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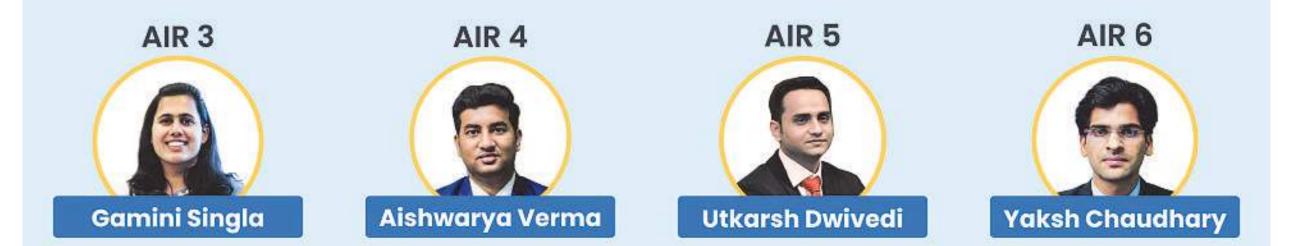




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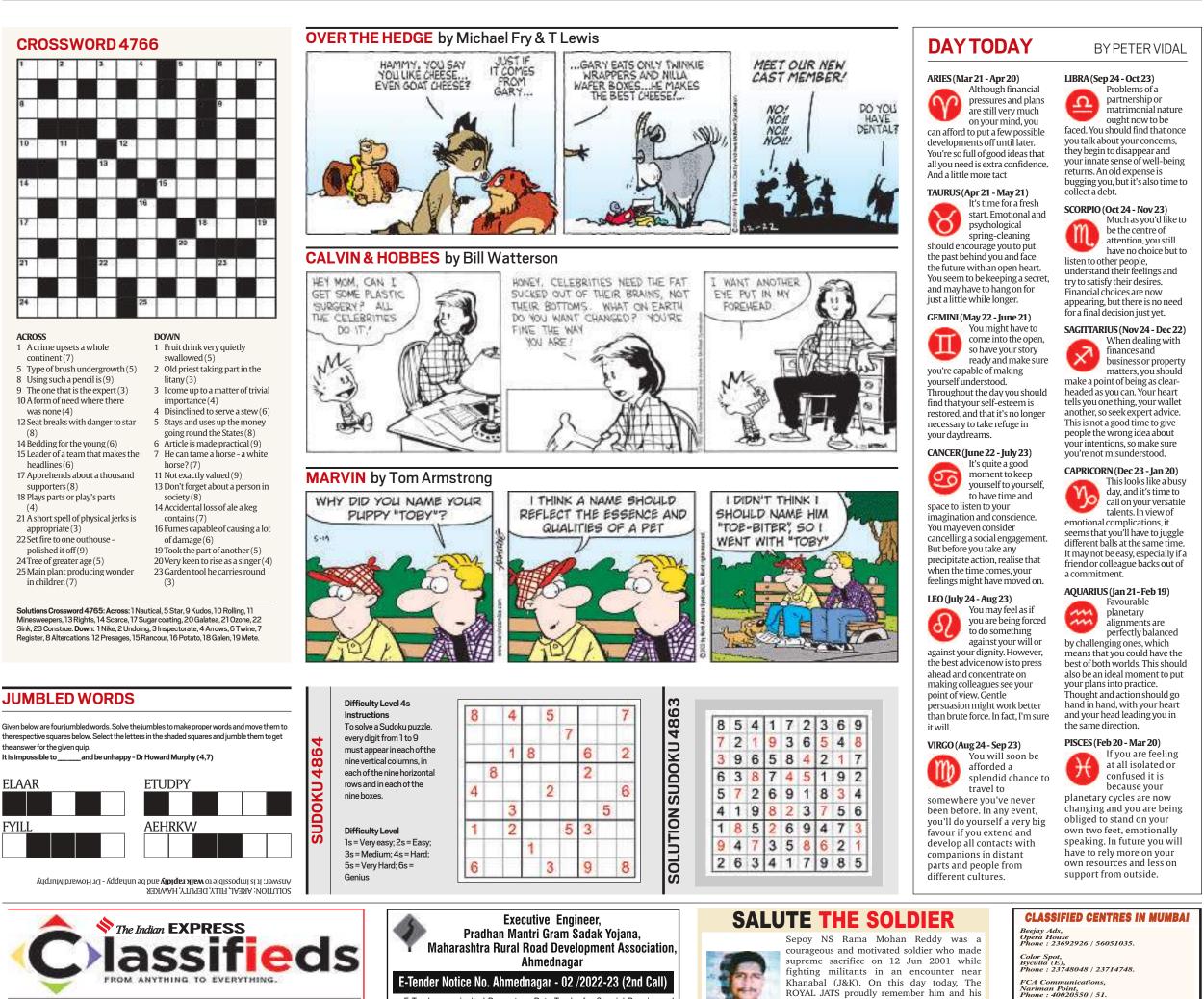


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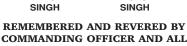


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Lanka official says PM wanted Adani to get project; retracts, Gotabaya denies

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

A SENIOR Sri Lanka official claimed before a Lankan parliamentary panel that Prime Minister Narendra Modi allegedly pressured President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to award a power project to the Adani Group, but retracted the statement a day later as the controversy spiralled. Sri Lanka President Rajapaksa "vehemently" denied the allegation.

The retracted claim is related to a 500-megawatt renewable energy project in the island na-

AUTHORITY CLAIMS NOTICE FIRST SERVED ON MAY 10, FAMILY DENIES HOME LOAN Residence of activist in Prayagraj bulldozed after just a day's notice

Cops say no proof against daughter, student leader Afreen, so far

ASAD REHMAN & MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, JUNE 12

AFTER RUNNING bulldozers in Kanpur and over properties of two accused in Saharanpur, the Uttar Pradesh administration Sunday demolished the house of Mohammad Javed, a political activist and businessman, after serving just a day's notice to vacate the house. The demolition happened in the presence of the Prayagraj District Magistrate Sanjay Khatri

and Senior Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar. On Saturday, while the Saharanpur administration had bulldozed "illegal construction" on the residences of two accused of Friday's violence, the Kanpur Development Authority demolished a commercial building which the district police alleged belonged to a close relative of the prime accused in

the June 3 violence. CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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AFREEN, FATHER TOOK PART IN CAA, OTHER PROTESTS PROTESTS SPREAD IN BENGAL PAGE 11



A bulldozer tears down the house of activist Javed Ahmed in Prayagraj on Sunday. Ritesh Shukla

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urban planning laws, has been

bulldozer cases in limbo

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

challenged before the courts as a THE BULLDOZER brought in by the Uttar Pradesh government in Prayagraj on Sunday to raze the house of Mohammad Javed is part of a familiar playbook: the issue is under substantive challenge in three courts, the Supreme Court, Allahabad High Court and the Madhya Pradesh High Court. And in all three, the cases are in a limbo.

The bulldozing of houses, under the pretext of alleged viola-

Totally illegal, says ex-CJ Prophet remarks India's of Allahabad High Court; matter... why should we instigate: Bangladesh

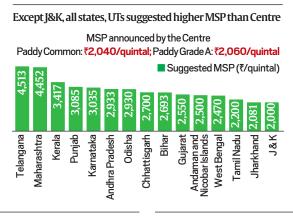
India for action taken: Minister

THE CONTROVERSY around the derogatory references to the Prophet is India's internal matter and the government in Dhaka need not respond to it, Information and Broadcasting Minister of Bangladesh Dr Hasan



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PRICING PADDY



HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

FOURTEEN OF 15 states and Union Territories which suggested a minimum support price for paddy recommended a higher MSP than the one declared by the Union government.

On June 8, the Centre announced the MSP at the rate of Rs 2,040 per quintal for paddy (Common) and Rs 2,060 per quintal for paddy (Grade A) for the kharif marketing season 2022-23

A report of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), based on which the government announces the MSPs for various crops, shows that all 15 states and UTs had suggested

SUPPLY OF SIX NUCLEAR REACTORS

Question mark on Russia inputs, India evaluates French push at Jaitapur

Over 400 SC verdicts translated, until Covid-19 stalled AI project

violation of fundamental rights and due process. In many cases, notices are issued but the demolition is timed with a protest and a particular section is targeted giving the subject no time to appeal. 'This is totally illegal. Even if you assume for a moment that the construction was illegal,

which by the way is how crores of Indians live, it is impermissible that you demolish a house on a Sunday when the residents are **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

Congratulate

MONOJIT MAJUMDAR DHAKA, JUNE 12

Bangladesh I&B Minister Hasan Mahmud. Express

Mahmud said here Saturday. "First of all, this is an external issue (for Bangladesh). This is the CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal. Out of these, only Jammu and Kashmir suggested a lower paddy MSP than the one declared by the Centre, shows the CACP's 'Price Policy for Kharif

Crops Of 2022-23 Season' report. In fact, the paddy MSP suggested by Jammu and Kashmir (Rs 2,000 per quintal) was the lowest among the 15 states and UTs. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

IF JAITAPUR takes off,

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tion's northern Mannar district. The Chairman of Sri Lanka's Cevlon Electricity Board (CEB). MMC Ferdinando, appearing before a parliamentary panel in Colombo Friday, claimed that during his conversation with Rajapaksa, the President had told him that Modi had put pressure on him to award the project to the Adani Group.

Ferdinando, who was addressing the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), can be heard saving that Rajapaksa "told me that he was under pressure from Modi". The senior official told the committee that the President had asked him to give the project to the Indian company.

He also told the committee **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

THE WORLD

AT STUMPS on Day 1, the score-**U.S. SENATORS** card looked healthy. The TV **REACH BIPARTISAN** rights bid had reached Rs 57 DEAL ON GUN SAFETY crore per game and digital rights Rs 48 crore per game. Taken to-CHINA SAYS U.S. gether, the IPL 2023-2027 cycle's TRYING TO 'HIJACK' per-game media rights value SUPPORT IN ASIA P 14 stood at Rs 105 crore -- and Rs 43,050 crore for the five-year pe-

APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

OVER450 verdicts of the Supreme Court have been translated into 12 regional languages using an artificial intelligence software, with Hindi topping the list of translations followed by Tamil.

to be revived.

While 469 verdicts have been translated since the launch of the ambitious project in August 2018, it came to a halt during the pandemic and is yet

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KOLKATA, JUNE 12

guages is more than ever but like many other functions of the

> Court, Covid impacted the priority given to the project," a Supreme Court official said on the condition of anonymity. An analysis by The Indian

> > Express showed that 86 per cent of the 469 verdicts were translated before March 2020 before the pandemic began, and the last verdict to be translated was in October last year.

Of the 469 translated judgments. 243 translations are in

riod, an increase of Rs 10,160

crore from the BCCI's base price

More than half the match is

"We are happy with the way

the day has progressed and the

best part is all the bidders have

shown keen interest. We are

of Rs 32,890 crore.

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"The focus on vernacular lan-

Hindi while Tamil ranks second with 70. There were 42 translated verdicts in Malavalam, 25 in Marathi, 23 each in Kannada and Oriya, and 19 in Telugu. Verdicts were also translated into Urdu, Assamese, Punjabi and one in Nepali.

The project to translate select verdicts of the court to regional languages was mooted after President Ram Nath Kovind in October 2017 suggested that translations of judgments must be made available to litigants.

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told The Indian Express.

toll touches 100 this year

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, JUNE 12

FOUR MILITANTS – including one involved in the killing of two police personnel - have died in shootouts in south Kashmir and Srinagar, taking the toll this year to 100, police said Sunday. Adil Ahmad Parray, who was

behind the killing of J&K Police's Special Operations Group member Saifullah Qadri on May 24,



daughter – during the attack.

Police said Parray was also in-

The three other militants, al-

affiliated

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volved in the killing of another

policeman, Ghulam Hassan Dar,

in Sangam.

legedly

'Nobody can use the police. We don't work by insinuation, persuasion or inclination' SANJAY PANDEY MUMBAI POLICE COMMISSIONER **PAGE 10**

AMID MOUNTING uncertainties over the civil nuclear partnership was killed on the outskirts of with Russia in the wake of the Srinagar city in a "chance en-Ukraine war, there are indicacounter" with a small police tions of fresh progress on the team. A tweet by J&K police said much-delayed deal with French that Parray, from Ganderbal, had power utility EDF for the supply injured a 9-year-old girl – Qadri's of six EPR (European Pressurised Water Reactors) nuclear reactors.

The Department of Atomic Energy is actively examining a binding techno-commercial offer submitted by the French state-owned power company to help build six third-generation CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 EPR reactors at Jaitapur in Maharashtra.

A high-level team from EDF was here late last month.

However, that proposal has

been hanging fire on account of

multiple factors, including the

slowdown in nuclear projects

globally post the Fukushima in-

If the Jaitapur deal takes off, New Delhi had accorded an it would be the largest nuclear "in-principle" approval of the power generating site in the site at Jaitapur in Maharashtra country with a total capacity of 9,900 MWe and one of the for setting up of six reactors of 1650 MWe (megawatt electric) biggest-ever export deals for the each as part of an umbrella nu-French side. clear deal signed with France in Sources said the issue of the

techno-commercial offer came up during delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron in May.

At present, Russia is the only cident and internal reorganisacountry setting up imported tion at French nuclear utility **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

Medals in Tokyo Olympics, Youth Games: Siblings star in Haryana shooting success

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

NAMIT KUMAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

WHILE GROWING up, Shiva Narwal wanted to be a kabaddi player. It made sense: his state Haryana has a rich history of producing top athletes in contact sports. But then, his elder brother Manish established himself as a top shooter, breaking the world record to win gold in 50m



Coach Rakesh Singh's 10x Shooting Academy in Ballabgarh, Faridabad, has produced several India shooters

air pistol at the Tokyo father Dilbaug asked Shiva and Paralympics last year. And their his younger sister Shikha to accompany Manish to the range. Their switch to shooting was quick - and, as it turns out, the right call.

Shiva and Shikha are seasoned international shooters now, having won gold at the ISSF Junior World Championship and the ISSF Junior World Cup. Last week. at the Khelo India Youth Games, Shiva won a gold and Shikha a bronze, helping Haryana pocket seven of the 12 medals at stake and placing the state on the top of the tally.

Their father admits to being CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Net of contention: Courts to decide on pleas by 'mosquito-infested' Taloja inmates this week

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, JUNE 12

AT THE Taloja Central Jail, the latest cause of a face-off between jail authorities and prison inmates is mosquitoes. At least 15 prisoners have approached various courts seeking access to mosquito nets citing their apprehensions of contracting malaria and dengue after jail authorities, citing safety concerns, seized the nets being used by inmates last month.

In May, jail authorities conducted a search of belongings of inmates and seized mosquito

nets being used by them. The reason cited by the officials was that the nets have a long string which the prisoners could use to harm themselves or others.

The move caused discord among prisoners who said that there was a mosquito menace in the jail and that the nets were their primary form of protection against diseases. One inmate, Sagar Gorkhe, booked in the Elgaar Parishad case, even approached the Kharghar police alleging that the jail authorities had conducted "theft" by seizing his mosquito net, which cost him Rs 620. A number of inmates have approached trial courts

seeking the nets.

September 2008

In another hearing recently, undertrial Mubeen Shaikh, booked in an MCOCA case, approached court seeking permission to continue using the mosquito nets. He told the court that its use was allowed until recently

While calling for a report from the prison, the special judge also asked Shaikh why alternatives like a mosquito coil or repellents were not being used. Shaikh told the court that coils and repellents only worked for a few hours and since he had asthma. he suffered from breathing problems with continued usage. Shaikh also told the court that a few years ago, in communication with the court related to a different issue, the then prison superintendent of Taloja had admitted that the prison

was a "malaria-prone area". In 2014, on a report sought by the court, jail authorities had stated that a number of accused had suffered from malaria and claimed that they were given prompt treatment with the help of civic officials of the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. Earlier this month, a special

court said that it had received 11 applications from inmates

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hoping that bidding reaches fig-The auction will resume for both the packages at 11 am on ures the IPL deserves. The second day will be more interesting for Monday. Once they are done, all stakeholders," a BCCI official Package C(special bouquet of 18

gories were not exhausted.

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matches with non-exclusive dig-The e-auction commenced at ital rights for the Indian subcontinent) and Package D (world 11 am on Sunday, with Package A rights for TV and digital) will (TV rights for the Indian subcontinent only) and Package B (digcome into play.

