seen to be fair, compassionate, and just. Not even his most ardent fans would use these words to describe the Chief Minister of our largest state.

They see him as a tough ruler who shows no mercy to those who dare to protest or dissent. They applaud the rough justice meted out by their hero when bulldozers are sent into areas where Muslims have protested, and the protests have turned violent. They cheered on prime-time shows and social media when the home of Javed Mohammad was reduced to rubble in Prayagraj without proof that he was the 'mastermind' of the violence and without proof that it was his house. After his family home was reduced to rubble on live television, it turned out that the house belonged to his wife who inherited it from her father. No questions have been asked yet about why his whole family should be punished for his unproven crime.

In Uttar Pradesh asking too many questions can get you into trouble. And in any case, you are unlikely to get answers. A video of policemen lining up a group of young Muslim men in a Saharanpur police station and beating them mercilessly has been viral for more than a week. But when local police officers were asked about it, they denied that any such thing had happened in Saharanpur until NDTV sent its reporters to identify the youths and talk to their distraught families.

Evidence that rough justice never works came last week when Uttar Pradesh was one of the states in which mobs of angry protestors resorted to arson and vandalism. They turned violent because they believed their dreams of joining the army were being destroyed by the Agnipath scheme which seeks to introduce short-term military service that will render more than 75 per cent of recruits unemployed after a four year 'tour of duty'. When asked by reporters why they were so angry, these youths said that they had been training to join the army for years and may now find that they were too old to be recruited. The government responded by raising the age limit by a year. Clearly no lessons were learned from the farmers agitation last year. Had they been, then this reform, that may well benefit the army, would have been explained more fully to those who it seeks to benefit. But I digress.

The only point I wish to make this week is that when the state is seen to be lawless, unjust, and partisan, it inevitably loses the authority to impose the law. There are not enough JCBs in India available to tear down the homes of the thousands who rioted last week. Using bulldozers to enforce the law anyway is a primitive idea of justice that gained currency once Bulldozer Baba won a second term. On behalf of the Uttar Pradesh government Harish Salve argued in the Supreme Court that all demolitions were carried out only after due process and proper notices were sent. As one of India's most compelling lawyers, he persuaded the court not to put an end to bulldozer justice. The court merely said that demolitions should not be done with revenge as a motive.

The judges should have paid attention to what the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh said when a Hindu religious procession was pelted with stones as it passed by a mosque some weeks ago. The Home Minister is on record saying that those who threw stones would find their homes reduced to stones. It is time to state clearly that revenge, especially against Muslims, has been the main reason for the use of bulldozers. It is time to admit that serious harm has been done to the image of the Indian state because of this bulldozer justice.

A government with an iota of compassion does not order the demolition of homes even when they belong to criminals whose crimes have been proven in a court of law because punishing whole families is not justice but brutality. If Bulldozer Baba has so far gone without censure it is because in the atmosphere of communal hatred that prevails currently, too many people appear to derive pleasure from bulldozers flattening the homes of Muslims. They are 'traitors' and 'anti-national' after all and so they deserve it has been the unspoken consensus. What happens now?

We know for certain that the angry young men who set trains and buses on fire last week and blocked roads and railway tracks were doing this out of a passionate desire to serve the nation by joining the army. They were enraged only because they believed their dream was being shattered by this new scheme. Will their homes be demolished? Will they be brought to trial at all? Will there be people demanding that their passports, ration cards and all other government benefits be seized from them because of the way they destroyed public property paid for by honest taxpayers? Unlikely.

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GOVT, INDUSTRY PLAN OPEN SOURCE BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To rev up EV push, battery solutions per Indian needs

NITI Aayog, DST meet battery makers, academia amid incidents of electric two-wheeler fires

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GOVERNMENT THINK tank NITI Aayog and the Department of Science & Technology (DST) have kicked off deliberations with the industry and academia on developing an open source battery management system (BMS) for two- and three-wheeler EVs.

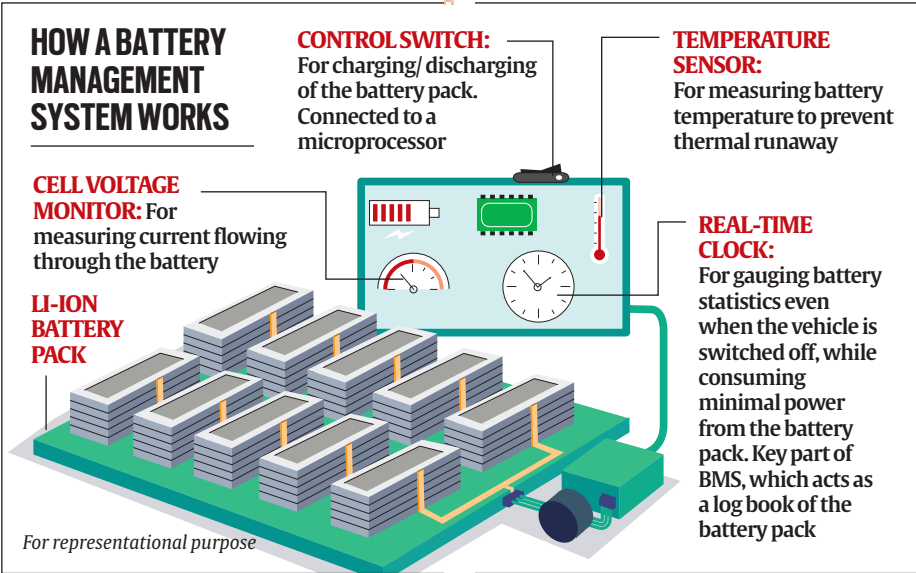
While the idea to develop an open source BMS was first floated last year, it has caught renewed momentum in the wake of several recent instances of two-wheeler electric vehicles (EVs) catching fire, according to a senior government official.

The *Sunday Express* has learnt that the NITI Aayog and DST are collaborating with policy think tank WRI India to carry out discussions with the industry.

The organisations have so far held at least two meetings with representatives of battery manufacturing companies and academia on developing a BMS solution tailored for Indian conditions, people in the know said. The following meetings will also involve representatives of EV manufacturers, it is learnt.

EVs are primarily powered by a battery pack consisting of Lithium-ion (Li-ion) cells, and a BMS is applied to the battery pack to make sure it operates safely. In simple terms, a BMS is essentially an electronic system that is connected to all the cells in a Li-ion battery pack, which constantly measures the voltage and current flowing through it.

A BMS is also equipped with a myriad of temperature sensors, providing it information on temperatures at different sections of the battery pack. All this data helps the BMS calculate other parameters of a battery pack, like the charging and discharging



rate, battery life cycle and efficiency. An open source BMS would mean that the solution can be customised by different entities as per their manufacturing requirements.

Sources said that the idea behind building an open source BMS solution is that it can be improved by researchers and the industry, while remaining cost effective at the same time.

According to a source aware of details about the project, “Currently, India is importing EV batteries and some of the other critical components of EVs. In the recent past, concerns have been raised due to fire accidents. With growing EV penetration, it is very important to develop a BMS suitable for the Indian operating conditions.”

Two- and three-wheelers are the highest selling EVs in India. According to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA), in 2021-22, over four lakh EVs were sold in the country, of which two-wheelers ac-

EXPLAINED For safer, cost-effective EV ecosystem

A BATTERY management system (BMS) is an electronic system that is connected to all the cells in a Li-ion battery pack, which constantly measures the voltage and current flowing through it. It is considered to be a crucial part of ensuring safety — a BMS also comes equipped with a myriad of temperature sensors, providing it information on temperatures at different sections of the battery pack. As per sources, many Indian two- and three-wheeler EV companies import batteries and some other critical components of EVs, which may not be suitable for Indian conditions by virtue of not having undergone rigorous testing. The NITI Aayog and the Department of Science & Technology want to come up with a low-cost open source BMS solution suited to Indian conditions. By virtue of being open source, the solution can be customised by the likes of researchers and industry players while largely remaining cost effective.

counted for more than two lakh and three-wheelers accounted for over one lakh units

“Two- and three-wheel EVs are responsible for a majority of all EV sales in the country. But

cost is a big factor in these vehicles. We want to develop an open source BMS solution so that manufacturers can integrate it while keeping costs in check. Right now, the only large-scale open source BMS is from the Germany-based Fraunhofer Society, but that solution is targeted towards electric cars and buses. NITI Aayog and DST’s will be the first open source BMS designed specifically for two- and three-wheelers,” the source said.

The project, it is learnt, is planned to be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, a basic BMS combining both hardware and software will be developed which could be used by the industry to use or customise. In the next phase, certain advanced features will be added to the BMS to grow a circular economy strategy for EV batteries.

“For example, the collection of critical data with the help of BMS, and its analysis can help in better decisions about the reuse or recycling of EV batteries,” an official said. Queries sent to the NITI Aayog and DST remained unanswered until publication.

The development comes at a time when dozens of electric two-wheelers have caught fire over the last few months, claiming at least four lives.