The BCCI expects the combined rights value for five years to soar past Rs 45,000 crore. And, going by the first day's figures, Indian cricket is set to witness an unprecedented windfall. In 2017. when Star India

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FROM PAGE ONE Prayagraj

The district police had on Saturday arrested 54-year-old Javed, who is a Central Working Committee Member of the Welfare Party of India, a political party floated in 2011, and claimed he was one of the conspirators behind Friday's violence in Prayagraj. His role came to light during questioning of other accused, the police claimed, and alleged he had called for a "bandh" asking people to reach the spot of protests through WhatsApp messages.

Javed's daughter Afreen Fatima, a student leader in her college days, completed her master's from the Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2021, and is the National Secretary of the Fraternity Movement, the student wing of the Welfare Party.

On Saturday, SSP Ajay Kumar had claimed that Javed had told during questioning that his daughter (Afreen) often gives him suggestions. In the preliminary inquiry, the police had, however, thus far not found any evidence against her. When asked if she would be questioned, he said, "If strong evidence is found, action will be taken. On Sunday, police claimed re-

covery of country-made pistols during a search operation at laved's residence during the day. "During the search operation, we recovered two country-made pistols, objectionable posters, and several cartridges from the house. We also found documents with objectionable remarks on the court by laved. All articles are being examined and would be made part of investigation of the case,' SSP Ajay Kumar claimed.

Javed's younger daughter Sumaiyya Fatima, 19, however, said all this was "fabricated and made up". "The allegations regarding recoveries from our house are unbelievable... We were watching the demolition on TV since we were not allowed to go home. The only things found that we saw on TV were our marksheets, our educational books. Then suddenly in the evening they say these items have been found. The police have done this to frame us," she said.

When contacted, advocate KK Roy, who is representing Javed's family, told The Indian Express, "The house demolished on Sunday is in the name of Parveen Fatima, wife of Mohammad Javed; the notice on Saturday has been served to Javed Mohammad. As per Muslim law, the wife's property does not belong to the husband.'

The Prayagraj Development Authority's (PDA's) notice to Javed on June 10 said he had constructed a building against the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Urban Planning and Development Act, 1973. "The construction of 25 x 60 feet was done without getting per-

mission on the ground and first

not linking it to the incident on Friday. The PDA may have thought it is time, and they should explain that.'

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in custody. It is not a technical issue but a question of rule of law," former Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Govind Mathur told The Indian Express Sunday.

These remarks are significant since it was Mathur who, on March 8, 2020, a Sunday, took suo motu notice of the Lucknow administration's controversial decision to plaster "name and shame" posters across the city of those accused in the CAA protests. The court held that government's move was held unlawful and violated the right to privacy of the accused. On April 21 this year, the

Supreme Court issued a stay against demolition in Delhi's Iahangirpuri area where the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) had launched an "encroachment removal action programme" the day after violence broke out in the area. A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai said it would examine whether due process was followed before the drive.

While Justice Rao has since retired, the case is listed for hearing in August.

The same day, the Madhya Pradesh High Court dismissed a Public Interest Litigation seeking to restrain the government from bulldozing houses of persons accused of crime, holding that "it may not be appropriate to entertain this petition as a PIL." However, individuals who

have been affected have also moved the HC separately and the cases are yet to be heard.

Among those who have approached the Madhya Pradesh High Court is 22-year-old Asif Khan whose house and three shops were demolished after he was accused of kidnapping a Hindu woman. A single-judge bench of the HC had held that the woman was a major and had in fact eloped with Asif, granting pro-

tection to the inter-faith couple. Following the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act in December 2020, the UP government had issued notices to recover damages from protestors and even auction their property. The Allahabad High Court had stepped in togrant an interim stay. This was on December 3, 2020 but none of the cases has been heard in detail

since then. In February this year, the Supreme Court also pulled up the UP government that the action taken against the CAA protestors under a 2011 ruling of the Allahabad HC was not in line with due process and violated the guidelines laid down by the court.

projects based largely on indige-The UP government told the SC that it would withdraw the notices nous PHWR (pressurised heavy and issue them under a new law water reactor) technology. enacted in 2020. The new law is Lanka official also under challenge before the SC and is yet to be heard. that CEB has never given unsolicited proposals in the past, even Last month, The Indian Express reported how a house built in on a government-to-government Khargone, MP, under the Prime basis. The discussion between Minister Awaas Yojana was geot-Rajapaksa and Ferdinando had alagged five times, its last payment legedly taken place when he was hit the bank barely a week before summoned by the President folit was demolished days after a lowing a meeting chaired by him. communal clash with the occu-But the day after his appearance before the panel, Ferdinando pant saying she got no time to appeal. withdrew his statement, claiming he had become "emotional" due

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EPR reactor showed "mechanical

wear of certain assembly compo-

nents", which had already been

observed in many French reactors.

Group, which operates the Taishan

plant with EDF, shut down one of

its reactors in August to investigate

fuel damage, after EDF said it was

examining a potential issue linked

to a build-up of radioactive gases.

Its other EPR site, in Finland at

Olkiluoto 3. started critical func-

tions last month after multi-year

Framatome, which has had a co-

operation agreement with L&T for

the manufacturing of certain com-

ponents of the nuclear island, is

among the partnerships likely to

be leveraged by the French utility

to ensure that the localisation con-

tent goes up and costs are kept low.

A detailed query sent to EDF on the

there are no specific cost bench-

marks, the two Russian-design re-

actor units (KKNPP units 3 & 4)

coming up at Kudankulam en-

tailed an initial sanctioned project

While indications are that

issue did not elicit a response.

In India, EDF subsidiary,

delays and cost over-runs.

China General Nuclear Power

In China, EDF said, inspections

projects across the world.

While the EPR is EDF's next-

For example, the EPR-based

10,2021.

months

There are 22 reactors with a ca-

Flagging what he called India's

SJB parliamentarian Nalin Bandara pointed to concerns that competitive bidding was being done away with "to make way" for projects like the Adani Group's. Another party member, Harsha de Silva, proposed an amendment to ensure that projects beyond 10MW go through a competitive bidding process, and said eliminating competitive bidding would open the door to corruption.

CEB unions are also angry and had threatened a country-wide strike. But they called it off after a presidential order declaring electricity an essential service.

"Arrangements are being made at a rapid pace to gift the most prolific wind energy belt in the country" to the Adani Group, the CEB Engineers' Union said in a statement.

It demanded that the government "stop the handover of the country's wind and solar resources to the Adani Group... without following the competitive bidding process".

There was no immediate response from India or the Adani Group regarding the controversy. The Adani Group has been in-

creasing its presence in Sri Lanka over the past few years.

Last year, it bagged a contract to develop and run the strategically significant Western Container Terminal of Colombo Port, with a 51 per cent stake.

Last October, Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani visited Sri Lanka and held talks with President Rajapaksa about investment opportunities. He visited the Northern Province, which includes the coastal Mannar, Jaffna and Killinochi districts. There are already some wind farms in the region.

Six month after the visit, the Adani Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set up two renewable energy projects in Mannar district and at Pooneryn, in Killinochi district.

The terms of the agreement. signed between the Lanka government and the Adani group on March 12, are not public. It had come at a time the Indian government had begun extending aid to its crisis-hit southern neighbour.

The signing was reported by a Sri Lankan newspaper. The lack of transparency had raised concerns even at the time.

cost of Rs 39,849 crore (in 2014), translating into a cost of nearly Rs In the Sri Lankan Parliament 20 crore per MWe as against the last week. Power and Energy average project cost of Rs 7-10 Minister Kanchana Wijesekara crore per MWe for existing nuclear said the amendment bill was an excellent opportunity to remove a legal obstacle that had been in place since 2013, according to the Sunday Times newspaper.

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has, however, remained firm on its refusal to be provoked; on Friday, Mahmud, who is also a senior office-bearer of the country's ruling Awami League, warned in a party meeting in Gaibandha in northern Bangladesh that strict action would be taken against anyone creating "unnecessary confusion or incitement", local media reported.

"We do not tolerate offending any religion and if anyone tries to create chaos in this country over Minister as having said.

comments made from time to "infiltrators" by senior political figures in India. He replied that these leaders may have their domestic political compulsions, and that Bangladesh was not too worried

about their statements. "Because of domestic politics they may have said... Politicians say many things for reasons of domestic politics. We don't ask for explanations, we understand... We don't need to give attention to

them," Mahmud said. The relationship between Bangladesh and India has reached new heights under the leadership of Prime Ministers Hasina and Modi, the Minister said. He expressed his gratitude to the people and the government of India for standing with Bangladesh dur-

ing the country's war of liberation in 1971. "The soldiers of India shed their blood for the people of Bangladesh. You (India) opened your doors and your hearts to our people. The relationship between the peoples of Bangladesh and India was born out of the ashes of war and forged in our blood. We

are indeed blood brothers," he said. While some challenges remain. and there is much ground to be covered still to realise the full potential of trade and communication links between the two

Rs.1,58,770.64 crore," the Union Food Ministry said in a May 30

Indian Express

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statement. On June 8, the Centre had announced MSP for all mandated kharif crops including paddy. The MSP of paddy (common) was increased by 5.15 per cent from Rs 1,940 per quintal in 2021-22. The increase in absolute terms, of Rs 100, is the highest since 2018-19.

Back then, the government had announced a hike of Rs 200 per quintal – from Rs 1,550 per quintal in 2017-18 – to implement its decision of fixing the MSP at "a level of at least 50 per cent over the All-India weighted".

As for paddy (grade A), the price for 2022-23 is 5.1 per cent higher than the Rs 1,960 per quintal in 2021-22.

Like paddy, the majority of states have also suggested a higher MSP for other kharif crops. For instance, five states -Andhra Pradesh (Rs 3,334 per

quintal), Gujarat (Rs 5,000), Karnataka (Rs 5,651), Maharashtra (Rs4,331) and Telangana (Rs7,712) - suggested a higher MSP for Iowar than the one declared by the Union government.

The Centre had declared an MSP of Rs 2,970 for Jowar (hybrid) and Rs 2,990 for jowar (maldandi) for 2022-23. Only one state, Tamil Nadu (Rs 2,940), has suggested a lower MSP for jowar.

In case of Bajra, too, Tamil Nadu (Rs 2,318 per quintal) has suggested a lower MSP than the one announced by the Centre (Rs 2,350 perquintal). Five other states have uggested a higher bajra MSP.

The Centre has declared Tur (Arhar) and Urad MSP at Rs 6,600 per quintal, while the states have suggested tur and urad MSPs in the range of Rs 6,500-Rs 10,880 per quintal and Rs 6,700-Rs 13,679 quintal, respectively.

Militants killed

Lashkar-e-Taiba, were killed in an overnight gunfight in south Kashmir's Pulwama. One of these militants was also involved in the killing of a policeman on 13 May.

military forces cordoned off

Sunday morning with the killing

of all three militants present in the

village."All the three killed terror-

ists are locals linked with terror

Shergojri, Fazil Nazir Bhat and Irfan

Pulwama. Police said they have

Junaid, police said, was respon-

Riyaz Ahmad Thoker at Gadoora

village of Pulwama on May 13, be-

sides the attack on migrant brick

kiln workers at Chadoora,

Budgam, in which a worker was

along with his associate Abid

Hussain Shah was involved in

killing of police personnel Riyaz

Ahmad at his residential house on

"The killed terrorist Junaid

killed and another injured.

some ammunition.

These militants are lunaid

outfit LeT...," J&K police tweeted.

Police said the skirmish ended

Pulwama's Drabgam village.

EXPRESS AUDIO

Game Time: The future of hockey at Olympics

Host Mihir Vasavda speaks to Rod Gilmour, the editor of the Hockey Paper, and Nicolas Maingot, Senior Communications Manager at the International Hockey Federation, about the new format of 5-a-side hockey, whether and in which form it will appear in the Olympics, and the differences with the 11-a-side games

tary of Haryana Rifle Association,

says that even though Harvana is

producing national shooting tal-

ent, the lack of a state-run shoot-

ing range may be holding many

back. "What we do not have in fa-

cilities, we make up for in individ-

secured the media rights for the

2018-2022 cycle through a com-

posite bid of Rs 16,347.5 crore, the

company had pledged to pay Rs

54.5 crore per game. This time,

bidding is being done on a per-

game basis and the base prices

per match for Package A and

Package B had been set at Rs 49

The jump in the digital rights

Five years ago, Facebook was

the highest digital rights bidder

with Rs 3,900 crore, which

amounted to around Rs 13 crore

per game. Back then, though, the

route taken was a composite bid.

opportunity, given digital view-

ing's fast-growing popularity -- a

49 per cent post-pandemic

growth in digital subscription.

The decision to do away with

composite bids has also proved to

Converted into US dollars,

Speaking to The Indian Express

PL's per-game value after the first

be a smart move.

This year, the BCCI sensed an

value is staggering, and mostly in

accordance with the cricket

board's expectations.

crore and Rs 33 crore, respec-

ual care," he said.

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tively

of the National Rifle Association tools to ensure the translation was of India (NRAI), and general secre-

seamless. The verdicts translated in nine languages had a 90 per cent accuracy rate and the errors were fixed manually before uploading them, according to court officials. They said the software has also been shared with some high courts.

Sources said that the eventual goal is to translate verdicts of High Courts instantaneously to ensure litigants save time and cost while making an appeal before the top court.

On May 1, speaking at the Chief Justices Conference, PM Narendra Modi and CJI NV Ramana underlined the need to "encourage the use of local languages in courts". The CII, at the same event, had earlier highlighted the need for some courts to conduct business in local nguages.

Courts often rely on a panel of translators to translate verdicts of lower courts where regional languages are used.

Shooter siblings

skeptical when Manish, who could not participate in contact sports due to an impairment in his right arm since birth, showed interest in shooting. "(But) as I have gained more knowledge watching my children compete, I can tell you there is no greater test of an athlete's focus and commitment. There are less chances of injury, it is an individual sport, it can be played across all age groups,' Dilbaug said.

In a state that grapples with a day's bidding stands at about 'gun culture", and at a time when \$13.43 million. It has already the high-profile killing of Punjabi trumped the English Premier singer Sidhu Moosewala is domi-League, for which the official nating headlines, the essence of broadcasters pay around \$11 mil-Narwal's push for shooting is quite lion per match. the opposite of how popular local on the eve of the auction, BCCI secmusic videos advocate the use of weapons. Shiva talks about how retary Jay Shah was confident that the IPL would go past the Premier he got hooked to the sport. "I had started after watching Manish. I League to be the No. 2 sports wasn't too keen early on," he said. league in the world in terms of At a CBSE Nationals a few years media rights per game. ago, a dramatically improved showing, after a poor finish in the

"At present, a National Football League (NFL) game costs a broadcaster about \$17 million, which is the highest for any sports league

That's followed by the English

Premier League, at \$11 million and

the Major League Baseball figure,

too, is roughly the same. In the last five-year cycle, we got \$9 million

from one IPL game. This time, go-

ing by the present minimum base

price that we have set, BCCI will

get paid \$12 million per IPL

Leadership Council Event, BCCI

president Sourav Ganguly said: "I

have seen the game evolve, where

players like me earned a few hun-

dreds and now have the potential

to earn crores. This game is run by

fans, people of this country, and

by the BCCI, which was formed by

cricket fans. This sport is strong

seeking mosquito nets and a

report in the regard has been

sought from jail. A prison official

said that the jail's stand is to op-

pose the pleas due to security

concerns. "We cannot allow the

mosquito nets as per jail rules. We

are ensuring alternatives and reg-

ularly conducting fumigation on

the prison premises," a senior of-

ficial said. Officials also said that

inmates were using mosquito

nets without court's permission.

most do not have permission to

to use the nets is Vijay Palande,

use the nets," the official said.

"Apart from 2-3 prisoners,

Among those being allowed

and will continue to evolve."

Taloja

Speaking at the India

match," Shah had said.

the incidents of other countries, it will be controlled with iron hands," The Daily Star quoted the

In Dhaka on Saturday evening, Mahmud was also asked about the time against alleged Bangladeshi

floor," the notice said.

It also said Javed was served a notice on May 10 this year with May 24 being fixed as the date of hearing of his reply; it said Javed did not submit any documents and was not present - claims that are denied by Javed's family members as well as their lawyer Roy.