The incidents had prompted the Road Transport Ministry to rope in the Centre for Fire Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES) to investigate these incidents and suggest remedial measures.

In April, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari cautioned EV manufacturers, asking them to take “advance action” in recalling all defective batches of vehicles immediately and said the government would soon issue quality-centric guidelines for electric vehicles.

MARKET WATCH

GLOBAL STOCKS SEE MASSIVE FALL

New York: World stocks, late on Friday, closed out their steepest weekly slide since the pandemic meltdown of March 2020, as investors worried that tighter monetary policy by inflation-fighting central banks could damage economic growth. **REUTERS**

Way short on resolving key issues, ‘limits room’ for future talks: Experts on WTO deal

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EVEN AS the World Trade Organization (WTO) ratified an “unprecedented” package of trade deals spanning health, food security and data transfers, the outcome is at best a mixed bag for countries such as India. Experts say the announcement by the government that it was happy with what it had been able to negotiate at Geneva could further limit the headroom for Indian negotiators in future parleys.

The biggest disappointment at the 12th Ministerial Conference — the highest decision-making body of the WTO — could be India’s inability to wrangle an originally proposed 25-year carve-out period on continuing government support to fishermen to build fishing infrastructure for its own fishermen, especially since most developed nations have already invested heavily in their fishing infrastructure through subsidies and countries such as India have lots of catching up to do especially as it announced a comprehensive subsidy scheme for fishermen just three years back.

On vaccine patents, the final deal included patent waivers to combat the pandemic, limited just to the output and export of vaccines that New Delhi had earlier described as “too late in the day” to tackle the pandemic. Therapeutics and diagnostics have been left out for now.

In the final pact, India’s demand for a permanent solution to the peace clause on breaching the limit on public stockholding and the government-to-government sales of food grains from central procurement have not been addressed. The restart of the dispute settlement body, another long-pending demand, continues to hang fire.

“No waiver for vaccines has been a huge disappointment. India has done well and all of us were in support of the fact that the country was leading developing countries in seeking a waiver. We may not need it for



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with WTO D-G Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. Goyal called the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference an “outcome oriented” success. Reuters file

the vaccine immediately, but we could need it if a medicine for Covid is developed. Compulsory licence has been the proposal of the EU that has been agreed upon,” said Biswajit Dhar, professor, Centre for Economic Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Another disappointment is that in the fisheries subsidies agreement there are no explicit provisions on special and differential treatment that can be invoked for granting subsidies to small fisherfolk, he said. “The biggest concern for me has been the announcement by the government that they are happy with what they have been able to negotiate. Now, if the government is happy with these achievements... can they ever go back and say that they want these to be rolled back or changed at future meetings... Developed countries will turn around and say that the official announcement after the meeting was in support of it,” he added.

India had earlier called for a ban on subsidies in 25 years for countries fishing in areas beyond their exclusive economic zones.

Another senior official, who has been part of such negotiations earlier, said the biggest disappointment has been India not being able to negotiate the 25-year carve-out period on continuing government support to fishermen to build fishing infrastructure for its own fishermen. “India needed to get this waiver because the country has just started this plan to provide sub-

sidies to fishermen to upgrade infrastructure. All developed nations that include countries like South Korea and Japan have invested heavily in their fishing infrastructure through subsidies. This has led to overcapacity globally. Developing countries like India, however, have a lot of catch up to do,” he said.

The official said India has just announced a subsidy scheme for fishermen. “Without the carve-out period in place, there are doubts over implementation of those schemes,” he added. The government has announced the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana scheme to establish a comprehensive framework and reduce infrastructural gaps in the fishing sector.

On the other disappointment like being able to fetch Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) waiver for vaccines, the official said this won’t impact India’s fight against Covid. “However, a waiver would have definitely helped various countries, where vaccination levels are still much lower. With a waiver, India could have made these vaccines and supplied them to these countries (mainly African countries),” he said.

A detailed mail to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry did not elicit a response. Briefing the media after the wrapping up of the ministerial in Geneva, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal termed the conference as an “outcome oriented” success, according to a *PTI* report.

India, South Africa and 63 co-sponsors of the waiver proposal had made the TRIPS waiver proposal in October 2020 to enable middle and low income nations to get access to Covid-19 vaccines and drugs. The final pact was way short of what the original proposal intended to achieve.

The four-day conference, which got underway on Sunday, was scheduled to end on June 15. It was, however, extended by two more days to push trade ministers to hammer out a deal to maintain a sense of purpose at a multilateral organisation that is fighting for its relevance.

47TH MEETING OF GOODS AND SERVICES TAX COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN CHANDIGARH INSTEAD OF SRINAGAR

‘Security’ issues likely behind new GST Council meet venue

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AFTER ANNOUNCING the next Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting to be held in Srinagar, the venue was abruptly changed on Saturday to Chandigarh. Security concerns in the wake of recent targeted killings in Kashmir are learnt to have been one of the main concerns for rescheduling the meeting’s venue, which would have seen participation of officials and ministers from 31 states/union territories and the Centre.

On Thursday, the Twitter handle of the Office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the dates for the GST Council meeting in Srinagar. “The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on June 28-29, 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday) in Srinagar. @FinMinIndia @GST_Council @PIB_India,” it had said.

On Saturday, the GST Council in a tweet announced that the meeting will now be held at

GST COMPENSATION REGIME NEARING END

■ On Saturday, the Goods and Services Tax Council in a tweet announced that the meeting will now be held at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar. “The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on 28-29 June, 2022 (Tuesday and Wednesday) at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar,” it said

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Chandigarh instead of Srinagar. “The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on 28-29 June, 2022 (Tuesday and Wednesday) at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar,” it said.

Though the official revised meeting notice does not specify any reason for the shift in venue, an official said there were some apprehensions about security for ministers and officials converging in Srinagar for the meeting given the recent spate of targeted killings. Queries sent to

the Finance Ministry on this issue by *The Sunday Express* did not elicit a response.

The Kashmir Valley has witnessed at least 16 targeted killings, including police officials, teachers and sarpanches, since this January. The episodes of targeted killings spiked after February 2021, when the son of the proprietor of Krishna Dhaba in Srinagar was shot inside his restaurant. On October 5, 2021, chemist ML Bindroo was killed in his shop, followed two days

later by the killing of Supinder Kour, principal at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Sangam, and Deepak Chand, teacher at the school, who were gunned down after assailants checked identity cards of the school staff. More recently, a Kashmiri Pandit employee of the Revenue Department of J&K, working under the PM rehabilitation package, was shot inside his office at Chadoora, Budgam, leading to widespread protests by people from the community. A teacher from Samba, Rajni Bala, too recently became victim of this spate of killings, while an off-duty policeman was found dead in paddy fields in south Kashmir’s Pulwama as recently as Saturday morning.

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an end. The Council had earlier agreed to extend the levy of compensation cess till 2026, but only for repayment of the borrowings made in the aftermath of the pandemic to provide compensation to states.

The Council is also expected to discuss recommendations from a group of ministers led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, which is expected to propose a 28 per cent tax rate on casinos, race courses and online gaming.

The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to review the current rate slab structure under GST, will prepare an interim report and will seek an extension of its tenure in the upcoming GST Council meeting.

Discussions held so far on GST rates, inverted duty structure for sectors, except textiles, and some exemptions will be part of the interim report but a consensus on a final report could not be reached in the absence of a complete agreement within the GoM members on tweaking the tax slabs.

WITH MOSCOW FACING SANCTIONS, DISCOUNTS OF UP TO 30% ON OFFER

‘Amid discounts, Russian coal buying spikes’

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PURCHASES OF Russian coal have spiked in recent weeks despite global sanctions on Moscow, as traders offer discounts of up to 30 per cent, according to two trade sources and data reviewed by *Reuters*.

Russia, facing severe Western sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine, warned the European Union in April against sweeping sanctions on coal, saying they would backfire as the fuel would be redirected to other markets. India has refrained from con-



A coal terminal in Nakhodka, Russia. *Reuters file*

demning Russia, while calling for an end to the Ukraine war. New Delhi defends its purchases of Russian goods as part of an effort to diversify supplies and argues a sudden halt would raise world prices and hurt its consumers.

US officials have told India there is no ban on energy imports from Russia but they don’t want to see a “rapid acceleration”.

Yet as European importers shun trade with Moscow, Indian buyers are lapping up huge quantities of Russian coal despite high freight costs. Its purchases of coal and related products jumped more than six-fold in the 20 days through Wednesday from the same period a year earlier to \$331.17 million, according to unpublished government data reviewed by *Reuters*.

Indian refiners similarly have snapped up cheap Russian oil shunned by Western countries. The value of India’s oil trade with

Russia in the 20 days through Wednesday shot up over 31-fold to \$2.22 billion, the data showed.

The government did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Saturday.

“Russian traders have been liberal with payment routes and are accepting payments in Indian rupee and UAE dirham,” one source said, adding, “The discounts are attractive.” India bought an average \$16.55 million of Russian coal a day in the three weeks through Wednesday, more than double the \$7.71 million it bought in the three months after Russia’s February 24 invasion of Ukraine, as per *Reuters* calculations. **REUTERS**

New Delhi: The government, in a notification dated June 16, has declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) as ‘critical information infrastructure’, implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.

The official notification by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank as critical infrastructure under Section 70 of the IT Act, 2000. In two other similar notifications, it declared IT resources of HDFC Bank and NPCI as critical infrastructure.

As per the Act, ‘critical information infrastructure’ means a computer resource, the incapacitation or destruction of which, shall have debilitating impact on national security, economy, public health or safety. **ENS, WITH PTI**

150 Unacademy employees sacked, but company denies

TUSHAR GOENKA
BENGALURU, JUNE 18

SOFTBANK-BACKED UNACADEMY has reportedly sacked about 2.6 per cent of its workforce, or around 150 employees, in what seems to be a cost-saving exercise. The company has, however, said employees were let go after as an outcome of a performance appraisal round.

After this, at least 750 of its people stand affected, including the 600 workers the company fired in April. Unacademy is the only edtech unicorn — after Vedantu — to have laid off its staff twice within the span of a few months. A majority of the sacked employees were reportedly from PrepLadder — a company it acquired in 2020.

PrepLadder is an online portal for medical entrance exam preparation that provides course

material and offers mock tests. A few from Unacademy’s sales team were affected, too.

Unacademy has, however, denied that this was a layoff.

“The company is built on a culture of high performance and transparency, and a key aspect of that is the transparency and objectivity of our performance appraisal process. Based on the outcome of the recent appraisal, a very small fraction of the workforce (~2.6 per cent) was put on a performance improvement programme, as is common for any organisation of our size and scale. The departure of these employees is a result of the PIP, which is a standard practice in all organisations,” Unacademy said.

“The company has in good faith ensured they receive generous severance and support. We wish all of them the best of luck and thank them for all their efforts at Unacademy,” it said. **FE**

BRIDGE

Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH				
♠	B42			
♥	AQ7			
♦	A6			
♣	KQJ76			
EAST				
♠	1096			
♥	K2			
♦	1082			
♣	A10843			

Sitting East, you hear South bidding hearts and notrump and North bidding clubs and raising hearts. West leads the two clubs, dummy's suit, and you win the king with your ace. What is your plan?
The West Hand: S-K7531H-8640-D-J9753C-2
The South Hand: S-AQJ4H-H-J10953D-KQ4C-95

You can give West a ruff if you wish. It is a certainty that West has a singleton club. But if you do give him a ruff, that will be three tricks that you can see. Where is the fourth coming from? Do you see a possible fourth trick on defense?
If your partner has the ace of spades, giving partner a ruff will do the trick. But if your partner has the king of spades, giving him a ruff won't do the trick. Can you cater to West's having the ace of spades OR the king of spades?

Return a spade. You hope to set up a spade trick for him now. The club ruff will wait because you are going to get in with the king of hearts. You do not have to worry that declarer will play the ace and another heart because South did not rebid them. He has only five hearts. If you return a spade, you do set up the king and you do get in later to give partner a ruff.
He may be annoyed not to get that ruff right away but he should be appreciative of the result.
Dealer: South Vulnerable: None

NORTH		SOUTH (YOU)	
♠	Q6	♠	AJ32
♥	Q10954	♥	AKJ32
♦	AQ42	♦	76
♣	97	♣	AQ

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1H		
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4D	dbl	Pass
Pass	4H	Pass	Pass

South's raise to 3H promises at least four hearts and ten or eleven support points. South was keen on a slam and made a cue bid of 3S to see if North could cooperate. Which he did by bidding 4D. East's double suggested that any diamond finesses would be offside. North's refusal to redouble implied that he did not have the king of diamonds. He went back to 4H and South had to give up on a slam. West's lead is the eight of diamonds. How should South play?

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2378

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- Antiquated (7)
- Nobleman's domain (7)
- Make void, cancel or nullify (5)
- Surgical work ? (9)
- India's real-time payment system (3)
- Sum (5)
- Paceman ____ Patel (5)
- Spanish warrior hero (5)
- Unbiased (9)
- To make limp and soiled (9)
- Arabian country (5)
- Femoral region (5)
- Our country (5)
- Complain incessantly ? (3)
- Mischiefous fairy (9)
- One of hundred in a rupee ? (5)
- Effervescent drink (7)
- Wealthy (7)

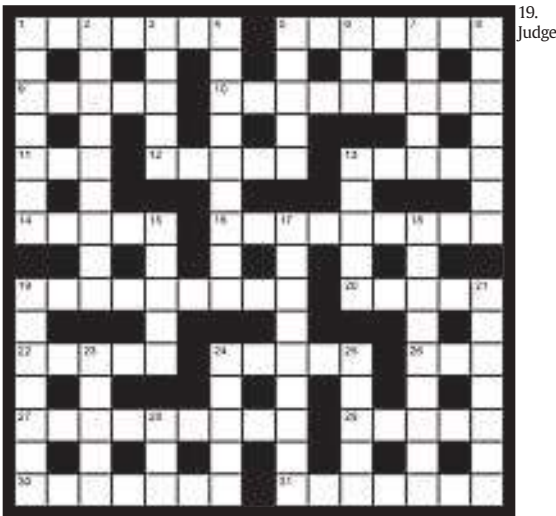
DOWN

- Generally (2,14)
- Persuaded (9)
- ____ once : suddenly ? (3,2)
- Chuckling, laughing or roaring loudly (9)
- Reside (5)
- New Zealand parrot (3)
- Grant (5)
- Aware (7)
- Wed (5)
- End of life (5)
- Pen name (9)
- Vastness (9)
- Bungles or blunders (7)
- Stingy person (7)
- Inspire profoundly (5)
- Cove or bay (5)
- Poplar tree (5)
- Globe of monarch's regalia (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- Piece from Iran's med. complex (4,3)
- Sore after criticism of style (7)
- Fido may go and lie thus to hide! (5)
- The latest exposure of member's programme interruption (9)
- American intelligence alternately in China (3)
- Bring up 250 foreign coins (5)
- Best substitute for shaving soap (5)
- It could be Iran's wet season (5)
- Fastidious scalp inspector (9)
- Forthright cardinal collects King Singers' religious oeuvre (9) (9)
- He's a great favourite with royalty (5)
- One hundred-odd bits of bombs in



- some projectiles initially (5)
- Acid destroyed brace (5)
- One might adopt this over the Ouse, initially by instinct (3)
- A model inn broken down by the music-maker (9)
- New commercial includes excellent, fantastic girl (5)
- Australian natives show signs of gingivitis (3,4)
- Courageous baker's material needed to try heartlessly at last (7)
- A cider's mixed in a cocktail (4-3)
- Closely follow a French painter without first starting to spout beliefs (9)
- Not in a whisper - permitted to be heard (5)
- Obsession could make one moan repeatedly (9)
- War prisoners seen around end of hostility in Welsh county (5)
- Not entirely inefficient knife-rest (3)
- This big bird used to lift things! (5)
- What he does precedes a stiff examination, no doubt? (7)
- Chip is describing rare bird call (5)
- Gets the flavour of sweets (5)
- Periodical exploit shows evidence of home ownership (5,4)
- Could this skite become playful? (9)

- accepting honour comes a cropper! (7)
- Quickly assemble dry pile (7)
- Having stiffeners put in or taken out (5)
- Is put in many a script wrongly (5)
- Graduate twisting a nut is an African (5)
- Do auditors partially belong to this organization ? (3)

Solutions to 2377

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Babka, 4 Niggardly, 9 DMK, 10 Nyx, 11 Lucifer, 12 Year, 13 Posthumous, 15 Ivana, 16 Spaghetti, 17 Idiomatic, 21 Umiak, 23 Gastronomy, 24 Oum, 27 Armenia, 28 Ali, 29 Lop, 30 Sedentary, 31 Cheap. Down: 1 Buddy, 2 Baklava, 3 Aimu, 4 Noxious, 5 Galatea, 6 Accoucher, 7 Defrost, 8 Yardstick, 14 Palmerston, 15 Isinglass, 18 Instead, 19 Tantara, 20 Company, 22 Involve, 25 Mop-up, 26 Zinc. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Pecks, 4 Doubles up, 9 O'er, 10 Ate, 11 Diacule, 12 Shaw, 13 Overridden, 15 Tokyo, 16 Wrong idea, 17 In-transit, 21 Aggie, 23 Mint juleps, 24 Lute, 27 Trifles, 28 OAU, 29 IOU, 30 Relay race, 31 Light. Down: 1 Proms, 2 Car-park, 3 Shag, 4 Disavow, 5 Undergo, 6 Leading man, 7 Sounded, 8 Plain Jane, 14 Royal jelly, 15 Trip meter, 18 Tensile, 19 Silesia, 20 Top-hole, 22 Inuring, 25 Exult, 26 Mull.