The PDA notice served on Saturday said, "On May 25, 2022, the demolition order was passed, and orders were given that you should give information after demolishing the house by June 9, 2022, which you didn't do. Hence, you are told to vacate the house by June 12, 2022, by 11 am so that action of demolition can be taken."

While Afreen could not be reached for comments, Sumaiyya Fatima, said the family was never served any notice in the past. "The first notice we got was the one pasted at our house after 10 pm on Saturday. Before that, we never heard anything about the illegality of the house. The house is in the name of my mother. And we have been paying all taxes like - Water tax, House tax, Electricity tax, All are updated," she told The Indian Express.

The family's lawyer Roy too said, "No notice was served to the family on May 10, as is being claimed by the officials. The notices have been prepared with old dates overnight by officials. It is being done just to prove that process has been followed," he claimed. "The most the officials could have done was seal the house if compounding wasn't done. And the probe can go on, but a demolition is a draconian act which is against our country's rules and regulations," he said.

Earlier in the afternoon, UP Additional DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar, however, told The Indian Express the police were present at the location of demolition only for law and order. "The action on Javed's house is part of Prayagraj Development Authority Action. The police are present

there only for law and order. It (demolition) has nothing to do with the police. The case lodged against him is separate... We are

laitapur

Light Water Reactor-based nuclear projects in India, despite the fruition of international cooperation in nuclear energy well over a decade ago.

Russia has been involved in the project at the Kudankulam site under a pact signed in 1998, with 2000 MWe of capacity - Units 1&2 (2X1000 MWe) currently in operation. Work is being launched for four more reactors: Units 3 to 6 (KKNPP 3&4 and KKNPP 5&6, 4X1000 MWe).

Alongside the French, discussion on project proposals with technology partners from the US for Kovvada, Andhra Pradesh (6X 1208 MWe) is still work in progress.

As of February 2022, KKNPP 3&4 and KKNPP 5&6 had an overall physical progress of 58.22 per cent and 8.12 per cent respectively but sources indicated that the Kudankulam project completion schedule "is likely to be impacted" as components and equipment to be imported from Ukraine and Russia may be delayed due to logistical and ocean freight challenges arising out of the conflict.

Rosatom, the Russian nuclear organisation, is not an entity under sanctions at present but the current conflict, sources said, underlines the need for a more diverse nuclear cooperation basket.

Speaking to The Indian Express on the progress of the Jaitapur project, Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India, said: "These are all big projects, big issues and for the long-term and we have to address them very pro-

to some of the questions he was asked that appeared to insinuate wrongdoing by him.

Rajapaksa, meanwhile, issued a swift denial, first on Twitter, where he said: "Regarding the award of a Wind Power Project in Mannar, I categorically deny authorisation to award this project to any specific person or entity. I trust responsible communication in this regard will follow."

Later, his office issued a longer statement, "vehemently denying" influencing anybody in awarding the project. The statement said Rajapakse "categorically stated that he had not at any time given authorisation to award a wind power project in Mannar to any person or any institution."

"The President vehemently denied the statement made by the Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board at the Parliamentary Committee on Public Enterprises in this regard."

The statement also said: "Sri Lanka is currently in an acute shortage of power and President desires to expedite implementation of mega power projects as early as possible. However, no undue influence will be used in awarding such projects. Project proposals for large-scale renewable energy projects is limited, but special attention will be paid to the selection of institutions for the projects, which will be carried out strictly in accordance with the transparent and accountable system by the government of Sri Lanka.'

The controversy comes just days after Sri Lanka had changed

The country could no longer rely on coal and diesel plants. Many Acts currently in operation actually hamper renewable energy projects and a section of officials regularly try to use existing laws to block such projects from being implemented, Minister Wijesekara claimed.

WITH INPUTS FROM NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

Prophet remarks

issue of India, not of Bangladesh. We don't have to say anything,' Mahmud said at an informal interaction with a group of visiting journalists from Indian news organisations including The Indian Express.

Mahmud congratulated Indian authorities for having taken action in the matter – one BJP spokesperson was suspended, the other dropped from membership-and said that he would not 'ignite" the issue further.

Asked whether the silence of Dhaka when over a dozen Muslim countries and the 57-nation Organisation of Islamic Cooperation(OIC) have protested or issued statements of condemnation. Mahmud said:

"We are not compromised in any way at all. We strongly condemn any insult to the Holy Prophet whenever and wherever it happens. But the Government of India has taken action, and we thank them for it. We congratulate the Government of India. Now the law will take its course.

The insult to the Prophet is not much of an issue in Bangladesh the Minister said. "So why should I instigate, why should I ignite the issue? Has it not got enough attention (already)? My job is not to ignite," he said.

There were some protests by Muslim groups in Dhaka on Friday, including one outside the city's main mosque. Opposition parties and Islamist groups in Bangladesh have attacked their government's failure to criticise the Modi government.

The Bangladesh government

countries, the "Modi government has always been supportive of Bangladesh in all respects", Mahmud said.

Asked about the long-delayed Teesta water-sharing agreement between the two countries, and whether that might impact the planned visit of Prime Minister Hasina to India later this year, the Minister said: "On Teesta, the problem is the provincial government (of West Bengal), not the Central government... So the PM can visit India even if Teesta is not yet done. But I hope the issue will be resolved. We want the problem to be resolved. That it has not been resolved so far is not because of the central government (of India)."

Paddy MSP

The highest – Rs 4,513 per quintal - was suggested by Telangana. The report shows that 6 states

Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand (all ruled by BJP) - did not suggest any figure for the paddy MSP for 2022-23

Paddy, a principal crop of the kharif season, is grown on onethird of the entire area under all foodgrain crops and contributes about 40 per cent to the country's foodgrain basket.

and 112.44 million tonnes.

Tamil

Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Assam are

the main paddy growing states.

The MSP on the crop is significant

because 1.17 crore farmers bene-

fited from it during the kharif mar-

810.05 LMT of Paddy (includes

Kharif Crop 754.69 LMT and Rabi

Crop 55.37 LMT) has been pro-

cured, benefiting 117.05 Lakh

farmers with MSP value of

"Upto 29.05.2022, a quantity of

keting season 2021-22.

Telangana,

SC verdicts As per the Agriculture Ministry, out of the normal estimated area

lice statement said.

"It is important to not only take of 126.22 million hectares and projustice to the people, but also to duction of 278.79 million tonnes make it understandable to litigat-(average of 2015-16 to 2019-20), ing parties in a language they paddy (both kharif and rabi) acknow. High Courts deliver judgcounted for 43.82 million hectares ments in English, but we are a country of diverse languages," the West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, President had said speaking at the diamond jubilee celebrations of Punjab, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Nadu, the Kerala High Court.

In July 2019, then Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi announced the project to translate judgments. The Supreme Court began by translating verdicts into six languages -- Assamese, Hindi Kannada, Marathi, Odia and Telugu -- through an artificial intelligence platform developed inhouse. A committee headed by former SC judge L Nageswara Rao looked into the working of the AI

The south Kashmir gunfight that I did well and stood on the podium motivated me. That was began Saturday evening after a joint team comprising Jammu and the turning point," he said. Kashmir Police, Army and para-

Harvana has produced top shooting talent over the years, including Manu Bhaker and Yashaswini Deswal and the potential of the state's young shooters was on full display at the Khelo India Youth Games.

first event, lit the spark, "The fact

Of the seven Haryana medallists, five were pistol shooters, four of whom are trained by coach Rakesh Singh who runs 10x Ahmad Malik, all residents of Shooting Academy at Ballabgarh in Faridabad. Singh coaches Shiva, Shikha, Tiyana Phogat and Palak seized two AK rifles, a pistol and - all of whom have represented India recently. He also coaches paralympians Manish and Rahul sible for the killing of policeman Jakhar, as well as Deaflympian Shubham Vashisht.

"The environment we have been able to create is the best thing about our academy. Someone will practice at the range and two places next to him will be an India international, two places next to that will be a Paralympics gold medallist. No better motivator than that," Sharma said.

13th of May. Besides, he was also involved in the recent attack on Individual attention is central to the formula. "There is so much outside labourers at a brick kiln in Chadoora on 02-06 in the outskirts talent in this state but it is about of Pulwama-Budgam axis," a poseeing the little differences in each of these youngsters. With Shiva, he needs no motivation. Regardless of what technique you try to teach him, he has a natural feel for the pistol. His sister, Shikha, may not have the same energy, but she's an amazing learner. She's doing so well for her age because she picks up things so quickly," Singh said. Haryana's recent sporting success is well documented, particularly in contact sports: 12 of the 31 athletes from the state who represented India at the Tokyo Olympics were either wrestlers or boxers. Out of the five medallists from the state, Ravi Kumar Dahiva and Bajrang Punia are wrestlers. But while sports like kabaddi, boxing and wrestling have state-run facilities and academies in all corners, the region does not boast of the same

booked in two alleged murder cases. In 2018, on Palande's plea, the court had allowed him the use of a mosquito net. Palande had said in his plea then that there was a "mosquito menace" in prison and it was difficult to study to prepare for his defence in the case post-evening. Prisoners claimed before court that the Maharashtra prison manual states that "mosquito curtains" be provided in "malarious locality".

against rules. The courts where the applications for permission have been sought are likely to decide on the pleas this week.

Officials, however, said that it is

Ashok Mittal, vice president

for its shooters.



OVER 950% SPIKE IN DAILY CASES SINCE MID-MAY City records 1,803 new Covid-19 cases, two deaths; 111 hospitalised

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 12

MUMBAI ON Sunday recorded 1,803 new Covid-19 cases, up from 1,745 on Saturday. The city also saw two more Covid-related deaths over the last 24 hours.

According to data from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the city's recovery rate was 97 per cent while the case doubling rate was estimated at 513 days, indicating the sharp increase in daily cases over the last one month. The overall growth rate between June 2 and 11 stood at 0.134 per cent.

The data further showed that from mid-May till Sunday, Mumbai recorded over 950 per cent rise in daily cases. On Friday, Mumbai recorded nearly 2,000 new cases. The test positivity rate (TPR)—the number of positive cases out of the total tests conducted - increased to 11.32 per cent.

Meanwhile, the BMC on

Till mid-April, the state capi-Sunday conducted 15,922 Covid tests. Of the total new patients tal saw cases in double digits. diagnosed with novel coron-However, even as the number of avirus on Sunday, 111 of them daily cases is on the rise, BMC ofhad to be hospitalised. The active ficials said there was nothing to cases in Mumbai stood at 10,889. worry about as the rate of hospi-

Oxygen has been stored in Thane District Government Hospital as cases increase. Deepak Joshi

talisation remains low.

in Mumbai. Of the total patients recorded on Sunday, 94 per cent are asymptomatic.

So far, 10.80 lakh people have been discharged post-recovery

BMC raises retaining wall along Poisar river

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 12

THE BRIHANMUMBAI Municipal Corporation (BMC) has completed construction of a retaining wall along the Poisar River near Dahanukarwadi area. The civic body had earlier demolished slum structures obstructing the

smooth flow of Poisar River. BMC officials said the construction of the retaining wall

The civic body had earlier demolished

slum structures obstructing the smooth flow of the River

was completed in a record 15 days' time. "The widening of the river near Dahanukarwadi is expected to provide relief to residents of the nearby areas from

waterlogging. During monsoon, the narrow river used to contribute to flooding in the area," a BMC official said. Every year, the Dahanukarwadi area records flooding during the

monsoon season. Poisar river flows from the hills of Sanjay Gandhi National Park

(SGNP), Kranti Nagar in Malad and passes through Dahanukarwadi in Kandivali before emptying into Malad Marve Creek. An official explained that

Dahanukarwadi, the river diverges into two different streams.

ished 29 slums that were raised on the banks of the river, impacting its natural flow. The civic body has also taken up rejuvenation of the Poisar river by widening it and ensuring that raw sewage and industrial waste discharge is stopped. The BMC official said the work of clearing the encroachment along the banks of the river

PM Modi to visit Maharashtra tomorrow; will inaugurate Sant **Tukaram Temple**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 12

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra on June 14 when he will inaugurate Saint Tukaram Maharaj Temple in Dehu, Pune.

saint and poet, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry and community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as kirtans. He lived in Dehu. The temple has been rebuilt in stone masonry with 36 peaks.

the Jal Bhushan Building and Gallery of Revolutionaries at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.

cial residence of the Governor of completing its lifespan, it was de-

Bhawan. It was earlier used by the British as secret storage for arms and ammunition. The bunker was renovated in 2019. The

Later, the PM will participate in 200th-year celebration of Gujarati daily Mumbai Samachar at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai.

Last Date of Application 26th June 2022 Sant Tukaram was a Warkari

The PM will also inaugurate

Jal Bhushan has been the offi-Maharashtra since 1885. Upon

gallery has been developed in the bunker as one of its kind museums to commemorate the contributions of freedom fighters and revolutionaries of Maharashtra.

has been underway since 2018.

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36 months	7.20%	6.97%	7.01%	7.08%	7.20%	33 months	6.95
 a) Minimum amo with BFL, is ₹15 		a Fixed Dep	osit ("herein	after referred i	is "Deposit")	NAME	
	'	(=) !				Shri Pramit Jha	veri
b) For the location Deposition ₹E00	ns mentioned in 10/-(not eligible			mum amount f	or opening a	(Independent I	Director)
	w/-(not engible	tor online inv	esunenty.				
						Ms.Radhika Ha	

d) Individual depositor or primary depositor, falling under special category of Senior F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in citizens (i.e. persons more than 60 years of age, subject to provision of proof of age)

Unecury Company are notioning substantian interest are \sim 3.2.5 ubter (early nousing Finance tid. – ₹ 3.5 Gr, Baja) filmar. Uit in surance Company Ltd. – ₹ 4.51 Gr, Baja) filmar Uit in surance Company Ltd. – ₹ 4.51 Gr, Baja) finserv Direct Ltd. – ₹ 0.2.5 Gr, Baja) finserv Health Ltd. – ₹ 7.70 Gr, Baja) Auto Ltd. – ₹ 0.23 Gr, Hind Musafir Agency Ltd. – ₹ 0.027 Gr, Bajaj Electricals Ltd. – ₹ 0.02 Gr, Jamadal Sons PvL. Ltd. – ₹ 0.19 Gr) 6.50% 6.54% 6.59% 6.70% 33 months 6.95% 6.74% 6.78% 6.83% 6.95% ADDRESS OCCUPATION I. The Company has no overdue deposits other than unclaimed deposits. 21C Woodlands Peddar Road, Mumbai 400026. Busines

I. The Company declares as under: i) The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it

ii) The compliance with the directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposits is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Amount which the Company can raise by way of Deposits as per Non Banking Financial Companies Acceptance of Public Deposits (Reserve Bank Directions, 2016: ₹49,257.75 Crore

b) The aggregate of deposits actually held as on 31.03.2021: ₹25,803.43 Crore

I. The aggregate dues from the facilities, both fund and non-fund based, extended to, the companies in the same again or other activities or buril.

the companies in the same group or other entities or business ventures in which the Director/Company are holding substantial interest are ₹ 52.55 Crore (Bajaj Housing)

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Director iii) The deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities.

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Raosaheb Patwardhan Park is like an

ony of traffic noises coming from the Spread across 15,000 sq m, it has over 109 full-grown trees, most of them indigenous. Express

MUMBAI

tivities in the garden

during the afternoon. It is one of the few gardens in the city that is accessible to visitors in the afternoon. The garden witnesses high footfall in the evening - weary shoppers and children flood the garden after dusk. At the farthest corner of the garden is a yoga and meditation centre. When not in use, the space turns into a spot for dance and music sessions.

from

One of the striking features of the garden is the large lawn in the centre. To the relief of runners and joggers, the lawn has an elevated running path, which helps them to stay away from the occasional walker.

The garden has also been a focal point of a proposed underground parking project. The BMC had proposed to

In May, the BMC had demol-

award for good maintenance from the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

encroachment. Since

then, it has won an

SANJANA BHALERAO

MUMBAI, JUNE 12

Linking Road.