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.
All faults may be forgiven of him who has perfect ____ - Walt Whitman (7)

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AEKNO	ACEPSD
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SOLUTION: ALTAR, OAKEN, CRUTCH, SPACED
Answer: All faults may be forgiven of him who has perfect candour. - Walt Whitman

SUDOKU 4870

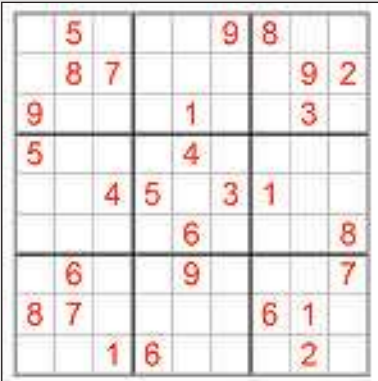
Difficulty Level 3s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4869



If it's your Birthday

Sunday June 19

You might not have the energy to carry on, and you could decide you can't afford the cost. The key is to aim for activities which draw in so far untapped talents.

Monday June 20

Few people understand the delicate side to your nature, yet this could be one of those weeks when you show exactly how sincere you can be.

Tuesday June 21

There's an insistence that you get on with life in a no-fuss manner, free from sentimental distractions. You can persuade people by convincing them that your vision of the future is the brightest.

Wednesday June 22

Deep inside your imaginative soul is a practical person struggling to come out. You can combine an appreciation of the facts with an ability to get the best out of your fantasies over the next year.

Thursday June 23

You're in for a reality check, Professional and ambitious individuals will be discovering their limits, and domestic duties will reassert themselves.

Friday June 24

You're shifting from one positive phase to another. You could be heading for a year when you notch up a series of real, concrete achievements.

Saturday June 25

Passion and deep commitment are what you need in relationships. You'd probably do best to pause for thought if personal offers are looming.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your stars indicate a massive personal and professional turnaround. This could take place any time over the next month, so be prepared. In terms of family affairs, parents seem to be more important than children. At the very least, you must observe the dictates of authority and tradition.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Taureans will divide into two groups. On the one hand, there'll be those smitten with a sudden desire to leave home in search of adventure. On the other, will be a substantial group who embark on a quest for spiritual meaning. What links the two is a deep conviction that the world could, indeed must, become a better place.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Joint financial arrangements loom large, and anything which occurs this week will require urgent attention. At the heart of your current mood lies the feeling that you may have been undervalued in the past, and that you should now be paid the respect you are due.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The key to successful personal relationships is to participate in all social gatherings as much as possible but, at the same time, to retain a certain sense of detachment. That way you'll be less likely to be taken in by unrealistic promises, or to be dismayed by those who get upset without reason.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You may be concerned by the number of chores and duties which seem to be rolling in your direction. It does look as if you'll now have the chance to abandon all your commitments, but never do so without considering the consequences. The best advice is to be selective, hanging on to what can never be replaced.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

If you have never had a reputation as a wild party-goer, now is the moment to acquire one. Many people say that this is a time for children, so have you considered what fun it would be to revert to childhood and have a good time? Shrug off narrow-minded expectations and lighten up.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

As fate would have it, this is one of those periods when you are liable to face last-minute domestic and family emergencies. The best astrological advice is therefore to remain cool, calm and collected and take nothing for granted. The better you manage your affairs now, the less the chance of your losing control.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

If you're travelling this week there's one golden rule: check. Make sure you have everything you need, confirm all directions and see to it that all arrangements are understood by everyone concerned. The best place for romantic encounters remains the home or, at least, any place where you can recreate a homely atmosphere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Now is the time to pay special attention to anyone who feels that they have been ignored or taken for granted. Such feelings may exist only in their imagination, but that makes them no less concerning. You should also be aware that financial generosity could be one of the best ways of oiling your emotional wheels.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

A powerful and harmonious Sun-Moon alignment will be seen as a moment to inaugurate a series of new cycles, mainly personal ones. It is also, as luck would have it, an excellent time for making a fresh start in a number of family relationships: please lay the ups and downs of the past to one side.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Venus' celestial marriage with Uranus is a classic indicator of new emotional commitments. It reveals that this is a suitable period for making discreet declarations of undying love. As far as work is concerned, you should now be thinking in terms of a new collaboration once business picks up again.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

If you're not the life and soul of the party now, you'll miss out. Granted, there's the usual emotional turmoil going on inside your Piscean soul, but that shouldn't stop you letting it all hang out. The only draw-back is your continuing tendency to keep your feelings to yourself.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BYE-ELECTION TO 39-RAJINDER NAGAR ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, NCT OF DELHI - 2022

BAN ON EXIT/OPINION POLLS ETC.

ATTENTION: NEWS BUREAUS, MEDIA HOUSES, RADIO & TELEVISIONS CHANNELS, etc.

Attention of General Public especially news bureaus, media houses, radio and television channels etc. is drawn towards the Election Commission of India's Notification No. 576/Exit/2022/SDR-Vo1.II dated 6th June, 2022 regarding BAN on EXIT POLLS, results of any OPINION POLL/ ANY OTHER POLL SURVEY in print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever. The notification is reproduced below for information and compliance of all concerned.

- Whereas, the schedule for the Bye-Election to the 39-Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency, NCT of Delhi was announced by the Election Commission of India vide Press Note bearing No. ECI/PN/52/2022 dated 25th May 2022.
- And whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (in short R.P. Act, 1951) there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period, as may be notified by the Election Commission of India in this regard;
- Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2)(b) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between **7.00 A.M and 6.30 PM on 23rd June, 2022 (Thursday)** as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the Bye-Election to the 39-Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency, NCT of Delhi, announced vide Press Note referred to above, shall be prohibited.
- It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the **period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll** in the respective polling areas in connection with aforesaid bye-election.

Sd/-

(RAJESH KUMAR)

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Prohibition on display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus and holding public meetings during period of 48 hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of poll.

Kind attention of general public, all media houses, political parties and all contesting candidates is **invited to the Section 126 of the Representation of People Act 1951 which states that-**

(1) No person shall

- Convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or
- Display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus; or
- Propagate any election matter to the public by holding or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, **in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.**

It is further informed that as per Sub-Section 2 of Section 126 of the said Act, any person who contravenes the provisions of the sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

It is, therefore, informed not to convene, hold, attend or join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with the Bye-Election to 39-Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency, 2022 during the aforesaid period. It is also informed not to telecast or broadcast advertisements of political nature by means mentioned above (which may include electronic media like radio, television, cable channel, internet, website, social media and projector, live media etc.) during the period mentioned.

It is further informed that during the aforesaid period, star campaigners and other Political Leaders should refrain from addressing the media by way of press conferences and giving interviews on election matters.

Further, it is informed that the polls in NCT of Delhi for the **Bye-Election to 39-Rajinder Nagar Assembly Constituency will be held on 23.06.2022 (Thursday) between 7.00 AM to 6.00 PM.**

This is issued for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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BRIEFLY

Sathiyian out of WTT Contender Zagreb

New Delhi: Indian paddler Sathiyian Gnanasekaran suffered a straight game loss to Chinese Taipei's Chuang Chih-Yuan in the quarterfinals to crash out of the men's singles event of the WTT Contender 2022 in Zagreb, Croatia on Saturday. Sathiyian, world no. 34, lost 7-11 9-11 5-11 against the world no. 18 Chih-Yuan. It was a disappointing result for the Indian, who had started his campaign here with a stunning 6-11 12-10 11-9 12-10 win over world no.6 and reigning European champion Darko Jorgic of Slovenia. Sathiyian then defeated 16-year-old Chen Yuanyu of China 11-9 11-7 12-10 to advance to the quarterfinals. Sathiyian is part of the Indian table tennis squad for the upcoming Commonwealth Games which is scheduled to be held in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8. **PTI**

FINA to vote on transgender policy

Sydney: FINA will vote on a new policy regarding transgender swimmers at an extraordinary general congress in Budapest on Sunday, the global governing body of swimming said. The regulations could have a major impact on the career of American Lia Thomas, the first known transgender woman to win a NCAA Division I title in the female class. The congress will hear a report from a transgender task force comprised of "leading medical, legal and sports" figures and then vote on the new inclusion policy, a FINA spokesman said. Opponents to transgender athletes in women's sport, which include British former Olympic medallist Sharron Davies, maintain that anyone who goes through male puberty will always have a major physical advantage over women. Advocates for transgender inclusion argue that not enough studies have yet been done on the impact of transition on physical performance, and that elite athletes are often physical outliers in any case. **REUTERS**

UEFA clears al-Khelaifi of misconduct

Geneva: UEFA cleared its own executive committee member Nasser al-Khelaifi of any punishment despite finding his club Paris Saint-Germain guilty of misconduct for confrontations with match officials after losing in the Champions League. PSG president al-Khelaifi and sporting director Leonardo were linked to heated scenes while seeking to question match officials about decisions in Real Madrid's 3-1 win in March. UEFA published its disciplinary committee verdict late Friday, confirming charges of "violating the basic rules of decent conduct" and "unsporting conduct." However, the only sanction was a one-match ban from a UEFA competition match for Leonardo. The former PSG player and Brazil international was fired by the club last month. UEFA did not provide reasons why al-Khelaifi was not cited in the disciplinary statement. **AP**

TV TIMINGS

INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA

5th T20, Bengaluru, Live on Star Sports network; 7 pm onwards

SPORTLINE

Anoushka Parikh dreamt of scaling lofty heights. That was till the former shuttler suddenly started gaining weight. Confused and body-shamed, she began to comprehend what was happening after the gynaecologist diagnosed her of having polycystic ovary disorder (PCOD), a common irregular menstruation condition among elite athletes.

‘I’m like, is my brain stupid? How did it just forget my periods’

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, JUNE 18

First, they wouldn't let her forget that she needed to lose weight after gaining 8 kg in five months. And then the gynaecologist - explaining polycystic ovary disorder (PCOD) in an over-cautious, but friendly, effort to simplify the condition - told Anoushka Parikh that her brain might be forgetting something: To instruct the body about the monthly menstruation.

The former international doubles shuttler recalls sitting across the doctor, taking in the diagnosis, that didn't join the dots immediately to why she had suddenly gained weight. "I still remember, she tells me, 'Your brain is so occupied doing your routine and other things, that it is forgetting to produce all the functioning hormones.'"

"I'm like, is my brain stupid?"

"How did it just forget or miss out on doing something that it is bound to do?" Anoushka chuckles narrating what was a nightmare even back then, because women grow up knowing one thing from the literal pit of the stomach: Periods don't forget. "So basically, I was not ovulating, or it was not regular. So, I would get my period, but only for a day," she says.

Anoushka had moved from her home in Ahmedabad to the Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad in 2016. "Mainly what changed was the intensity of training. From 3-4 hours, it went close to 8 hours a day. And it was a new environment. Food changed big time. And in terms of my cycle, I started getting my period only for one day. I would get it regularly, but only for a day. And I had started to gain a lot of weight. It affects your movement directly. And everything else. Everyone would just tell me that 'you need to lose weight.' But I wondered how do I lose weight. I'm training 8 hours. I can't train more than that!"

Angelica Hirschberg, writing for the national library of medicine in the National Centre for Biotechnology Information, highlighted the prevalence of the more severe PCOS in the topmost tier of athletes. "PCOS appears to be a common disorder among elite female athletes and is, indeed, the most frequent cause of menstrual disorders among Olympic sports-women."

Researcher C. Fruhling said that amenorrhea (absence of period) "is highly reported in athletic populations, with studies identifying the prevalence occurring in 3.4-66% of female athletes, compared to 2-5% of women in the general population."

Mumbai-based gynaecologist Esha Chainani, specialising in polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), writing in The Saddle, noted a host of fallouts of the condition, including insulin resistance, Type 2 diabetes, dyslipidemia (imbalance of lipids), heart disease, infertility, a higher rate of developing mental health disorders such as anxiety, depression, mood disorders and eating disorders. Chainani also



Anoushka Parikh's career was hampered PCOD, a common irregular menstruation condition among elite athletes.

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quoted hirsutism (hair growth on the face), and at the same time, hair-fall issues, as arising out of PCOS.

"The results of the study more than confirmed my suspicion that Indian women with PCOS were facing massive mental health challenges. 38 percent of these women were suffering from some kind of anxiety disorder and 18 percent were screened positive for a depressive disorder; this is significantly higher than the average prevalence of mental health disorders in India (4.7%)," she wrote. "Women with PCOS have an almost 7x risk of developing anxiety disorders and a 3x risk of developing depression. 50 percent of women with PCOS have insulin resistance (regardless of their weight), which basically means low energy," she added.

For athletes, weakness, fatigue, and sleepiness can amplify their troubles. Chainani reckons seeing it as a "purely physical problem that occurs a few days a month, as opposed to a chronic condition" can affect the overall quality of life.

Jibes galore

For Anoushka - competing in a fitness sport, day in, day out - the PCOD diagnosis began to answer some of her questions. But the fixation with her weight went on unabated even when she returned to Ahmedabad in 2020.

"I went to the Ahmedabad club courts to play one day and a random person came to me. He says 'you are Anoushka, right?' 'Aapko PBL league mein dekha tha (saw you in PBL) when it happened in Ahmedabad. Udhar dekha tha,

phir abhi dekh raha hoo (Saw you there, after that now)'. He said something like, 'haan par abhi aapka weight thoda badh gayaa hai, na? Abhi aise khaate-peete ghar ke lag rahe ho (But now you seem to have put on some weight, no? Now, you look like someone from a well-off family).' He said that!" she recalls, still shocked at being cornered like that.

The problem of dealing with PCOD without knowing how to brought mental and emotional stress. "I think that was more of the burnout eventually than the weight," she says. Not that those around her could look past the addition of kilos. "Unfortunately, everyone saw only the weight gain. And that became the focus, rather than my game. My thought was to work on my game, so I can play without having to move so much or I can improve my strokes. But that's not how the thinking goes," she recalls. "Then my focus also went from my game to my weight."



Anoushka remembers being a hyperactive child whose parents tried out the two months of tennis, then swimming, then skating, she loved badminton at the first clutch of the racquet at a local club when 6. "It just clicked, right from Day 1 I loved it, my racquet-shuttle coordination was good. I would not miss a single day."

Promising talent

She'd win her first All India doubles title at the U-15 level, in 2011 - a selection tourna-

ment for the Asian Championships, her first international where she won bronze. A 2014 back injury stubbed her singles career but she would play mixed doubles with Saurabh Sharma. The duo made the final at Kharkiv's Ukraine International in 2017 and won the title in 2018.

Anoushka reckons it was overtraining that precipitated her PCOD, though no cause was definitively established. "After all these years when I try to see it, it was overtraining. Basically, it was stress-induced PCOD. I figured this out because after I came back to Ahmedabad during the lockdown, my training had gone down to like, one hour a day. I was eating normal food. And I lost 10 kilos. My period got regular to like 3-4 days. That's when I realised overtraining was what was troubling me," she says.

"I'd say that firstly talk about it. As female athletes if we don't talk about it, we can't expect the coach to bring it up. If you are not talking about it and still going through it, it's still on you. That you did not even tell the person or know how they'll perceive it."

For someone whose early days after starting her periods went "hassle-free", talking about menstrual issues wasn't something she'd given a thought to, even at home. "There was zero knowledge about how things should be dealt with. Then I started to see a difference in myself in Hyderabad and figured there's something that might be off here."

Clumps of hair when brushing began to scare her. "I had a lot of hair-fall. There was a

Mumbai's Pandit takes MP to Ranji final

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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AFTER 23 years, Madhya Pradesh have managed to reach the finals of Ranji Trophy as they defeated Bengal by 174 runs. They will now meet the 41-time Ranji Trophy winners Mumbai, who beat Uttar Pradesh. MP's last appearance in the final of the premier domestic tournament came in the 1998-99 season. Incidentally, the MP's current coach Chandrakant Pandit was captaining the MP team back then. Pandit's CV will have another memorable achievement if he manages to take yet another unfancied team to a title.

MP's win came on the back of a five-wicket haul by the left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya who restricted Bengal to 175 runs. Chasing 350 for a spot in the final, Bengal resumed their day at 96 for 4 with the overnight batsmen Abhimanyu Easwaran and Anustup Majumdar. However MP's bowling attack didn't give them any chance, in particular Kartikeya who finished with an eight-wicket-match haul. Apart from Kartikeya, Gaurav Yadav and Saransh Jain finished with three and two wickets respectively. The team managed to wrap up the last day's play in mere 28.2 overs.

Meanwhile, Mumbai defeated Uttar Pradesh by virtue of first-innings lead. The last day was a mere formality as Mumbai resumed on 449 for 4 and continued to bat. The overnight batsmen Sarfaraz Khan and Shams Mulani went on to score an un-



Bengal were bowled out for 175 in the second innings chasing 350, handing Madhya Pradesh their first Ranji Trophy final appearance in 23 years. *Twitter/BCCI*

beaten 59 and 51 runs respectively and Mumbai finally declared their innings on 533 for 4.

Pandit vs Muzumdar

Even before the team moves out to Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium for the final, the debate about Pandit vs Muzumdar has begun. A former Mumbai player and coach, Pandit has coached the Mumbai team to Ranji Trophy triumph. Muzumdar has played under Pandit's tenure as coach in the past.

"Why Amol, think about what would be going through the minds of any Mumbaikar.

Amol is an experienced player, he was with me, I have spent time with him. He knows my mind; and I know his. Putting both of us together, it's a Mumbai mind, so let's see what happens. Nobody is going to decide who is best, who is not the best," Pandit said after the semi-finals. "I'm happy that these boys are entering the final after 20 odd years."