Maintained by Kamala Raheja Park earlier, the garden was handed over to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in 2017-18. Notably, sporting activities have been banned in the garden for more than 20 years.

the concrete high-rises and the cacoph-

The recreation ground was devel-

oped in 1994 after years of disuse and

In 2017, a signature drive was conducted with more than 400 people supporting the campaign and requesting the civic body to allow sporting ac-

Three held as NCB nets major narcotics haul in multiple operations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAL JUNE 12

NCB MUMBAI launched an operation at Mumbai airport and seized 4.8kg charas on Friday. Two persons were arrested in connection with the seizure on Saturday. An official said acting on specific information, a team from NCB Mumbai seized 4.880kg charas at Mumbai on Friday. The seized drugs were concealed in a special cavity made inside a water purifier. The parcel was destined for Australia. During follow up action, the consignor and courier agent were intercepted by NCB, Mumbai.

The sleuths learned during preliminary interrogation that the owner of the courier franchise was also involved in drug trafficking. The courier agent sent the parcel without verifying the identity of the consignor and also shipped it several times on the instructions of the main receiver.

The fake identity was used by the consignor to ship the parcel through the courier. An official said this network has shipped many such parcels in the past. The kingpin had created layers in the delivery network, the NCB said, adding that a case was registered and two persons placed under arrest.

In a related development, the NCB Mumbai launched two operations at Andheri (E), Mumbai, hauling in 490 grams of Methamphetamine on Friday and 435 grams of Amphetamine on Saturday. One person was arrested in connection with the operation. While in one case, the contraband, concealed in voltameters, was being sent to New Zealand in the second it was meant for Australia and hidden in nut bolts.

During preliminary investigation, one person from Navi Mumbai was apprehended in connection with the seizures. He accepted that he was consignor of both the parcels, an official said.

While sporting activ-GREENS ities have not been permitted yet, the paver-block path running around the garden's oval

> leisurely walkers. As one walks around the garden, most of its visitors can be seen either

taking a nap on one o the lawns or UNIVERSITY chatting over phone

Linking Road. However, after the dents objected to the possible lo perimeter makes it an ideal spot for green cover, the plan never tool The garden would have lost at leas of its 109 full-grown trees, had parking project been implemented

Name of the trust / institution FLAME FOUNDATION FOR LIBERAL AND MANAGEMENT EDUCATION SOC

Name of the institution and address: FLAME University Gat No. 1270, Taluka Mulshi, Village Lavale, Vadzai, Dist. Pune - 47 For the Academic Year 2022-23 applications are invited for filling Jain religious/linguistic minority seats from the eligible students for B.A./B.Sc./BBA/BBA(Communications Management)/MBA/ MBA(Communications Management)/PGPEI/M.Sc.(Économics), F and Hons. courses of FLAME University.

Time table for admission procedure of Jain Minority Educational Instit

1. Last Date of Application June 20, 2022 Date of Publication of Merit List 2. July 13, 2022 3. Date of Admission August 07, 2022 Application for admission will be available online after payment of Rs. 2,000/- by Cash / DD / Credit Card / Debit Card. Website: www.flame.edu.in, Email: admission@flame.edu.in Tel No.: 1-800-209-4567 Registrar, FLAME Univer FLAME University has been established as a state private univers vide the FLAME University Act, 2014 (Mah. Act No. II of 2015). It i recognized by the UGC under Section 2(f), and degrees awarded the University are recognized under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 19 लाज़्मा भौतिकी केन्द्र-प्लाज़्मा अनुसंधान संस्थान **Centre of Plasma Physics -Institute for Plasma Research** सोनापुर - ७८२ ४०२, असम, भारत. Sonapur - 782 402, Assam, Inc Tel: +91-0361-2313102 Web: www.cppipr.res.in

विज्ञापन संख्या Advt. No. 07/2022 **CPP-IPR INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS**

Centre of Plasma Physics-Institute for Plasma Research (CPP-IPR), Nazir Sonapur-782 402, Kamrup(M), Assam is a Centre of Institute for P Research (IPR), Gandhinagar, an aided institute of Department of Atomic E Govt. of India. Applications are invited from highly motivated and result or candidates to pursue doctoral research in the broad areas of experiment theoretical/computational plasma physics for the following temporary posts

Sr. No.	Name of the post	No. of posts	Essential Qualifications		
01	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) (Post Code: CPP-IPR/JRF/2022)	5 (Five)	M.Sc. in one of the following subjects : Physics and Applied Physics with a minimum aggregate of 60% marks in the M.Sc. final exam. Students should have Physics and Mathematics at the under graduate level. NET, JEST and GATE qualified students can directly appear for the interview at CPP-		
			IPR. Other shortlisted candidates will be invited to appear for a national level written test that will be conducted at CPP-IPR.		
The last date of receipt of duly filled application form at CPP-IPR is 13.07.2022 . For more details regarding Eligibility Criteria, Nature of work, Age limit, Tenure, Remuneration, general information and application procedure,visit Institute's website www.cppipr.res.in. कार्यकारी केन्द्र निदेशक sd/- Acting Centre Director					

ing project	The BMC had proposed to	will be eligible for Ad	ditional interest at the rate					(₹in Crore)	iv) The	e deposits solicited by the G	ompany are not insured.	
01 0	nderground parking facility	up to ₹5 (five) crore.					As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020			Company as disclosed and the rep	presentations made
*	saheb Patwardhan Park to	A Section of interest for deposits for an amount more than 75 Crore per Deposit may vary —		ASSETS	51 March 2021	51 March 2020			m are true and correct. The Comparison the correct of the correction of the correct of the corre			
	solve parking hassles on the		at specified by the Reserve		basis but within the	Financial assets					the correctness and veracity th are regulated by Reserve Bank	
5	1 0	f) Daiai Finanza Itd///formanau//) will make segurants of Departition the data of			Cash and cash equivalents	1,383.63	674.53			stood that Reserve Bank of India		
	ad. However, after the resi-	the resi-			Bank balances other than cash and cash equivalents	2.13	4.83			financial soundness of the Co atements or the representation		
dents obje	cted to the possible loss of					Derivative financial instruments	0.00	171.76	correctness of any of the statements or the representations m expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits/ discha			
green cov	er, the plan never took off.		bank account of the de			Trade receivables Loans	720.10	867.18	by	the Company.		
	would have lost at least half	application form.				Loans Investments	1,13,089.94 20,169.12	1,13,417.08 20,138.98			ect to the terms and conditions	as per the deposit
			uld submit a written requ			Other financial assets	487.33	349.51		ation form.		
	full-grown trees, had the		s to reach to Company atle ten request can be submit			Total financial assets	1,35,852.25	1,35,623.87			r to the date of maturity subject t s regard. Please note that prema	
parking pr	oject been implemented.	or sending by post/ o	ourier to the Company or	to the independer	nt financial advisors	Non-financial assets					s subject to the following conditio	
			ors empaneled with the C epted post the above-me			Current tax assets (net)	155.07	204.57	a) Up	to 3 months from date of d	eposit: Withdrawal is not permitte	ed.
Name of the f	rust / institution		ied by the Deposit applica			Deferred tax assets (net) Property, plant and equipment	919.21 972.44	847.61 1.016.16	b) Aft	ter 3 months but before 6 m	onths: Interest shall not be payab	ole.
			rs. Renewal of Deposits wi			Capital work-in-progress	972.44	0.00			e date of maturity: The rate of in	
	N FOR LIBERAL AND		tions prevailing on the da ing deposit may not be			Intangible assets under development	43.99	0.00			for the period during which the	
MANAGEME	INT EDUCATION SOCIETY		null & void post its maturity			Intangible assets Other non-financial assets	254.76 134.10	211.98 99.38		lower than the lowest rate	d for the deposit period, interest ra offered by BFL.	atë payable shall be
			epositor(s) has opted for			Total non-financial assets	2,486.64		M.The E	Business carried on by t	he Company and its subsidiari	ies with details of
address: FLAN	IE University		wever, wishes to cancel t ific written request so as t			Total assets	1,38,338.89	1,38,003.57		hes or units if any:	. ,	
i, Village Laval	e, Vadzai, Dist. Pune - 412115		to maturity date of the I				()20)220101	1,00,0000	1. Bu:	siness carried on by the Cor	mpany and its branches:	
2-23 applicatio	ons are invited for filling		t branch of the Company			LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Liabilities					e ranging from vehicle loans,	
	n the eligible students for the		e independent financial e Company. No requests			Financial liabilities					loan against property, Horne L III business Ioans, Ioan agair	
	anagement)/MBA/	mentioned period.	e company. No requests	shan be accepte	to post the upore	Derivative financial instruments	137.87				Company is having its Branches at	
	PEI/M.Sc.(Économics), PhD		nished as per the Nor			Payables					Akot, Alappuzha, Allahabad,	
ME University.			king Companies (Advertise	ement) Rules, 197	7 as amended.	Trade payables -Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises	0.27	0.30			nantpur, and Ankaleshwar, Asa ti, Bardoli, Bareilly, Baroda, Barsh	
	Ainerity Educational Institution	A. Name of the Compa	any: BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.			and small enterprises			Bh	andara, Bharuch, Bha	tinda, Bhavnagar, Bhilai, Bl	hiwandi, Bhopal,
cedure of Jaini	of Jain Minority Educational Institution: B. Date of Incorporation: 25th March, 1987		-Total outstanding dues of creditors other than	676.62	636.76	6 Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilaspur, Bokaro, Be Calicut, Chalisgaon, Chandigarh, Chandrapur, Chennai, Chhindy						
ion	June 20, 2022	C. Profits/Dividends:	C. Profits/Dividends:		micro enterprises and small enterprises Other payables			Chiplun, Chitradurga, Chittaranjan, Chopda, Cochin, Coimbato				
f Merit List	July 13, 2022		efore and after making pr			-Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises	-	-	Cut	ttack, Dabhoi, Dahod, Dav	angere, Dehradun, Dewas, Dha	nbad, Dharapuram,
		years immediately preci by the Company in respe	eding the date of the adve	rtisement and the	e dividends declared	and small enterprises	101.00	170.47			Durgapur, Eluru, Erode, Gandhid vailor, Haldia, Halol, Hassan, H	
	August 07, 2022		,		(₹in Crore)	-Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	191.08	179.46	Ho	shangabad, Hoshiarpur, H	ospet, Hubli, Hyderabad, Indore,	, Jabalpur, Jagadhri,
vill be available	online after payment of	Financial Year	Profit (Standa	lono)	Dividend	Debt securities	43,071.71	41,713.77	Jaip	pur, Jalandhar, Jalgaon, J Ibour, Jupagadh, Kadi, Ka	alpaiguri, Jammu, Jamnagar, Ja ithal, Kakinada, Kalka, Kannur, F	mner, Jamshedpur, Kappur, Kapurthala
Credit Card / E	Debit Card.	ended on	Before Tax	After Tax	%	Borrowings (other than debt securities)	27,092.09	36,923.32			(arunagappally, Karur, Karvar,	
n. Email: adm	ission@flame.edu.in	31.03.2019	6,035.30	3,890.34	300	Deposits Subordinated debts	25,803.43 3,898.61	21,427.10 4,141.75			Kolhapur, Kolkata, Kollam, Kope	
	J	31.03.2020	6,808.13	4,881.12	500	Other financial liabilities	743.65	669.90			hetra, Latur, Lucknow, Ludhian », Mapusa, Margao, Mehsana, Mo	
	Registrar, FLAME University	31.03.2021	5,362.88	3955.51	500	Total financial liabilities	101,615.33	105,692.36	My	rsore, Nabha, Nadiad Na	agarcoil, Nagpur, Namakkal, N	anded, Nandurbar,
	as a state private university	D. Brief particulars of t	he management of the (Company:		Non-financial liabilities					/ Delhi, Palanpur, Pandharpur, Pan , Pollachi, Pondicherry, Pune, Put	
	h. Act No. II of 2015). It is		iged by the Managing D			Current tax liabilities (net)	172.78	52.10	Raj	jahmundry, Rajgurunagar,	Rajkot, Rajnandangaon, Rajpura	, Ranaghat, Ranchi,
), and degrees awarded by		ard of Directors. The Ma anaging the business and			Provisions	136.56	78.87			htak, Ropar, Rourkela, Salem, Sa iliguri, Sirsa, Solapur, Surat, Sur	
	on 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.				ponti	Other non-financial liabilities Total non-financial liabilities	475.48	367.03 498.00			ati, Tirupur, Trichur, Trichy, Triva	
			s and occupations of	Directors:		iotai non-imanciai nabinties	704.02	498.00			Ijjain, Vadakara, Valsad, Vapi,	
केन्द-प्लान्मा	अनूसंधान संस्थान 🌌 🔊	NAME	ADDRESS		OCCUPATION	Equity					gram, Wani, Warangal, Wardha anches mentioned in the offi	
	Dhusias	Shri Sanjiv Bajaj	Bajaj Vihar Colony, Murr	nbai-Pune Road,	Industrialist	Equity share capital	120.32 35,818.42	119.99 31,693.22	wv	ww.bajajfinserv.in=> Scroll	to bottom of the webpage=>Co	ontact us=>Visit our
of Plasma	Physics -	(Chairman)	Akurdi, Pune 411035.			Other equity Total assets	35,818.42	31,093.22 31,813.21			https://www.bajajfinserv.in/bran	
e for Plasma	Research	Shri Madhur Bajaj	Bungalow No. 3, Bajaj V		Service	Total liabilities and equity	1,38,338.89	1,38,003.57			sit size is ₹5000 (not eligible for or	
म, भारत. Sona	pur - 782 402, Assam, India.	(Non-Executive Director)	Mumbai-Pune Road, Ak Pune 411035.	urdi,			1,36,336.67	1,38,003.37			 Khaparwada, Nandarkha, Sune Godavadi, Harangam, Kotambi 	
2313102 Web: v	www.cppipr.res.in					Contingent Liabilities (Standalone)					ali, Umra, Barkal, Bhatlai, Kanya	
iख्या Advt. N	0. 07/2022	Shri Rajeev Jain (Managing Director)	D-2, Ivy Glen, Marigold Kalyani Nagar, Pune 411		Industrialist	Particulars	As at	As at	Pa	athri, Karmal, Handod Chok	di.	
	OR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS	Shri Rajiv Bajaj	34/35, Yoq Koreqaon Pa		to devote the test		31 March 2021	31 March 2020			pri, Kharde, Manjrod, Jatoda, Meh	
	Research (CPP-IPR), Nazirakhat,	(Non-Executive Director)	Pune 411001.	, come 190. 27	Industrialist	Disputed claims against the Company not	51.98	44.18			lavkheda, Lamkani, Chinchkhede 2, Warud MH, Dighawe, Vadjai	
	Centre of Institute for Plasma	Shri D J Balaji Rao	D-103 Adarsh Residency	47th Cross.	Professional	acknowledged as debts VAT matters under appeal	4.29	4.39	De	evbhane, Deur Budruk, Pan	dhurli.	
	of Department of Atomic Energy,	(Independent Director)	8th Block, Jayanagar,			ESI matters under appeal	4.29	4.39	3. Busine	ess carried on by the subsic	liaries of the Company:	
	hly motivated and result oriented		Bangalore 560082.			Service tax matters under appeal	3.14	3.14	Sr.	Name of subsidiary	Address of	Activity
research in the	broad areas of experimental and	Dr. Naushad Forbes	74 Koregaon Park, Lane	No. 3,	Business	- On interest subsidy	1.905.44	1,971.65	No.		registered office	
ma physics for th	e following temporary posts.	(Independent Director)	Pune 411001			- On penal interest/ charges	237.25	223.15	1.	Bajaj Housing Finance Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi,	Housing Finance Business
. of Essential	Qualifications	Shri Anami Narayan Poy	62 Sagar Tarang, Khan A	Abdul Gaffar	Retired Civil	- On others	6.42	6.22			Pune 411035	- Sestiness
sts	I	(Independent Director)	Khan Road, Worli Sea Fa Mumbai 400030.	sce,	Servant	Income tax matters:			2.	Bajaj Financial	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex,	Stock broking
	A 11 A 11 A 11 A 1					 Appeals by the Company 	0.00	0.32	1	Securities Limited	Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi	and depository

The above text of advertisement has been issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors and has been approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 20 July 2021 and copy of the same signed by Shri Rajeev Jain, Managing Director, who is

Appeals by the Income tax departm

	By order of the Board of Directors for Bajaj Finance Limited
Pune 09 June 2022	Rajeev Jain, Managing Director DIN: 01550158

HOW TO INVEST

The amount should be deposited only by net-banking, cheque. Cheques should be payable to 'Bajaj Finance Ltd. A/c 00070350006738' and crossed 'Account Payee only'. The cheques should be payable at par and CTS compliant. Application Form along with the necessary remittance should be sent to the Distributors of the Fixed Deposit Schemes of BFL or be submitted at any of the BFL branches. For NEFT/RTGS, please use the following details: Beneficiary Name: Bajaj Finance Ltd, Bank acc no.: ZBAJAJFD (numerical account number is replaced by CMS Collection code – ZBAJAJFD). Account type: current account, Bank Name: Indusind Bank Ltd, IFSC: INDB000006, Bank branch: Nariman Point, Mumbai. For any investment queries or information about our affiliated partner websites, write to us at Wecare@bajajfinserv.in or call us on +918698010101





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			Sr. No.	Name of subsidiary	Address of registered office	Activity
	1,905.44 237.25 6.42	1,971.65 223.15 6.22	1.	Bajaj Housing Finance Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Housing Finance Business
ient	0.00 0.28	0.32 0.24	2.	Bajaj Financial Securities Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Stock broking and depository participant

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 MAHARASHTRA

AFTER RS POLLS

VALLABHOZARKAR

misusing

and other central agencies.

dressing the media, the Sena

leader said that if he got control

of ED for 48 hours, former CM

and BJP leader Devendra

MUMBAI, JUNE 12

besides



ANGER MANAGEMENT

HOME MINISTER Dilip Walse Patil had for long held an image of being a no-nonsense politician in his earlier roles as a minister and speaker. But with age, many thought he had mellowed down with no instance of him being annoved at anyone in the workplace being reported in the last two years. But on Tuesday, a number of official were in for a surprise. During a meeting held in his chamber for supplementary demands, he, visibly upset at officers of the home department and certain police officers for not doing their homework properly, said that the department had become lethargic and needed to pull up its socks. Many of the officers who are new and had never seen Walse Patil in this avtar were shocked and kept discussing about his outburst later on as well.