Muzumdar too doesn't want to get trapped in the debates about coaches.

"It's a match, the final match. We are just focussing on the process. It starts in the dressing room and it ends on the ground. That is what we are following and we are

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CHANDRAKANT PANDIT
MADHYA PRADESH COACH

not focussing on what is happening outside," Muzumdar said.

"There is some massive talent out there and I'm happy with the way they have responded to situations. I always believed that as a coach you need to understand their mentality. Every player wants space. When I was a player, I wanted space and as a coach, I believe in giving that space. I do not interfere in their life post 6pm."

Mumbai's last appearance in Ranji Trophy final came in 2017 where they lost to Gujarat. It's a new team and apart from Dhawal Kulkarni and Prithvi Shaw, no one has played any Ranji Trophy final before.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 393 and 533/4 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 181, Armaan Jaffer 127) drew with **Uttar Pradesh** 180.

Madhya Pradesh 341 and 281 (Aditya Shrivastava 82, Rajat Patidar 79; Shahbaz Ahmed 5/79, Pradipta Pramanik 4/65) beat **Bengal** 273 and 175 (Abhimanyu Easwaran 78; Kumar Kartikeya 5/67) by 174 runs

Karthik, Hardik's finishing biggest plus from SA T20Is

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BENGALURU GETS regular evening showers around this time of the year, so a bit of a question mark hangs over the fate of the T20I series decider between India and South Africa, scheduled for Saturday evening at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. However, even if the fifth match were to be washed out completely by chance, India have already made some significant strides over the course of the past four games as they seek to build their side for the T20 World Cup.

Their comeback from 0-2 down - while needing to win every game to remain alive in the series - to square the contest 2-2 has been commendable. Different sets of players have heralded the revival; while the openers Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan set up the Visakhapatnam game for Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel to spin their web, it was the finishing duo of Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik that repaired and restored a flagging Indian innings in Rajkot. In the chase, Avesh Khan blew away the South Africans for just 87.

After these four matches, India are closer to answering questions about the make-up of their T20 World Cup squad than they were before the start of this series. The foremost has been the comeback of Pandya and Karthik following consistent performances in the IPL. Both have been dismissed only twice each in the series, and have struck at 153.94 and 158.62 respectively. Not only have they provided the

finishing boost, they have also done it alongside the recovery job in Rajkot.

Karthik's return to the side for the first time since India's 2019 World Cup semi-final exit has been especially heart-warming; he's spoken about how he is playing with the players he had interviewed during his brief commentary stint in between, and how he is being interviewed by former players he had played with in the initial stage of his career. "He (Karthik) has been in serious form in the role he is fulfilling. He is certainly one of the best finishers in the game. He scores in unorthodox areas which makes him difficult to bowl to," Keshav Maharaj, the South Africa left-arm spinner, said after the Rajkot T20I.

Gaikwad has grabbed only one of his four chances so far, but the form of Kishan has been encouraging after a sedate IPL season. The left-hander is averaging 47.75 at a strike-rate of 146.92 in this series, with two fifties.

Pant's form a concern

In the batting, the point of concern has been the middle order, with Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant, in particular, struggling to get going. Pant has scored just 57 runs in four innings at a strike-rate of only 105.55. Considering he is the stand-in captain and the first-choice T20I wicketkeeper at the moment, his form is worrying. Not that India are short on keeping choices, as both Kishan and Karthik are around, and KL Rahul, when he returns, is another back-up option. The bowling, led by the excellent Bhuvneshwar Kumar, has also recovered well after the first debacle in Delhi.

Zhao outclasses slow, edgy Prannoy in Indonesia Open Super 1000 semis

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI JUNE 18

HS PRANNOY was off the pace and caught out on the corner defense, going down in the semi-finals of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 against Chinese Zhao Jun Peng at the Istora in Jakarta on Saturday. It was a tame 21-16, 21-15 submission against a much-faster and sharper opponent, whose own compact defense magnified the Indian's sluggishness and neutralised flashes of his attack.

Just the once at 6-4 in the second did Prannoy lead against the 26-year-old southpaw, who revelled in sending down steep, incisive, and very powerful smashes. Prannoy's movement in chasing down the bird appeared severely constricted, and though he had the right attacking plans and some assertive winners, the bedrock of staying in the rally - keeping the shuttle in play - was entirely missing, as the Chinese peppered the lines against the leg-locked 29-year-old.

The left-handed Zhao can be ambushed as Lakshya Sen did at the World Championships quarters - specifically in the last three points, surprising him with a change of gears and a net attack that blinded the Chinese. But those rallies had involved defending as if his life depended on it, and then pouncing on the finishing nerves.



India's HS Prannoy returns against China's Zhao Jun Peng on Saturday. PTI

Prannoy couldn't enforce that same pressure, with his bashfulness to get dirt under the nails in the long rallies. Zhao was keyed up a little more than usual, and trying too hard too, unveiling all the little deceptions and overhead wrist flicks all at once. Edgy and over-eager he might well be, but that wasn't causing errors. Prannoy, though constantly wanting to up his ante, was prone to errors especially on the forehand, betraying his own nerves.

Being in finals prior, matters. And perhaps seeing the possibility in striking distance, Prannoy couldn't keep his calm, over-hitting at times, trying flashy returns at others. But the Chinese kept such steady pressure on the Indian that he couldn't string together more than three or four straight points respectively in the two sets. Zhao also could comfortably hit through him. The Chinese has a sliced bottom thwack under the shuttle, which

shoots the bird up awkwardly, but also a prominent cross-smash which is all shoulder. Prannoy looked two frames too slow in not only getting to the shuttle and was out-muscled.

This was a World No 23, a month short of 30, against a Chinese who might've lost the prime playing years to the pandemic, but comes from a long lineage of south-paws - Bao Chunlai and Lin Dan. He's not as talented or poised and complete, but used the naturally troubling leftie angles to his advantage, and perhaps chastised by the Sen loss at Huelva Worlds, didn't take the foot off the pedal.

Prannoy, always playing catch-up, needed an extra gear, but also better fitness to match up to the blitzy Chinese, and he lacked the defensive solidity to get himself into the game. He had come past Lakshya Sen, NG Ka Long Angus and Rasmus Gemke to get to the semis. But the Top 10 level is paced one tempo faster, and Zhao, who isn't officially a Top 10 but holds the pedigree to be there, pounced on his chance to set up a faceoff with Viktor Axelsen. Zhao has a favourable head-to-head record against both Kento Momota and Chou Tien Chen, and is on an even keel with Jonatan Christie. Prannoy is in the middle of an injury-free season and can stomp on the court. But he will need much higher fitness to challenge the big guns. Saturday wasn't his day, by a distance.

86.69m enough for Neeraj to win gold in Kuortane

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NEERAJ CHOPRA looked primed to breach the 90m-mark on Saturday. But he would now be happy to return from the Kuortane Games unharmed.

The Olympic champion survived a seemingly-dangerous fall, braved a slippery runway and dealt with wet conditions to record his first win of the season, finishing on top in an eight-man field in Kuortane, Finland, on Saturday.

A win in his second competition since the Tokyo Games will give Chopra further affirmation that his return is going as planned, especially given the tricky condi-

tions he had to navigate. The 24-year-old managed just one legal throw, which travelled a distance of 86.69m, off his first attempt. However, it turned out to be enough.

Trinidad's Keshorn Walcott came the closest, with an effort of 86.64 that raised hopes of an exciting duel, but it stayed just the initial skirmish. This was followed by reigning World Champion Anderson Peters, who has a season-best of 93.06m, falling not too far behind with his opening throw of 84.75m. Chopra was last among the trio to step on the runway but hopes of fiery competition, following his 86.69m opener, were dampened as the javelin throwers refrained from going all out owing to the conditions following incessant rains in the build-up to the event.

The situation looked tricky for the athletes even before the competition began, with puddles forming around the track, thus hampering the run-up. Home-favourite Oliver Helander, who had won the Paavo Nurmi Games earlier in the week ahead of Chopra, chose to pull out of the event at the last minute.

The scores fell collectively in the subsequent rounds for all throwers, with Chopra fouling his second and third attempts. In fact, he suffered a nasty slip on the runway after releasing the javelin during his third throw. In the follow-through, Chopra slipped, lost his balance and fell sideways on his left.

Not willing to take further risks, Chopra decided against competing further. He

passed on his fourth throw, packing his shoes and returning to the bench. He did not attempt the fifth and sixth throws as well. That was true for Walcott and Peters as well, who finished second and third respectively.

The Athletics Federation of India, in a tweet, said Chopra was fine after the fall and there was 'nothing to worry'.

After two appearances in Finland inside one week, Chopra will now head to Stockholm to take part in the Diamond League on June 30. It's likely to be his last event before the World Championships in the USA next month.

Another Indian in the fray, Sandeep Chaudhary, finished last in the event with a best throw of 60.35m.