ADMISSION WORRIES

With the state's ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi government putting a general ban on all transfers till June 30, a number of officers in the government who are expecting to be transferred are worried whether their children will get admission in the places of their new postings. The general administration department in Mantralaya and the establishment wings of various department are flooded with queries on when the transfers would exactly happen – a guestion to which the departments don't have conclusive answers.

COMPILED BY YOGESH NAIK

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NATIONAL HERALD CASE Cong to protest today in front of ED offices against notices to Sonia, Rahul

YOGESHNAIK MUMBAI, JUNE 12

THE MAHARASHTRA Pradesh Congress Committee has decided to take out a protest march at the Enforcement Directorate offices in Mumbai and Nagpur against notices issues to party president Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case, claiming that not a single paisa was misappropriated and no director of the National Herald received any benefits and vet. the harassment continues

Atul Londhe, chief spokesper-

son of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee, said the ED

at the behest of the BJP government at the Centre sent reeks of political vendetta. The demonstration will be part of nationwide protests in front of ED offices, he said, adding that a protest march from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) to ED office will also be held in Mumbai on Monday at 12 noon under the leadership of Congress state president Nana Patole, Legislative Congress Party Leader and Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat and Mumbai Congress president Bhai Jagtap.

notices sent to Sonia and Rahul

Ashish Kulkarni.

BJP - a few years back.

der Subhash Desai, who is now the industries minister, and was also considered a trusted aide of party founder Bal Thackeray. BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik

defeated Sena's Sanjay Pawar in NETAJI SUBHAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (NSUT) the RS polls, the results for ch were announced on

leader of the party.

"In all, the BJP got votes of

106 members of legislative

Assembly (MLAs). Besides the

eight independent candidates.

they got nine others due to

which Mahadik got a total of

Dated 10rd June'2022



the Bharativa Janata Party (BIP) Fadnavis will also vote for Shiv after it won three seats in the Rajya Sabha elections, accusing Sena. He also named six indeit of indulging in horse trading pendent and small party MLAs the and accused them of betraying Enforcement Directorate (ED) the Sena and indulging in horse trading. During the day, while ad-

Besides, in his weekly column Rokhthok in Saamana, the Sena's mouth piece, Raut alleged that crores of rupees have been used in the RS polls, adding that

Behind BJP win, a former Shiv Sena loyalist, key **Cong strategist**

YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, JUNE 12

AS THE BJP stunned Maharashtra's ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government by winning the sixth Rajya Sabha seat, a key person in Devendra Fadnavis's team being credited with formulating the strategy for the party is

Ashish Kulkarni left the Currently a vice-president in Sena around two decades Maharashtra unit of the back as he felt sidelined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), after Uddhav Thackeray Kulkarni started his career with took over the party. Express the Shiv Sena before moving to the Congress in 2003 and fi-Fadnavis; a top BJP functionary nally, to his present party – the said that only Fadnavis and

At the Sena, he worked un-

even central agencies were misused to get votes. "Rajya Sabha elections were held across the country, includ-

Fadnavis too will vote for Sena if I

ing Maharashtra. The fact that the ruling party in Delhi (BJP) is using the central agencies from the backdoor to win such elections has come to the fore again. It was seen in Maharashtra and Haryana earlier. As the Rajya Sabha elections have been over now, the legislative council elections for 11 seats is going to be held in the state soon. Here also, despite not having sufficient votes in hand, the BIP has fielded two extra candidates, which means that they want to start Maharashtra," Raut said. Raut also hit out at the BIP over its former spokesperson

horse trading in MLC elections

too and spoil the atmosphere in

Nupur Sharma's objectionable comment on Prophet Mohammad, adding that what she said was an outcome of the hatred the party has spread in the country. "Arab nations have boycotted Indian goods and traders. Because of the venom that the BJP spread in the country, its spokespersons insulted Prophet Mohammad. Therefore. all the Arab nations are now standing against India. It will strengthen Islamic fanatics and

73-year-old dies after car knocks down bike, woman booked

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terrorist organisations and A 73-YEAR-OLD man died after threaten the security of the country. Organisations like al Oaeda have already threatened. but the BJP needs all this to win elections. People are divided into Hindus and Muslims by today's government in our country.' Raut said. He also alleged that it is only

in states where the BJP government is absent that fingers are pointed at "corruption".

Raut also said that he was surprised to see Fadnavis supporting Sharma by calling her up even as the former CM has left former BJP MLA Pankaja Munde alone (in the MLC elections).

corporator for Jalgaon Municipal

Corporation on ST reserved seat

and her caste certificate was for-

warded to the committee for vali-

dation. Meanwhile, she contested

in the 2019 Legislative Assembly

election from the Chopda con-

stituency and was elected. She

then resigned from the corporator

post. However, her caste claim.

registered after her proposal for

validation after her election was

pending. The committee sought a

vigilance report and called

Sonawane to submit her explana-

tion to the said report. However,

instead of replying she insisted on

deciding on her application for

withdrawal of the proposal. Since

she did not file her reply, the

scrutiny committee invalidated

her claim on November 4, 2020.

Thereafter, the MLA ap-

proached the HC challenging the

his bike was knocked down by a car in front of the High **Energy Materials Research** Laboratory (HEMRL) on the service road of the Katraj-Dehu Road bypass of the Pune-Bengaluru highway in Pashan recently. Police have booked the woman who was driving the car.

Chatushrungi police have dentified the deceased as Anil Joshi (73), a resident of Baner Road, who was returning home on his moped from Kothrud around 4 pm on Friday. His bike collided with a car on the service road.

tificate granted by a competent au-

thority within seven days and or-

dered the validation process to be

HC order before the Supreme

Court, which dismissed her spe-

cial leave petition on December 7,

2021, and directed the committee

to decide on the proceedings

within four months from the date

of order. Meanwhile, the HC also

dismissed her plea seeking trans-

fer of validation proceedings be-

fore the Nandurbar Committee.

lagdishchandra Ramesh Valvi filed

an objection before the scrutiny

committee over her stated caste.

The committee, in February 2022,

held that there were entries con-

trary to pre-Independence entries

that showed her blood relatives

belonging to the Tokre Koli caste

and invalidated the caste certifi-

cate issued to her.

Moreover, former MLA

Sonwane then challenged the

completed within four months.

HC upholds scrutiny panel's decision to invalidate Sena MLA's caste certificate

OMKAR GOKHALE

THE AURANGABAD bench of the Bombay High Court on Friday dismissed Shiv Sena MLA Latabai Sonawane's plea to challenge a decision by the Scheduled Tribe (ST) Certificate Committee that dismissed her claim of belonging to Tokre Koli, an ST community.

A division bench of Justice Ramesh D Dhanuka and Justice Sanjay G Mehare on June 10 passed an order in the writ plea filed by the Shiv Sena MLA from Chopda (Jalgaon district) constituency and argued by senior advocate R N Dhorde. The plea took an exception to February 2, 2022 judgement of the panel. While refusing to interfere in the impugned judgement, the court noted that records showed that her father and sister did not belong to the

'A robust grievance redressal system is needed to tackle police excesses'

RECENTLY, MUMBAI Police arrested two boys - aged 19 and 20 - in connection with a rape case. The police allegedly tortured the ato later find out that they



What are the other factors in your opinion that would help police develop a good relationship with citizens? that 'crime victimisation survey reports' should be prepared. As part of this, citizens who approach police stations will be surveved on the basis of their experience and the information thus gathered will be collated for the report. This would give senior officers and law makers a realistic picture of what the citizens feel about the force and what are its expectations. Earlier, there were suggestions – both at the Centre and state level - to prepare such reports. Unfortunately, this plan did not see the light of the day.

as often cops tell them it is "ghar ka mamla (domestic matter)" and advise them to resolve it at home. We talk to these victims and give them the cont

Police should make use of the

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to Tokre Koli tribe caste and impugned judgment by the committee is "well-reasoned order". court to interfere with such findings of fact in the writ petition. No

committee's decision, which ordered her to resubmit a caste cer-

MUMBAI, JUNE 12 in his birth register is shown as "Koli". It was a pre-Independence entry. The revenue record in the name of her grandfather shows his caste as "Hindu". "Hindu" is not a

caste. Her sisters' caste in the school leaving certificates is also not shown as "Tokre Koli". The petitioner has no case that she, her sisters, father or grandfather has ever attempted to correct in their school record," the court observed.

Tokre Koli caste

"The petitioner's father's caste

The bench held that Sonawane "failed to prove" that she belongs "Thus, it is not permissible for this

interference is thus warranted. For the aforesaid reasons, we dismiss the petition," the bench ruled. The petitioner was elected as a

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Our strategy for RS polls He also had close association very simple. We gave highwith Narayan Rane, who was also finding it tough to get along otes – 48 – for Union minwith Uddhav. Piyush Goyal and former

leader said.

He moved to the Congress arashtra minister Anil le and second preference of and was given the responsibility Ir MLAs to Mahadik, who of six parliamentary seats in the third candidate. This 2009; the party won all of them. was devised by Kulkarni He was asked to draw a strategy inalised by leader of oppofor state elections the same year Fadnavis along with BJP's which the Congress won as rver Ashwini Vaishnav.' well. His acumen was then recognised by the Gandhi fam-Goyal and Bonde got 48 ily and he was moved to Delhi to work with Ahmed Patel, then votes, which translate into 4800 marks; the second preference political adviser to the Congress votes were transferred to president.

Vaishnav were aware of the

plan. "They got the rest of the in-

dependent MLAs and those of

smaller groups to their side,

thanks to Fadnavis's skills," the

around two decades back as he

felt sidelined after Uddhav

Kulkarni left the Sena

In 2010, Kulkarni was also credited with helping then chief minister Ashok Chavan of the Congress get party candidate Vijav Sawant elected on an MLC ticket, which the latter won with a slender margin.

4,156 marks," the leader quoted In 2017, Kulkarni quit the Congress and freelanced for some time before joining the BIP.

were not involved in the crime. Mohamed Thaver talks to Dolphy D'Souza, the Mumbai Project Lead of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), about safeguards against police excesses and the role of civil society groups in building bridges between the

citizenry and the police.

Recently, there was a case where two boys were wrongly arrested on rape charges and tortured. Such instances of wrongful arrests and torture have taken place in the past as well. What is the way out of

this? Unfortunately, several sections of the police still have the "danda mentality". They believe that beating up people is the only way of solving crimes. There is a need for a robust system of grievance redressal. In the Dharavi case, the parents of the boys were lucky to get access to the joint commis-



MONDAY INTERVIEW

DOLPHY D'SOUZA PROJECT LEAD, CHRI

sioner of police who intervened. But imagine what happens when people do not have access to senior officers. Earlier, police stations had a banner carrying numbers of senior officers whom the police could contact. There are regular DCP visits to police stations as well. But all this is not publicised. which is why people do not know about it. Accessibility to senior officers is a major part of ensuring such grievances are taken care of as in most cases, senior officers do intervene in such cases.

What role do citizens' groups like yours play in bridging the gap between the police and citizens? Among the several initiatives un-

dertaken are better access to police station for women and children, especially in cases of domestic violence. Usually, in these cases, women are not confident of approaching the police

with our help, had reached out to slums in the area and told the women and children that if there are any issues related to sexual violence, they could reach out to the

Maharashtra had fared poorly when it came to implementing the police reforms ordered by the Supreme Court in the Prakash Singh case. What is your take on it?

police. Such outreach pro-

grammes help.

The police reforms are cosmetic and at variance with what is reguired. I believe only when there is outcry among the people that there will be transformation of the force from the "ruler's police" to "people's police".

NEWS MAKER

The remaking of Imtiaz Jaleel: From TV journalist to AIMIM firebrand

ZEESHAN SHAIKH MUMBAI, JUNE 12

HE IS the most well-known face of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) after the Owaisi brothers and has been known to push the envelope and enter unchartered political terrain in his eight-year career political career.

But, on Friday, the AIMIM's Aurangabad MP Imtiaz Jaleel pushed the envelope too far when he said that if BIP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who has been suspended by the party, had to be "hanged" for her derogatory remarks about the Prophet it should be done from "this very square" in the city.

laleel's outburst was a marked departure from the measured words he was known to use while reporting from Maharashtra during his career in broadcast journalism. In 2014, he quit journalism and took the plunge into politics when the AIMIM was looking to expand in Aurangabad. Five years later, a livid Jaleel contemplated quitting the Owaisi-led party, and contesting as an independent,

AIMIM Aurangabad **MP** Imtiaz Jaleel

However, it did not come to pass and the political firebrand helped the AIMIM win its second Lok Sabha seat, far from its power base of Hyderabad.

But what made him leave his job at news channel NDTV and join politics? In an interaction with The Indian Express in 2014 in his house in Aurangabad, Jaleel said he evaluated what he was doing with his life during a

rickety four-hour drive from Bhagwangad in Beed district to Pune after covering a Pankaja Munde rally. He was 46 years old at the time.

"After looking at old women

politician to make an appear-

ance, the inanity of what I was

doing hit me. I needed to reeval-

uate my life and decided to quit

my job during my drive back to

were concerned about his future.

Jaleel did not have to remain job-

less for long as the AIMIN of-

fered him a seat to contest the

While his family and friends

Pune," he said.

Muslim-dominated locality of Aurangabad Central. "The AIMIM, which was looking to expand into Aurangabad,

Assembly elections from the

had sent a team to identify positting in the sweltering heat of tential candidates. The party that Bhagwangad, waiting for a was looking to project a young, educated Muslim face had identified a number of probable candidates. It was actually keen on nominating Imtiaz's elder brother who declined. Imtiaz's relation with the Asaduddin Owaisi in his capacity as a journalist then made Owaisi offer him that seat," said a source.

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after the party leadership

contest the Lok Sabha election.



frowned upon his decision to



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RACE FOR RAISINA

AHEAD OF the Presidential polls, activities in the Opposition camp to field a joint consensus candidate are gaining pace. On Sunday, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh flew down to Mumbai to meet NCP supremo Sharad Pawar. The meeting came a day after West Bengal CM and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee announced her plan to hold a meeting of 19 political parties in the capital next week to deliberate on the opportunities that the election for the next occupant of Raisina Hill offers. Sources said the meeting between Singh and Pawar lasted for around 40 minutes. Sources said while the AAP was open to the possibility of supporting Pawar as the joint candidate, it was not averse to further deliberations on the issue.

CAUTION, CONSENSUS

THOUGH CONFIDENT of the success of its candidate, the BIP seems to be treading cautiously in picking the nominee for Presidential polls. By having 42 per cent votes on its own and 6 per cent from its allies, the BJP leaders say both the BJD and YSRCP will support its candidate. Party leaders admitted that the choice of candidate is crucial in winning the support of friendly parties. So, the BIP now has given the responsibility to party president J P Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who enjoy warm ties with a number of non-BJP party leaders. Party sources pointed out that whenever the BJP leadership makes an effort to evolve a consensus over some important issue, it takes the help of Singh, who with his oldschool political tactics finds his way for it.