Osaka won't play at Wimbledon, citing Achilles tendon

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Naomi Osaka pulled out of Wimbledon on Saturday, citing a lingering problem with her left Achilles tendon and marking the second consecutive year she's decided to sit out the grass-court

Grand Slam tournament. The four-time major champion and former No. 1-ranked player posted a photo of herself on a grass court and wrote on Twitter: "my Achilles still isn't right so I'll see you next time." Osaka has not played an official match since losing in the first round of the French Open to Amanda Anisimova 7-5, 6-4 on May 24.



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DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



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‘Go, live on the Moon’

Mother Nature on man’s tomfoolery and nature’s fury

IN A first and exclusive interview, *Down in Jungleland* (DJF) asks Mother Nature some hard-hitting, pointed questions regarding the state of the Earth’s environment. Excerpts:

DJF: Ma’am, these days you seem to be in an exceptionally foul temper. There are hurricanes, cyclones, wild-fires, floods, droughts, and viral infections happening with terrifying frequency around the world. Do you take responsibility for the occurrences?

Mother Nature (angry rumble): You dare blame me. It’s taken me 3.7 billion years to put this cycle of life system in place: to evolve creatures that fit into every niche possible, to make the planet run smoothly. I thought humans were my smartest triumph but you prove to be my biggest mistake. You’ve killed the soil, cut down forests, poisoned the waters, made the air un-breathable, overexploited natural resources, bred like viruses, tinkered with genetic material.

DJF: But letting half of the Arctic and Antarctic ice-caps to melt into the sea is an extreme response...

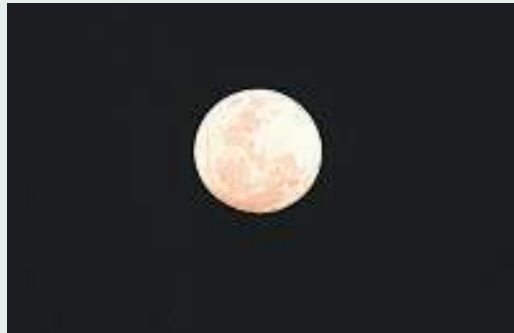
Mother Nature: Who’s causing climate change: belching carbon dioxide into the air, knowing well it behaves like a tea-cozy over the planet? The air in your cities is the most polluted in the world, you’ll need lead-lined lungs, but you are still hell-bent on using fossil fuels.

DJF: Ma’am, but there’s battery technology, hydro, solar and wind power, which are sustainable, in which we have invested heavily. It will take time but it will happen.

Mother Nature: As John Maynard Keynes said, in the long run, you’ll all be dead. And your children will be cursing you for leaving them a curdling, toxic planet. Battery technology simply displaces the pollution and you have to mine those scarce metals like lithium. You cut down prime rainforests for timber; dare change the natural flow of rivers to build reservoirs for dams; your windmills, like a weed whacker, are slicing up rare fauna (bustards).

DJF: But Ma’am, we are cleaning up our act. We’ve spent millions on cleaning up our rivers.

Mother Nature (exploding): What? You call your rivers, especially the gorgeous Ganga, holy and you still pour millions of tons of sewage and toxic industrial waste



RANJIT LAL

A THING OF BEAUTY

After Earth, will man’s ruin rampage hit the Moon next?

into her every single day, in addition to the dead; it’s like crapping in a place of worship! The holy Yamuna dies as she flows through 22 km of Delhi. Every waterbody in the country is polluted. The oceans have more plastic than fish.

DJF: The use of plastics is being restricted and banned.

Mother Nature: Oh, yes, whatever happened to that grandiose scheme of banning plastic bottles? All your politicians made huge, noble promises, but what do we see at every public gathering and environment conferences? Plastic water bottles by the hundred.

DJF: But India has among the finest environment-protection laws in the world...

Mother Nature: Which your precious leaders are diluting by the hour. Expressways through national parks, mining and tunneling are fine. Fragment the forests, cut down the trees, but do compensatory afforestation in wastelands where nothing can grow. All this legally! Don’t forget what goes on illegally, the illegal wildlife trade is the fourth-largest illegal industry in the world.

DJF: But there’s new, positive development: rewilding. Forests being replanted, wildlife is returning. All is not lost.

Mother Nature: At the rate you’re going you’ll have to rewild the whole Amazon rainforest, let’s see you do that!

DJF: Ma’am, sustainable development has become quite the in thing these days, everyone is talking about it.

Mother Nature: Then why do even pipsqueak leaders need a 100-car cavalcade to get from point A to B, 1 km away? What is sustainable about that? Why don’t they cycle, which they are exhorting everyone else to do?

DJF: Ma’am, they’re saying the sixth mass extinction is upon us. Aren’t you going to do anything to stop it?

Mother Nature: Why should I? You triggered it; you stop it. Hopefully, it will include your species, too.

DJF: Ma’am, we humans have very strong survival instincts. We’re already looking at other planets to colonise...

Mother Nature: Nice! You take a dump here then, when the stench gets unbearable, go to another planet and do the same thing there: And which planet? Have you seen what the moon looks like? So, go! Just remember how during the COVID-19 lockdowns, you lined up at your windows and stared longingly at the trees outside and envied the animals, birds and insects, and began writing mushy poetry about Nature. What does every astronaut say about the view from space? That the most beautiful thing they see out there is our sapphire blue planet!

DJF: Surely we’ll be able to meet your high expectations. (A bolt of lightning spears down, thunder turns to rain.)

Mother Nature (softly): Mess with me, sonny boy?

The Sense of an Original

How Malayalam indies, which won at the recent Kerala State Film Awards, expand the scope of playing with the form

Tanushree Ghosh

HALFWAY INTO Krishand RK’s *Aavasavyuham: The Arbit Documentation of An Amphibian Hunt*, you’re still wondering if it’s an environmental documentary, a fiction feature, spy thriller or sci-fi. It employs elements of all, stylistically, for its multitiered storytelling. Here is a group of biologists looking for a mysterious frog species in mangroves, there is a man with supernatural abilities, calling upon frogs, fish, crabs, drifting from one set of people to another, evoking astonishment, attachment, greed or fear among the locals of Puthuvype. The hunt for the frog *Mysticellus joy* (loosely based on *Mysticellus franki* that was discovered in Wayanad in 2019) turns into one for the elusive — note Krishand’s wry humour — Joy (Rahul Rajagopal), the amphibian man (inspired from the *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, 1954). The film’s title reads like a research manual, and it’s structured like one too, in prologue, epilogue, chapters.

In the depths of his film are layers of contemporary history, at a remove: Section 144 is mentioned one too many times, an LPG plant is shown in long lens. Krishand draws from the present reality: the 2017 incident when Puthuvype locals protested against the LPG plant, where one accident could put the lives of thousands in peril, and were lathicharged by the police. The trigger for Krishand was also a 2019 incident when the police “encountered” four Maoists, and arrested two students under the UAPA Act for “possessing/distributing Maoist literature”. Krishand found a crime-noir-like ready villain (the State/big corporates) for his realistic superhero movie. Satire/humour saves the day for the small-time indie film which, among mainstream heavyweights (Joji, Churuli, Naayattu, Bhoothakaalam, Minnal Murali, etc.), picked up the Best Film and Best Screenplay at the “well-balanced” 52nd Kerala State Film Awards, whose jury was headed by parallel-cinema great Saeed Akhtar Mirza.

In *Aavasavyuham*, one light scene follows a heavy scene, the comedy genre and content change in seconds, ideas are “communicated the way social media is designed, for 20-30-year-olds who scroll Instagram/TikTok videos,” says the filmmaker, adjunct faculty at IIT Bombay, who wanted to become a comic book artist. “You make a film on a problem, it either becomes a serious film or misery tourism of the problem. I didn’t want that,” he says. He mocks the mockumentary, the way specialised Marvel formats do it — “where it uses the concept to break it. So, in the film, real people talking blurs the line between real and fiction”. It also takes from mainstream Malayalam-film tropes. “A girl’s marriage is disrupted by a local landlord, the hero saves the day; and *Chemmeen* (1965), where a fisherman gets a lot of money and becomes selfish. I couldn’t make the characters



say it, so in came the interviews,” says Krishand, who’s playing inside a genre: superhero mockumentary drama. “I wanted to make a realistic superhero film (like *Unbreakable*, 2000 and *Chronicle*, 2012), not a *Captain Planet*, and intertwine nature and Kerala concepts (Joy’s look is modelled on Jain Tirthankara idols),” he says.

His sophomore is proof of Anurag Kashyap’s statement at the 26th IFFK this year: “I make movies in Hindi where we distort history while Kerala is actually chronicling the times we live in with their cinema.” Besides Krishand’s, Rahman Brothers Sajas and Shinos’ third film *Chavittu/Stomp* shared the Second Best Film award with Tara Ramanujan’s migrant tale *Nishiddho/Forbidden*. And Krishnendu Kalesh’s feature *Prapedda/Hawk’s Muffin* won the Special Award for Promising Debut in Direction. “All three films move away from the commercial format, and woke generation films of political correctness. They have more nuance, experimentation, deeper politics.