DRESSING DOWN

BIHAR'S PRINCIPAL Secretary of the Urban Development and Housing Department, Anand Kishore, drew the ire of the Patna High Court for "not being in proper uniform" before the court. Justice PB Bajanthri reprimanded the bureaucrat for not presenting himself before the HC in a suit and went on to ask if the "babu" was in a cinema hall or a court. In April, the Karnataka HC Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi had similarly reprimanded Tushar Giri Nath, Principal Secretary of the state's Revenue Department, for appearing before the court through virtual conference in a full-sleeved shirt but without a blazer.

'Missing' MLAs and bitter fights: No papering over cracks in Rajasthan BJP During a political crisis in the

DEEP MUKHERJEE **JAIPUR, JUNE 12**

WHEN THE BJP herded its MLAs

Woman who accused Rajasthan minister's son of rape attacked with ink

diately taken to AIIMS Trauma EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE Centre, they added. DCP(Southeast)EshaPandey

said: "We received a PCR call A23-YEAR-OLD woman, who was Saturday evening about the incident. The accused fled after the allegedly raped by Rajasthan minister Mahesh Joshi's son Rohit Joshi incident. The blue liquid looks like ink. We have registered a in Delhi and Rajasthan last year, was attacked with ink in Southeast case under Sections 323 (caus-Delhi's Shaheen Bagh on Saturday, ing hurt), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 195 A (threatening The woman was walking person to give false evidence) of with her mother near the Kalindi the Indian Penal Code (IPC)."

The FIR against Rohit was filed in Delhi after the woman alleged he raped and assaulted her on several occasions last year.

FIR against BJP leader for 'fake' video

Raipur: An FIR has been registered against BJP leader and former IAS officer OP Chaudhary for allegedly circulating a fake video on social media regarding coal theft in a Coal India mine in

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

said the police on Sunday

Kunj road when two unidenti-

fied persons approached her and

threw a blue liquid on her face,

said the police. She was imme-

Chhattisgarh's Korba, police said. The FIR was filed Saturday based on a complaint by Congress leader Madhusudan Das from Bankimongra, Korba. **GARGI VERMA**

EC to govt: Limit seats a person can contest to 1, ban opinion & exit polls

Panel renews other long-standing demands, seeks notification on linking Aadhaar

ANISHA DUTTA & RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

SOON AFTER taking charge as Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar asked the Law Ministry to issue notifications for the linking of Aadhaar with voter IDs, allowing four qualifying dates for eligible people to register as voters, and also renewed the commission's proposals for banning opinion polls and exit polls as well as limiting the seats from which a candidate can contest to just one, The Indian Express has learnt.

The EC sent six key proposals to the Law Ministry. We have requested the government to notify the rules for linkage of Aadhaar to voter IDs and also for the four cutoff dates for eligible people to register as voters," said an EC official

who did not want to be named. In December 2021, Rajya Sabha passed the Election Laws (Amendment)Bill, 2021 by voice vote, enabling "the linking of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem" as the Opposition walked out in protest. Parties had alleged that the government passed the Bill in haste without adequate discussion.

The EC has also sought powers to deregister political parties, a long-standing demand of the poll panel, and sought the modification of Form 24A to mandate the disclosure of all donations above Rs 2,000 instead of Rs 20,000.

This also comes in the backdrop of the commission's action against 'registered unrecognised political parties' (RUPPs) last month. The EC had announced a clean-up drive initiating "graded action" against more than 2,100

RUPPs for flouting rules, including failure to furnish a contribution report and communicate any change in its name, head office. office bearers and address to the EC. Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act,

1951 empowers the commission to register associations and bodies as political parties. However, there is no constitutional or statutory provision that gives power to the EC to deregister parties.

"Many political parties get registered, but never contest election. Such parties exist only on paper. The possibility of forming political parties with an eye on availing the benefit of income tax exemption also cannot be ruled out. It would only be logical that the commission which has the power to register political parties is also empowered to deregister in appropriate cases," the EC had noted

in 2016 in its handbook of proposed electoral reforms.

Renewing another one of its long-standing demands, the EC has sought an amendment of Section 33(7) of the Representation of People Act, 1951 to restrict the number of seats a candidate can contest from. The Act currently allows a person to contest a general election or a group of by-elections or biennial elections from up to two constituencies. In 2004, too, the EC had proposed an amendment

of Section 33(7). It had also recommended a ban on exit polls and opinion polls and said there should be some restriction on conducting and disseminating the results of opinion polls right from the day of the first notification of an election till the completion of the election in all its phases.

Cong leaders to march in solidarity as Rahul to appear before ED today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

ALMOST THE entire top leadership of the Congress, the party's two Chief Ministers. Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, and its Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs will converge at the AICC headquarters at around 9 am on Monday, the day Rahul Gandhi is set to appear before the Enforcement Directorate.

The plan is to take out a solidarity march to the ED headquarters, while there will be sit-ins outside the ED offices in state capitals. Rahul Gandhi was summoned



Sachin Pilot at a press conference in Lucknow on Sunday. PTI

by the ED in connection with a money laundering case related to the National Herald newspaper. A letter sent by AICC general secretary in-charge of organisa-

Covid issues: Sonia taken to hospital New Dehli: Congress president Sonia Gandhi, 75, was rushed to the

emergency department of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi on Sunday "owing to Covid-related issues", party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said. She is in a stable condition, according to sources at the hospital. She was diagnosed with Covid-1910 days ago. She was accompanied to the hospital by her daughter, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Her son Rahul Gandhi was also by her side. Surjewala tweeted that Sonia would be kept at the hospital for observation.

tion, K C Venugopal, to all CWC members says Rahul has "agreed" to appear before the ED and asked them to be present at the AICC headquarters on similar show of strength in 2015

Monday morning in solidarity with him in his fight for justice in the "fabricated" case. The party had organised a

when the Gandhis appeared before the Patiala House court in the National Herald case.

On Sunday, the party held press conferences in several cities, slamming the BJP government for the "vendetta politics". Sachin Pilot was in Lucknow, Vivek Tankha in Raipur, Sanjay Nirupam in Shimla, Ranjeet Ranjan in Chandigarh, Syed Nasseer Hussain in Patna, Pawan Khera in Ahmedabad and Alka Lamba

in Dehradun. Party leaders said the plan to take out a march to the ED will go ahead as scheduled although party chief Sonia Gandhi has

cations arising out of Covid infection. "The protest will go ahead as planned," a senior leader said. "There is not an iota of illegal activity. Despite this, Rahul

been hospitalised due to compli-

Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi were served notices by the ED out of political vendetta, with the aim to gain some headlines for a week," party's national spokesperson Pawan Khera told reporters in Ahmedabad. Senior leader PChidambaram

said, "I speak as a Congress member and an advocate. The ED's summons to Rahul Gandhi under PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) is baseless.'

'Preventive step': Section 144 clamped in 3 Assam districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, JUNE 12

PROHIBITORY ORDERS under Section 144 of the CrPC to prevent public gatherings and protests have been imposed in Assam's Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts following a protest in Cachar on Friday over suspended BIP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's remarks against the Prophet during a TV debate last month.

On Friday, a protest was held in Cachar district's Sonai. "One rally was already held, and two more were planned for today. However, they did not proceed further because we intervened," said Cachar SP Raman Dhillon.

The order from the Cachar district administration said that Section 144 was being imposed "ex-parte" because some people "may indulge in anti-social activities and intimidate" the public.

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to the Rajasthan Assembly on the morning of June 10 for the crucial Rajya Sabha elections, its leaders didn't have any inkling that by late night the Congress would be expressing gratitude to one of its legislators.

The BJP's Dholpur MLA Shobharani Kushwah voted for the Congress's Pramod Tiwari. In the end, Congress candidates polled exactly 126 votes – the number of party and supporting MLAs. While a Congress legislator's vote was rejected, Kushwah's support kept the Congress score at 126.

Worse still for the BJP, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, all smiles, expressed gratitude to Kushwah. "I would like to thank the one MLA from BJP who supported us,' Gehlot said on Friday evening.

The episode has placed the spotlight back on factionalism and power struggles in the party.

gave the vote a miss. Another instance during the 2020 crisis also exposed the fissures within the state BJP. At the time, Gehlot accused the BJP of trying to topple the government by engaging in "horse-trading". The Opposition party vehemently denied the allegation. But senior BJP MLA and Raje loy-

state in August 2020 when the

stability of the Congress govern-

ment was in question following

the rebellion of former Deputy

alist Kailash Meghwal said, "The conspiracy to topple the government that is going on by ruling parties together with the Opposition parties, I have never seen such a thing." Like on Friday, Gehlot even thanked Meghwal for his statement.

Decks cleared for Kuldeep Bishnoi's Congress exit

SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, JUNE 12

WITH THE All India Congress Committee leadership expelling senior Haryana Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi from all party positions - including as a special invitee to the CWC - for cross-voting in the June 10 Rajya Sabha election in favour of the ruling BJP-

JJP-backed Independent candidate Kartikeya Sharma instead of the party's nominee Ajay Maken, the BJP is now hoping that Bishnoi will join its fold. The son of former Haryana CM late Bhajan Lal, Bishnoi, had been

sulking since the AICC leadership appointed Udai Bhan, as the Harvana Congress FULL REPORT ON president. www.indianexpress.com

CM Sachin Pilot, the BIP had is-While there have been no protests in Cachar's neighsued a whip to all its MLAs to be bouring districts of Karimganj and Hailakandi, the adpresent in the Assembly for a vote ministration has imposed prohibitory orders citing "ample apprehension of breach of public peace and of confidence. But MLAs Gopi Chand Meena, Kailash Chandra Meena, Harendra Ninama, and Gotam Lal left the Assembly and

tranquillity" in view of the "emerging law and order situation" in the country following Nupur Sharma's remarks. Hailakandi SP Gaurav Upadhyay said it was a "preventive step" taking into account the protest in Cachar and the rest of the country. Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi make up south Assam's Barak Valley.

Chhattisgarh: 2 days after 10-year-old boy fell into borewell, rescue ops on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, JUNE 12

TWO DAYS after a 10-year-old boy fell into a 80-feet deep borewell in Chhattisgarh's Janjgir-Champa district, rescue operations are on and the boy is responding well to the cues, officials said.

Stuck at 62 feet, the boy, who fell into the well on Friday afternoon, is being monitored using cameras. He is eating and responding to cues, officials said.

Several officials from NDRF. SDRF. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and private experts along with district machinery are engaged in the operation. A medical team is on stand by, officials said. According to rescue workers, the NDRF team has dug upto 60 feet parallel to the borewell and are planning to build a tunnel to the main pit in order to reach the boy. However, they are worried about the stability of the ground. "As it is a rocky region, there are big rocks that are causing hurdles," an SDRF personnel said.

On Sunday, CM Bhupesh Baghel ordered a robotics expert be deployed in the operation. Experts from three mines of Coal India were also roped in on Sunday morning, officials said.

IN GUJARAT, SHAH SAYS CONG ONLY TALKED OF REMOVING POVERTY Modi changed lives of poor, says Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, JUNE 12

Unlike former Congress Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who got tired of propagating slogans of 'Garibi Hatao' without any result. PM Narendra Modi has brought up a number of schemes to bring up the living standard of poor people in the country in last eight years, said Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in Gandhinagar Sunday.

Targeting opposition Congress and its former PM Indira Gandhi, Shah said, "A number of schemes remained on paper during the reigns of Congress. Indiraben got tired of saying 'Garibi Hatao, Garibi Hatao, Garibi Hatao'. But there was no change in (people's) poverty."

Shah was attending a public function at Mahatma Mandir in the state capital to lay the foundation stone of various projects worth Rs 274 crore in Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation and Gandhinagar district. Addressing a public gathering, Shah said, "In eight years, Narendrabhai (Modi) has provided a gas stove, a toilet, a bank account, electricity connection in every house.

ware from the published card rate and will be decided on case to case basis bu within the cap on Rate of Interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India. e) In case of online application for Deposit through BFL online link, the Deposit wil be booked upon receipt of the funds by the Company from the customer and hence the Deposit will be booked within 5 days from date of the application. F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in the two latest audited balance sheet Subject to approval of Application by BFL, interest payable on a Deposit will be calculated from (i) the date of application made through BFL portal and associat partner portals, where partner gateway/payment aggregator enabled by BFL, is used for making payment by the Customer; (ii) the date receipt of the funds by BFL where the deposit is placed through associate partner portal and payment ASSETS art winter the deposit is placed hirough associate partial and payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by such associate parties are used, and (iii) the date of realization of amount by BFL, where the payment is made by cheque or any other mode. Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents Bank balances other than cash and cash equivalents (F) The Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of maturity of such Deposit unless it receives any request for renewal within the prescribed period before the date of maturity. The payment will be made through NET or KIGS or account payee cheque (in case of rejection of transfer by NET/RIGS) to the bank may account of the depositor mentioned in the Deposit application form.
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The Company according so that:
 The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it.
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iii) The deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities.

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iv) The deposits solicited by the Company are not insured (r) The Financial position of the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board of Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereof. The financial Directors are responsible for the concenters and vertainly intered. The initiatival activities of the Company are regulated by Reserve Bank of India. It must, however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations made or opinion expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits/discharge of liabilities by the Company. a denositie shall also he subilite to the targers and conditions are not the doposit. The deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the deposit

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b) After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable

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 - 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by BFL
 - M.The Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of

branches or units if any Business carried on by the Company and its branches

Business carried on by the Company and its branches: Providing consumer finance ranging from vehicle loans, consumer durable financing, personal loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, me Company is having its Branches at Agra, Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar, Ajmer, Akola, Akot, Alappuzha, Allahabad, Ambala, Amravati, Amreli, Initiasuokular iniakular, Jine Company is nating bu Bankins et Argia, Amirekabaa, Amirekabaa, Ajimer, Akola, Akok Jakpuzha, Allahabad, Ambala, Amravali, Amreli, Aamrik, Bankins, Anany A, Ananguya, Bankins, Asansol, Aurangabad, Bagalkot, Bangalore, Baramati, Bardoli, Barelliy, Baroda, Barshi, Belgaum, Bellary, Bhandara, Bharuch, Bhatinda, Bhavnagar, Bhilai, Bhiwandi, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilaispur, Bokaro, Bolyour, Borsad, Calicut, Chalisgaon, Chandiganh, Chandrapur, Chennal, Chhindwara, Chikhli, Chiplun, Chitradurga, Chittaranjan, Chopda, Cochin, Coimbatore, Cuddaiore, Cuttack, Dabhoi, Dahod, Davanogre, Dehadu, Dehabad, Dhanayatam, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindigul, Duragpur, Eluru, Erode, Gandhidham, Goa, Gokak, Gulberga, Guna, Guntur, Gwailor, Haldia, Halol, Hasan, Haveri, Himatnaga, Hoshangabad, Hashinapur, Hospet, Hubli, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabadpur, Jagadhri, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jalgaon, Jalpaiguri, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jammer, Jamshedyu, Jodhury, Jangadar, Kadi, Katiha, Kat Nandurbar, Nashik, Navsari, Nellore, New Delhi, Palanpur, Pandharpur, Panipat Patiala, Patna, Pen, Phagwada, Pimpalgaon, Pollachi, Pondicherry, Pune, Puttu Patiala, Patna, Pen, Phagwada, Pimpalgaon, Pollachi, Pondicherny, Pune, Puttur, Raichur, Raipun, Rajahmundy, Kagjuurnagar, Rajkot, Rajanadnagan, Rajpunz, Ranaghat, Ranchi, Ratham, Ratnagiri, Rewa, Rohtak, Ropar, Rourkela, Salem, Sangli, Satara, Satna, Sehore, Shimila, Shimoga, Siliguri, Sirsa, Solapur, Surat, Suendranagar, Tenali, Thiruvala, Tirunehveli, Tirupati, Tirupur, Tirchur, Tirchy, Tirvandum, Tumakuru, tuticorin, Udaipur, Udipi, Ujian, Vadakara, Valsad, Vapi, Varanasi, Vidisha, Vigay vadad, Vizag, Vizianagram, Wani Waranagi, Wardha, Warandi, Washim, Yavatnal and all other branches mentioned in the official website page www.bajginfiservin-is-Scroll to bottom of the webpage-scrolatat us=Svibil our branch or by directly clicking https://www.bajgifinservin/branch-locator

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Maharashtra - Baragaon Pimpri, Kharde, Manjrod, Jatoda, Mehergaon, Somthane, Odha, War, Shaha, Bhatane Javkheda, Lamkani, Chinchkhede, Shewade, Gondur Dodi Bk, Raypur, Bhatpure, Warud MH, Dighawe, Vadjai, Indawe, Vinchur Devbhane, Deur Budruk, Pandhurli

3.	Business carried	on by the subsidiaries of the Company	;
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51.98	44.18	Sr. No.	Name of subsidiary	Address of registered office	Activity
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905.44	1,971.65	2.	Bajaj Financial Securities Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Stock broking and depository participant

The above text of advertisement has been issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors and has been approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 20 July 2021 and copy of the same signed by Shri Rajeev Jain, Managing Director, who is authorized by the Board to sign on it's behalf, has been delivered to the Reserve Bank of India for registration.

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SANJAY PANDEY/MUMBAI POLICE COMMISSIONER

Nobody can use the police. We don't work by insinuation, persuasion or inclination **>**

Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey talks about the need to be responsive towards citizens, political interference in probes, playing by the rulebook and his advocacy of a new Citizens' Forum Bill. The session was moderated by Special Correspondent Mohamed Thaver

Mohamed Thaver: The assumption, whenever a new police commissioner took charge of Mumbai, was that he'd go after traditional offences like street crimes. You have changed that image by connecting with citizens on social media, sharing your mobile number and focussing on issues like harassment by housing society committees and noise pollution. What's the feedback?

As the Commissioner of Police, which is an executive charge, administration is one part of the role. But most of it is directed towards citizens. So, it was a nobrainer that I would follow the role as intended.When I joined as a DGP of Maharashtra, I had shared my number with all 2.25 lakh constables across the state. Now I have shared it with 2.5 crore citizens. Initially, I got hundreds of calls and text messages. Now I receive a minimum of 70 to 75 text messages every day. Footfalls have increased as I have encouraged people to walk into our office after 3 pm. So about 80 people show up every day. And then we have constables as well, 40 to 60 of whom I meet every day. I stay in office till the last person goes. I think our effectiveness down the line, as far as administration goes, has improved.

Mohamed Thaver: In the 90s, Mumbai was seen as the hotbed of the underworld and later, street crime. Is the crime spiral under control?

On my social media, you see talk about traffic, construction, noise pollution and so on. But what you've not seen and heard is our internal talk and briefings, which are basically on crime, from robberies, chain snatchings, motor vehicle thefts to house break-ins. Crime hasn't come down but the control mechanisms are better and each offence is being registered.

Jayprakash Naidu: What about cybercrimes?

Cybercrime is huge because there are no physical boundaries or territoriality involved. The person can be sitting anywhere and start siphoning off money with a fake account. Tracking the criminal means we have to look at jurisdictions of various countries. Then various factors come into play such as extradition treaties and foreign relations. Today, you have to beg Google or Yahoo to get details and IP addresses. For arrests in cybercrime, the world has to come together. There has to be one law that should apply equally across all courts, wherever they are. All technology companies should follow the same law. Otherwise, somebody may make an app in some country and we don't even get the IP address. As far as mobile numbers are there, we can trace them. But many of them are Voice-Over-IP, which comes through proxies.



WHY **SANJAY PANDEY**

C anjay Pandey has been in the news ever since he was U the unexpected pick of the MVA government for the top job as CP. A no-nonsense officer, he has attempted a makeover of the city police by sharing his personal mobile number with citizens and not towing vehicles. Under him, the police also registered cases against some Opposition leaders, a move that has come under some criticism

their issue. If you put percentages in appointments, it will make the structure more communal rather than being harmonious. Since there's no restriction in terms of selection, any-

body can apply. I think that independence is the beauty of our bureaucracy and should remain exactly that way.

Sagar Rajput: You have stopped the towing of vehicles...

Where are the roads in Mumbai? We've just got two roads. And where is the parking? Even my car got towed away when I took my family to the Gateway of India. You can impose fines and enforce laws but provide the facilities first. Build parking

lots, build roads first. Mumbai has probably crossed the population density to an extent that it cannot afford people buying any I'm supposed to do the investigation after registering the FIR. Now it is up to the court. A settlement could happen before the court, not before the police. We're talking about public money. And that's

the complaint made by a

particular bank. Today, it

can say the money is not

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will be very happy to

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already have other work?

But as of now, we don't

Mohamed Thaver: We

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certain people, especially in political cases, but most of them have got court protection against their arrests. How would you respond

to this move?

Some of the cases we are investigating are cheating cases. Courts have very clearly said that an arrest must be based on documents. An arrest is required only for recovery, where the criminal knows where he has kept the stolen property. In cases that we were dealing with, there was no reason to arrest and there was no reason for recovery.

Wherever there is a need, we are doing our job. That's the natural course of an investigation. An arrest is not a punishment, it is just to keep the person away from influencing an investigation. It's unfortunate if we have not been able to lay hands on certain people but it's not by design.

Sandeep Singh: Over the last two years, controversies surrounding Paramvir Singh and Sachin Vaze have tarnished the image of the Mumbai police. How has this affected morale down the line?

These are not happening for the first time. The Mumbai city police has 45,000 personnel and the Maharashtra police strength is about 2.25 lakh. How many people have been in controversies? May be just six? The morale of the police force is not made up of a few individuals. I am a firm believer that the system has been built within the framework of law and has a structure which helps you function and take care of aberrations. As long as the rules of business have not changed and the Constitution remains where it is, I don't see how the general moral fabric of any organisation could be affected.

Illustration: Suvajit Dey

Sandeep Singh: Local parties allege that Central agencies like ED and CBI are being used to settle political scores. Similarly, the Central party says that the Mumbai Police is As long as the rules being used for the same purpose. The of business have not Supreme Court has changed and the questioned even the sedition case against Constitution remains Maharashtra MP Navneet Rana. What where it is, I don't see do you say to such

how the police could allegations? I don't think Mumbai be affected. But there Police is being used by anybody. If there was a should be a fear of law cognisable case, we have and its enforcement registered one. We do not work by any insinuation, persuasion or inclination. There is a

Maharashtra Government circular that no sedition case can be filed without the opinion of the public prosecutor. In this case also, there was a special prosecutor. It was on the basis of his opinion that the sedition case was filed. Now, the courts have said that wherever the circular has been applied, it should be held in abeyance. So, we follow that.

Zeeshan Shaikh: Your work as the DCP of Dharavi rattled many. especially people who are in power now. Have you changed or have they changed their opinion about you?

I don't think I have changed a lot. But people who would have had misgivings about what I was doing in Dharavi, have seen my work. I think people have really seen that we have been following the law and are trying to comply with it.

Yogesh Naik: There was a point when you had quit the IPS. What made you come back despite the fact that you got sidetracked?

When I quit the service, there were administrative issues because of which I wasn't really relieved in the manner that I should have been. There were certain dues such as the house-building advance and that was being charged at a penal rate of interest. That was the point when I withdrew my resignation. In 2006, I had opted for voluntary retirement. That again did not happen for four-and-a-half years. Then I re-joined in 2012 but came under the lens over whether I was a government or a private servant. That was settled in court. I've never objected to postings be-

cause I got the same salary. I only objected to the way you cannot overlook seniority.

Shubhangi Khapre: Irrespective of the government in power, there has been an emphasis on police reforms in Maharashtra since the 1960s. Yet, we cannot stop political interference in appointments of officers and their transfers. Your views? The key question is

how you look at the police? Are you looking at the police as an independent body? The fact is it doesn't exist on its own. Every police officer in the country is a government servant. The government comprises elected representatives, who are part of the Parliament or local Assemblies. If you are governing a state or city, would you not have your choices? So, there will be control. Until and unless you have a very seminal change in how the bureaucracy works, I think the idea of an independent police force is utopian and impractical in the current situation. The UPSC is an independent body but it is elected or selected by the government. So, the government has a prerogative.

Shubhangi Khapre: Do you think the former state finance minister Anil Deshmukh, who is facing allegations of wrongfully making transfers or misusing the police force for mobilising funds, is being targetted?

The matter is before the courts and it won't be appropriate for me to talk. As I said, we are government servants and we

have to follow government guidelines.

Sandeep Singh: Do you think more reforms are required?

You're talking about rewriting the Constitution and the bureaucracy is defined by it. There are subjects within the purview of the Centre, State and Concurrent lists. If thought processes change, that is where you should start. Everything else is just semantics. You can tweak something here and there and bring in a neutral person. But ultimately. you remain a government servant and that's exactly what I want to emphasise.

Yogesh Naik: Do you think the attack on NCP chief Sharad Pawar's house was a failure on the part of the Mumbai police?

We had an inquiry and we found out that there weren't any great lapses.Yes, there was an issue with two or three of our people not being there at that time and we have addressed it. We cannot always be 100 per cent.

Mohamed Thaver: Recently, there has been a lot of communal tension due to loudspeakers in mosques. Given the communally charged atmosphere in the country today, do you see things improving or worsening?

People are more informed and aware about the result of any kind of violence or arson. Mumbai has seen it in 1992-93 and 2009. I would credit this knowledge to sharing of information, which has become much easier now. Earlier, we didn't have social media as a connective tissue. It played a very big part as we could send out the right messages, build confidence and bring people together. Also, Mumbai is totally quiet because people have to earn their livelihood and cannot afford to keep fighting. Political parties have their ways and means but citizens have become more educated, informed and can judge for themselves. Everybody wants a peaceful life. That's my basic premise.

Sadaf Modak: The Mumbai riots also revealed the communal bias among policemen. Does that continue?

The police are as communal as the local population. We also draw our people from the local population. We are as communal or 'a-communal' as citizens. But we are a disciplined force. And even during the riots in 1992-93, it was the policemen who brought them under control. There were just a few aberrations.

Rahul Sabharwal: In the aftermath of communal flare-ups, like the one in Khargone in Madhya Pradesh or Jahangirpuri in Delhi, we've seen the rule of the bulldozer replacing the rule of law in minority-dominated areas. Do you think this sort of punitive action undermines what the policing structure stands for?

This hasn't happened in Mumbai, so to comment on other cities will be totally out of context. The police

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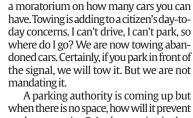
Jayprakash Naidu: Recently, there was a communal incident in the eastern suburbs of Mumbai. How can we prevent such flare-ups from spiralling out of control?

Isolated groups and aberrations always exist in society and they can be controlled. But I must give

full credit to both communities who were mature enough to handle the situation in Mankhurd and Malwani. Few people are too overzealous, not driven by any fervour but perhaps just goaded by their own situation. Some people want to be in the news and create a nuisance. Besides, if an incident was intended to mean something, it would not have happened at 3 am but in broad daylight. Just because it happened outside a masjid, we call it communal. Stray incidents can happen anywhere. We have arrested all the instigators and offenders with the help of both communities.

Zeeshan Shaikh: Perhaps the police tend to get blamed in communal incidents because there is poor representation of minorities in the force. Do you think there needs to be a diversity policy?

I am really not a voter of representative policing. Any Indian citizen can join the police force or the bureaucracy, they are open for everybody. If there are certain people who do not want to join, that's



more cars. I have said that there should be

such congestion? And my point is that should the city grow in the manner it is growing? In certain areas. Mumbai has reached a critical saturation level and does not need any more con-

> struction. Our suburbs should expand and grow beyond Lokhandwala or Four Bungalows. They should be Panvel and New Bombay. There should be no-construction.car-free and noise-free zones in Mumbai now.

Mohamed Thaver: Recently, a lot of BJP leaders alleged that the Police Commissioner is working at the behest of the ruling coalition. How would you respond to that?

I don't think I have gone after anybody with a clear agenda being given by anybody. As I said, as a policeman, one has to work within the framework of the law. Some complaints were made during my tenure, the other complaints were made before. These have been duly looked into, chargesheeted and seriously investigated. When this incident of reciting religious sermons came up, we registered cases against the ruling party as well. Show me where we have been one-sided.

Sandeep Singh: In the case of Mohit Kamboj, who was accused of defrauding the Indian Overseas Bank, the Mumbai police has said it will go ahead with the probe although the bank has withdrawn its complaint against him. Why so?

We work under the total control of the judiciary. When you register a case, it goes to the magistrate. Once the case is lost and given to us, the party, which has made the complaint, has no role, no locus standi, as per the law. He only becomes my witness.

lavprakash Naidu: During your online interactions on Facebook, you've talked about the Citizen Forum Bill, which should be placed in Parliament. Why do we need such a legislation?

I am a firm believer that citizens need to be empowered. After much effort we have formed a forum with regional and zonal heads. And now citizens themselves have drafted a Bill that talks about the citizens' rights and the Government's duties vis-avis their rights. It's going to the Government as a proposal from the citizens themselves. And it has very clearly defined what the structure of the forum will be, what wards will be represented, how zones and regions will find a place. It includes suggestions on the election process and grievance redressal. In fact, this is not my idea. Earlier, there was a Nagar Raj Bill. Karnataka already has something of this sort.

We are setting up a trust which will fund all the forum's activities. I have proposed looking at funding and educating students from kindergarten to the fifth grade in ethics and moral science. That's my suggestion to the board. The Bill also defines punishment and cognisable offences.

Zeeshan Shaikh: The NYPD has a budget of around \$2.5 billion. London also has a massive budget. Is the Mumbai police adequately funded?

I don't think more policing, infrastructure or investment can bring safety and security to our citizens. The Mumbai police is adequately funded, has the required infrastructure and manpower, which have to be optimised. Gone are the days when you talk about one-to-one policing. In most global cities, you won't see a cop. Now monitoring is technology-enabled; we've gone beyond the camera and are talking about bigger things like Artificial Intelligence (AI), face-mapping and photo-matching. But above all, there should be a fear of law and its enforcement. Then, I won't need these many people on the ground. How many criminals, who have committed two to three crimes. do you think there are? Not more than 3,000. How many policemen do you require for that number?



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316 arrested, UP CM says 'take such an action that it sets an example'

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, JUNE 12

THE UTTAR Pradesh Police on Sunday evening said that 316 people have been arrested and 13 FIRs registered in connection with the protests and violence in nine districts of the state on Friday in the wake of the remarks made on Prophet Mohammad by now suspended BJP leaders. During a review meeting in Lucknow, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told officials to "take such an action against those guilty that it sets an example so that no one commits a crime or take law into

their hands in future". "The chief minister has directed Additional Chief Secretary Home to take strict action in the incidents that have taken place in the past few days. He made it clear that no one would be allowed to play with the law and order in the state and such an action should be taken against those guilty that it sets an example," a statement issued by the state government read.

He, however, told them that no innocent should be touched and no guilty should be spared. "Do not spare those who are

guilty. Identify them through CCTV and other video footage... Find out the sources of income



and Gangster Act against main accused in these cases," the CM reportedly told the Home Department officials.

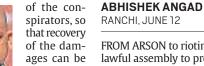
arrested, UP Police said the highest number of arrests has been made in Prayagraj (92) with three FIRs registered so far.

In Saharanpur, three FIRs have been lodged and 79 people have been arrested. Three police officials were injured and two vehicles were damaged by the

protesters there, police said. In Firozabad, 15 people have been arrested and one FIR has been filed there, while in Aligarh, six have been arrested and one FIR has been filed.

but no arrests have been made

so far. In Ialaun, one FIR has been lodged and four people have been arrested.



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Giving a breakdown of those

A total of 51 people have the FIRs were registered at Hindpiri and Daily Market been arrested in Hathras, and 35 in Moradabad where two police Police stations in the city. Kin of officials were injured. In the two persons aged 20 and 15, who had died of bullet Ambedkar Nagar, one FIR has wounds, assembled at the Daily been lodged and 34 people have been arrested. In Lakhimpur Market police station. Kheri, one FIR has been lodged,

Surendra Jha SSP, who, too, had sustained pellet injuries, said: "We have formed an SIT. I want to reiterate that innocent people need not worry. We are



ROW OVER REMARKS OVER THE PROPHET

22 booked by name in 25 FIRs as

Ranchi limps back to normalcy

Violence broke out in Ranchi on June 10 during a protest over controversial remarks against the Prophet. File

monitoring social media platforms and action will be taken if anyone is found making statements aimed at hurting religious sentiments.

roads. On Sunday, Section 144 Among the seven who are was lifted for five hours to let being treated for bullet injuries one remains in critical condi-Police said that majority of tion. Nusrat Parween, sister of Nadeem Ansari (24) who took a bullet in the neck and is on ventilator at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, said: "He worked as an electrician and we have no clue how he became part of the protest. He has a daughter and his condition remains critical."