TO NEW FRONTIERS

(Clockwise from left, below) Ketaki Narayan and Rajesh Madhavan in *Prapedda* (*Hawk’s Muffin*); a still from *Chavittu* (*Stomp*); Rahul Rajagopal in *Aavasavyuham*; Krishnendu Kalesh; Sajas (left) and Shinos Rahman; Krishand RK

Aavasavyuham looks at human beings as species, at binaries. *Prapedda* brings back the magic of cinema. Time and space are dealt with interestingly, visuals convey war, violence, displacement. *Chavittu* looks like a simple film but talks of politics of caste, marginalisation, globalisation,” says film critic CS Venkiteswaran.

“In Kerala,” he further adds, “there are three kinds of cinema. The mainstream that’s experimenting in a conventional way. Like Fahadh Faasil’s films that are successful in commercial format, have popular star presence, interesting themes, lighting and camerawork, but are not very radical. Second, those that are vocal and articulate politically, but at the core level, don’t go beyond that, such as *The Great Indian Kitchen* (2021), *Freedom Fight* or *Puzhu* (2022). Third are films like *Aavasavyuham*, *Chavittu*, *Prapedda*, which are difficult films. They look at life, society in a much more complex form.” Both *Chavittu* and *Prapedda* had premiered at the presti-

gious IFFR Rotterdam earlier this year.

Rahman Brothers had won Best Film, Best Screenplay and Best Character Actress (Swasika) at the 2020 state awards for their second film *Vasanthi* (2019). In *Vasanthi* and *Chavittu* (also Best Choreography and Best Sync Sound), “the use of theatre inside cinema is common,” says Shinos, “but in *Chavittu*, there’s no protagonist, rather a group with a collective singular identity, immersed in rehearsing for their play, but the movie ends when the troupe begins the play.” The title — and songs/choreography is derived from the folk art *chavittu kali* (not *chavittu naadakam*) — “is dedicated to stomping on the face of cultural emptiness we artists are facing in these times, and issues with exhibiting our films, but come what may, we’ll sing and dance for our rights,” he says.

Kalesh’s sci-fi anti-war film *Prapedda* is a fantasy drama set in a dystopian future, an abstract fairytale format in same-time narrative, with Thoufeek Hussain’s compelling cinematography (650 shots for VFX). The film is curated like an art exhibition, with pantomime and sparse dialogues. Its layers evince the impacts of patriarchy, greed, capitalism, eco-fascism and war. It references writer Vaikom Muhammad Basheer’s anti-war meditations, and is peppered with visuals of nuclear mushroom-clouds, Chinook helicopters (think Vietnam War). At its centre is Ketaki Narayan’s mute Ruby, a symbolic *prapedda*/pigeon who brokers peace at a personal cost. “Wars are a never-ending, never-resolved human enterprise,” says Kalesh, who dutifully pays credit to four masters: George Méliès, Andrei Tarkovsky, Hayao Miyazaki and Guillermo del Toro.

“In the bigger films, you have some daring filmmakers setting standards that steer towards what’s new. Dileesh Pothan’s *Macbeth*-adaptation *Joji* (2021) has art-house elements: lengthy shots, suspense built through shot selection and edit pattern. *Premam* (2015) has a unique edit pattern. To me, *Sholay* (1975) is experimental in its technical aspects, the train-looting action sequence at the start was a unique film language,” says Kalesh. Krishand wants to tell those who say his film “is not pure cinema or he’s used carpet music” that “anybody who talks about purity is a fascist, and Brahmanical in their knowledge/approach.”

Those Who Make Us

Remembering Panditji, whose lessons turned a cook into a chef and taught a human to respect those of all faith

SLICE OF LIFE



Suvir Saran

Suvir Saran is a chef, author, educator and world traveller

THE OUTPOURING of grief on the passing of Panditji, my family’s Brahmin cook, has been nothing short of extraordinary. He died peacefully on June 10 at the age of 91 in his village near Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. He touched the lives of countless others and left all with delicious memories of rich indulgence and simple pleasures. He blessed our home with the watchful eyes of a caring elder and gave family and friends the taste of an era long past.

My earliest memories are of my parents, grandparents, Panditji and Baba. Devi Prasad Pandey (Panditji) and Uday Raj (Baba) were part of my paternal grandmother’s household. They raised my aunt and my father, and then my mother became a part of

the household, too. Baba passed away before I left for the US at age 20, and Panditji, who’d retired decades ago and returned to his village, turned around and came to enjoy retired life at our home in Delhi instead.

A stern man, always composed and correct, impeccably dressed in starched white *dhotis* and *kurtas*, Panditji’s circumspection seemed grounded in ancestral grace. His elder brother, Thakur was part of my grandmother’s household, and on his passing, Panditji, then aged 11, arrived at her side. He learned his storied cooking at my *dadi*’s side and under the tutelage from her mother’s household chef. It was from *dadi* that he learned hacks and tricks that made his cookery way ahead of others. He also gave credit to her parents’ home in Kurwar in UP for having learned how to manage large parties, expectations of a household bustling with family members, and an ever-evolving list of last-minute guests. When fatigue and worries would show on others’ faces and might sour the experience of the guests at the table, Panditji’s was a warm welcome and happy hospitality while he dealt with issues as they unfurled.

My cousin Vikram said, “Panditji was regal in his mannerism. He was almost like the Buddha in the third act of Hermann Hesse’s (novel) *Siddhartha* (1922). He’d found a way to give away his worldly possessions and was living a lighter, uncluttered and uncomplicated life while others were struggling with the mess of materialism. Whenever I visited India from San Francisco, he’d greet me at the door with a big smile and rather promptly with a delicious glassful of the tastiest nimbu paani, and a gentle, knowing look on his face.”

It’s crazy how many memories of my life are rooted in the same fertile ground from which Panditji came. His life shaded mine



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GUIDING LIGHT

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with comfort and safety, food and knowledge. He connected me to my family’s history, lore and legend, however insignificant it might have been in the larger picture. He painted it with such colour that it brought pride and reverence to me as a young boy.

Panditji gets full credit for giving me the training and stamina necessary to find the patience and perseverance that turns a cook into a chef, and a chef into a finer cuisinier still. His cooking was deeply entrenched in tradition, layered with sophistry, executed with devoted passion. He cooked for the gods and served with love to humans, linking family lore, human tradition and mindful thinking, always aware of food’s healing powers and mind-altering abilities. It was these lessons I learnt by watching him intently for the better part of a dozen-plus years that made my everyday cooking in Manhattan as a student seem like gourmet treasures to classmates and food critics alike. Bereft of shortcuts, redolent with rich flavours, fresh, deliciously light, full of textures. My cooking — which basically was the home cooking Panditji taught — charmed all with its simplicity and clarity of flavours, laden with gustatory pleasure and delectability. My first cookbook begins with my acknowledgment of Panditji my teacher, and today I still find myself in awe of him, even as I mourn his passing.

My earliest memories connect me to food and prayer — both link me to him. Every af-

termoon of my childhood, Panditji would rest in his room for a few hours, whose timing was precisely maintained like clockwork. No one, not even *dadi* or mom, could disturb him any sooner than he was ready to make it down into the kitchen again. But for me, the door was always open. I would sneak into his room and disturb him gently; he would wake up and ask me if I’d read the Ramayana with him. We’d pick up from where we’d left the day before, and carry on into the hefty and deep meanderings of the poetically versed religious text. He taught me to sing, with impeccable care given to punctuation and poetic meters, the three distinct styles of verses found in this holy text. Years later, I can still sing the *chaupayees*, *chhand* and *soraths* as they are meant to be sung, all because of Panditji’s tutelage. Before and after our Ramayana readings, he’d feed my hungry, young mind with tales in painterly details, rich descriptions, interesting metaphors and allegorical layers. It kept me excited, inspired and connected to my family’s past and India’s rich, syncretic history.

Our family table, life, and gatherings — none shall be the same with him gone. An era has now passed, a chapter or even a book has been read and digested. Now, the time is to celebrate its story, teachings and the narrator. Panditji lives on in my mind, he instructs my brain every time I put my chef hat on, or cry for someone, especially for one deemed the “other” by society and the world’s majority.

Panditji had modest beginnings, he lived a big and welcoming life, and left behind a huge legacy. His three children, their children, my mother and siblings, my nephew and in-laws and everyone who has ever visited our family home or read my books or dined with any of us have all been touched by Panditji’s majesty. It is this man, who was born to the only Brahmin family in a small Muslim-majority Indian village, and who with his delicious food, teachings of his Hindu faith and deep love and affection for those of other beliefs, lives immortally to-day and shall forever. To him I shall always bow, when entering a kitchen, cooking up recipes in my head, or singing songs of devotion and harmonious peace.