> RIMS' 'investigation requisition form' of Mohmmad Afsar, 19, another patient men-

tions 'bullet injury'. His father Sarfaraz Alam said: "We are not even allowed to go inside and talk to our son. The administration has been very strict and is not allowing people to visit my son." The father said: "He had just gone to the market where he sells electrical goods.

Anamika, Sister of Usman (20) whose investigation requisition form mentioned 'gunshot injury' said that the parts of the bullet is stuck in his shoulder and neck. "He told us that he was part of the crowd, but he had just been on the

Splinters are stuck in his waist.'

sidelines. He told me that he didn't pelt stones. We are lucky that he is alive. We are very Part of civil society, Javed, Fatima took part in CAA, other protests

'BOOK COPS, MISCREANTS WHO FIRED AT MOB'

JUNE 12

house the Uttar Pradesh ad-

ministration demolished on

Sunday, two days after

Prayagraj saw protests over

Nupur Sharma's remarks on

the Prophet, are prominent members of the city's civil so-

ciety and members of the

central working committee

member, Afreen is national

secretary of the Fraternity

Movement, the student wing

The police arrested the 54-

year-old on Saturday and

claimed he was one of the con-

spirators of Friday's protests.

While Javed is the party's

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Ranchi: Parvez Alam, the father of 15-year-old Mudassir who died of bullet wounds on June 10, on Sunday filed a complaint with the police, seeking to initiate legal action against the policemen and the miscreants who "fired indiscriminately at the Muslim community". The complaint was received by Daily Market police station. He said his son was fired at by people from the terrace of a temple nearby. One of the persons named as accused by Alam is Bhairon Singh, who is also an accused in the attack on CM Hemant Soren's convoy. Singh is currently out on bail in that case. ENS

scared by the turn of events," said Anamika, who was sitting on the floor outside the ICU.

The form of 18-year-old Tabrak also mentions 'bullet injuries'. His father Mamum Oureshi said: "He worked in an eye glass shop. We haven't been able to speak to him."

RIMS Superintendent Hirendra Birua said: "All except one are stable...A few people have bullet splinters in their body. It will be removed in a few days.'



Mohammad Javed MOHAMMAD JAVED and his and Afreen Fatima daughter Afreen Fatima, whose

> of several protests in the city for over 30 years, an activist in Prayagraj said, "Who wasn't there for the CAA protests (in 2020)? Hindus, Muslims, Christians, atheists... Everyone took part and so did Javed." A civil society member said Javed "worked round the clock" during the first and second waves of the pandemic.

> Afreen has been active in student politics for several years. She did her BA Honours in Linguistics from Aligarh Muslim University. She enrolled for her Master's in Linguistics from Delhi's INU, where, in 2019, she was elected

her whatever help she re-

quires," said JNUSU President

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SSP Ajay Kumar claimed that during questioning, Javed said as a councillor in the students' that Afreen often gave him union. She graduated from suggestions. He, however, said NU in 2021. "Afreen was part of my council and was a very vocal their preliminary probe had not found any evidence against student activist on campus... We will stand by her and give

Aishe Ghosh.

Welfare Party president Ilyas SQR said, "...We are doing everything possible to help him (Javed) legally. He is being framed....'

Saying Javed has been part

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Protests spread in Bengal, train vandalised in Nadia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JUNE 12

A DAY after parts of Howrah were hit by violence, massive protests spread to several parts of West Bengal – from South 24 Parganas to Murshidabad – on Sunday over the remarks on Prophet Mohammad by now suspended **BIP** leaders.

A group of protesters damaged a local train at Bethuadahari railway station in Nadia district,

stranded, it was vandalised by the protesters... The Hazarduari Express was left stranded. The train service was disrupted for at least one hour," Chief Public Relations Officer (Eastern Railway) Eklavya Chakraborty said. Sources said that train services were also disrupted at

Dhubulia station by the protest-In Murshidabad, protests

officials said, adding that no one was severely injured. "After the Ranaghat-Lalgola local train got

Shirakol areas

erupted in the Baryan area of the district, affecting the traffic, "Roads were temporarily blocked, but the police later brought the situation under control," an official said. Internet services have been suspended in three areas of the Murshidabad district till 6 am on June 14, an official said. In South 24 Parganas, hun-

dreds of protesters blocked Diamond Harbour road. Later, they were dispersed. Protests also took place in district's Usti and

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The situation remained

Rath Yatra coming, Gujarat cops plan 'mixed' cricket matches for 'peace'

VAIBHAV JHA AHMEDABAD, JUNE 12

WITH AHMEDABAD'S own rath yatra around the corner, and tensions simmering in the wake of protests over remarks against the Prophet made by BJP's Nupur Sharma, the city's police are moving to secure the procession's route using a popular "glue": cricket.

Senior police officers told The Indian Express that a cricket tournament involving "mixed teams" from six communally sensitive wards on the route will be organised before the Rath Yatra starting July 1.

"Sports teaches us discipline and team spirit - and most importantly, cricket is a gentleman's game. We have decided to have teams from six wards. each with a mix of Hindu and Muslim cricketers. The idea is to build bridges through sports," said R V Asari, Additional Commissioner of Police, Sector 1, Ahmedabad City.

These six wards are Jamalpur, Kalupur, Khadia, Dariapur, Shahpur and Saraspur, all located in the old city. Five of these wards, except Saraspur, witnessed protests last week against the comments made by the now-suspended BIP spokesperson Sharma. The area had also witnessed protests during the anti-CAA agitation two years ago.

The Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad is the biggest such event after the world-famous Yatra in Odisha's Puri, with about 3-4 lakh devotees taking part in the 9-km procession from Jamalpur Darwaza to Saraspur in the old city.

According to officers, this year's event – the 145th Yatra – will be a full-scale version after the procession was cancelled in 2020 and



The Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad is the biggest such event after the one in Odisha's Puri. File

a truncated festival held in 2021 due to the Covid outbreak. Preparations for the cricket tournament have already started with the police reaching out to local community leaders and clubs. The Rath Yatra, hosted by the

Jagannath temple in Jamalpur, usually comprises chariots, akharas, bhajan teams, elephants and large groups of devotees with music played by Djs.

Police records show several instances of communal clashes during the Yatra before the riots of 2002. According to the Nanavati Commission report, violence broke out in the old city in 1941, 1946, 1965, 1969, 1992 and 1993 during the Yatra.

The records also show that local cricket matches, and celebrations during India-Pakistan games, have previously triggered communal violence in Ahmedabad and other cities of Gujarat.

In 2003, three people were killed in Viramgam on the outskirts of Ahmedabad in a brawl during a local match. In 2020, the state government had informed the Assembly that nine incidents of communal violence occurred in the Anand district in 2018, with a

cricket match as one of the main catalysts.

"Communal violence occurring during cricket matches in Ahmedabad is a bygone era. Now, we are trying to build bridges through sports. In a game, one side wins and the other side loses, yet the game teaches something to both sides. Therefore, the two communities should learn from sports, and such tournaments should be held on an annual basis," said Bhushan Bhatt, a BJP leader from the old city and former Jamalpur Khadia MLA. The police have also been or-

ganising peace meetings in the area over the past two weeks.

"We had recently organised a collective blood donation camp in the Lord Jagannath temple where Hindus and Muslims both donated units of blood towards the common cause of humanity. What relation can go deeper than blood?" said Mohammad Hussain Mammibhai, 78, who has been at the forefront of the peace meetings. "We have good cricketing talent in Jamalpur and Khadia," said Mammibhai, who has also taken on the responsibility of arranging the teams for the tournament.

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Pune 09 June 2022

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

Chargesheet in Nagaland killings is a key step towards accountability. All sides should ensure sanctity of due process

HE CHARGESHEET FILED by Nagaland police with regard to a botched-up security operation last year in which six civilians were killed is a welcome first step. The chargesheet, which names 30 Indian Army personnel including a Major, is based on a probe by a special investigation team set up by the Nagaland government. The Army had admitted that the killings were a case of mistaken identity and error of judgement – the Court of Inquiry has been completed and is being examined. All stakeholders – the government, state police, Army – must ensure that due process is protected in this sensitive case that had led to massive protests in Nagaland and almost derailed the peace talks between the Centre and the NSCN-IM.

In all, 13 civilians and a security personnel were killed when personnel of 21 Para Special Forces fired at a jeep carrying miners in Oting, Mon district on December 4 last year and in the violence that followed. Six miners were killed in the initial shooting while seven others and a security personnel lost their lives when a mob attacked the security forces later. The firing in Mon took place in the backdrop of the killing of a commanding officer of Assam Rifles, his wife and son, and four security personnel by militants from Manipur Naga People's Front and People's Liberation Army of Manipur in Churachandpur district a few days earlier. The Mon massacre, in the run-up to Assembly elections in Nagaland, gave fresh impetus to civic campaigns for repealing the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. The Centre promised to look at the demand favourably as public protests rocked Nagaland, where a tenuous ceasefire between the NSCN-IM and the Armed Forces has held out for over two decades despite the political deadlock over the demands of the insurgents. On April 1, the Centre withdrew AFSPA from 15 police station areas in seven of Nagaland's 15 districts, a decision that has the potential to influence the narrative on federal relations in the region - according to the Ministry of Home Affairs, militancy in the Northeast has seen a major decline in recent years. It is necessary to nurture this positive spirit and consolidate the gains of hard-won peace in a region that has been wrecked by ethnic strife and militancy.

Action on the SIT report and the chargesheet on the Mon incident should proceed keeping in mind the complex history of the region. It should be insulated from the competing claims of regionalism and nationalism. A closure in this case will help heal the wounds of insurgency and its terrible offshoots including the AFSPA, and enable a conversation on matters of governance such as development, jobs, corruption etc. As for the armed forces, they will have to take the SIT accusation that personnel did "not follow the Standard Operating Procedure and the Rules of Engagement" and resorted to "indiscriminate and disproportionate firing" seriously, pin responsibility and take remedial action. How they respond to the chargesheet will be very significant in the discourse in the region around security and society.

Home truths

While corporates, banks are now better-placed to invest and lend, decline in household consumption is a cause for concern

NDIA'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT rose 7.1 per cent year-on-year in April. Coming after a 11.4 per cent increase for the whole of 2021-22, it points to a recovery, albeit from the negative growth of the preceding lockdown-impacted fiscal. What's worrying, however, is consumer non-durables production growing by just 0.3 per cent in April, on top of 3.3 per cent for 2021-22. The National Statistical Office's data tallies with what private consumer research firms have also been putting out. NielsenIQ has estimated India's fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector to have registered minus 4.1 per cent year-on-year volume growth in January-March, minus 2.6 per cent in October-December, and 1.4 per cent in July-September. Kantar Worldpanel has reported volume contraction in the country's FMCG market for the last three consecutive quarters. Even the market leader Hindustan Unilever posted a 10.4 per cent sales turnover jump for the January-March guarter, but "with flat underlying volume growth". The simple takeaway is that the Indian consumer is buying less, although paying more for the same, if not less, volume of groceries and essentials. One reason is inflation. Most market surveys suggest high price increases to have impacted discretionary as well as staple consumption. While consumers are either cutting down on purchases or opting for lower-priced/ non-premium/unbranded products, FMCG firms have sought to push sales of smaller packs and even undertake "grammage reductions". In other words, passing on soaring costs whether of palm oil, wheat or packaging material - not through explicit price hikes, but by decreasing product weight/size for the same price points. There are limitations to such stratagems. Individual companies may grow significantly ahead of the market, gaining both value and volume shares. But even they would want the market itself to expand, rather than resorting to "shrinkflation" or consumers "downtrading" and "titrating" volumes. Inflation should come under control, hopefully sooner than later. Of greater concern is the stress on incomes. Most households in India received little, apart from free grain, as stimulus during the last two years of job and income losses. As a result, they emerged from the pandemic with battered balance sheets. This is in contrast to the previous decade, where household consumption held up even as overall economic growth was dragged down by an over-leveraged corporate sector and bad loans-laden banks. That "twin-balance sheet" problem looks less of a threat. Profit margins of listed companies in 2021-22 were the highest for over a decade, with the non-performing assets ratio of banks moderating to their lowest in six years. Today, corporates and banks are better-positioned to invest and lend, respectively. But the weak balance sheets of households and government constrains their ability to spend – and that's a real problem.



Upper House, a question

What has Rajya Sabha achieved that a stand-alone Lok Sabha has not, or would not? This requires debate

MANISH TEWARI

THE OBJECTIVE OF writing this piece is not to make a case for the abolition of the Rajya Sabha, for that would be a fool's errand. It is, rather, to re-articulate a question that was uppermost even in the minds of members of the Constituent Assembly as they deliberated upon draft Article 67 corresponding to Article 80 of the Constitution of India, pertaining to the composition of the Council of States.

Lokanath Misra led the charge against a federal second chamber in the Constituent Assembly stating: "Sir,...I do not think there is any real need for the second chamber, nor do I think that it will serve any useful purpose. Sir, so far as I have studied the Constitution and the constitutional precedents, it is now admitted almost on all hands that second chambers are out of date. The only argument that is generally advanced in favour of such a chamber is that it will have a sobering effect on the decisions of the Lower House which is more representative of the people and that the people are now restive... Its creation will only result in so much waste of public money and so much waste of time... I do not think that without a second chamber the country will be any the poorer for it, as now we stand."

Elaborating further Misra stated: "From our actual experience we find that such a huge number of people either in the House of the People or in the Council of States does not serve any very useful purpose. And we know that there is real difficulty in finding out so many members who will be qualified and quite interested in such law-making. We see from the proceedings of this very House which consists of more than three hundred members that so few of us take real part in and are really useful to constitution making."

This, perhaps, is the most profound argument even today against enlarging the size of either Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha.

Lokanath Misra was not alone in opposing a federal second chamber. His colleague, Shibban Lal Saksena, was equally emphatic: "I cannot refrain from saying that I am one of those who believe in only one chamber and not two chambers. Here they have provided for two chambers and the worst part of this is From 1952 to 2003, at least there was a veneer of a state focus when it was mandatory that any citizen desirous of contesting a Rajya Sabha election had to be an elector from that particular state. By amending Section 3(1) of the Representation of People's Act 1952 and doing away with the domicile requirement, the NDA/BJP Government removed this fig leaf also in 2003. that in the Upper Chamber we shall have twelve nominated members; and we passed the other day that even those members, who have been nominated and who will never seek the vote of the people, can become ministers also. I think this is a most undemocratic aspect of our Constitution.."

Opposing the motion setting up a bicameral federal legislature, Saksena had earlier argued: "In this motion, we have been asked to vote for two Houses, the Lower House and the Upper House. I wish to point out that our experience has been that the Upper House acts as a clog in the wheel of progress. I think that everywhere in the world the experience about Upper Houses has been the same....." They were not the only ones who had concerns. Other members expressed them too in different contexts during the Constituent Assembly debate on draft Article 67.

Article 1(1) of the Indian Constitution states "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." It is, therefore, obvious that the primary responsibility of a Council of States would be to protect the interests of the states vis a vis the Union, especially after the Union Powers Committee, post the announcement of the Partition plan on June 3, 1947, decided that India's constitutional design would be more unitary than federal. There is hardly any empirical evidence that substantiates that the Rajya Sabha has measured upto the task ever since it came into existence on April 3r 1952.

Moreover, from 1952 to 2003, at least there was a veneer of a state focus when it was mandatory that any citizen desirous of contesting a Rajya Sabha election had to be an elector from that particular state. By amending Section 3(1) of the Representation of People's Act 1952 and doing away with the domicile requirement, the NDA/BJP Government removed this figleaf also in 2003.

Kuldip Nayar, then a nominated member of Rajya Sabha, challenged this amendment in the Supreme Court principally on the ground that it militates against the raison d'être of the Rajya Sabha. However, a fivejudge bench did not uphold his contentions. This amendment and the subsequent judgment buried the earlier practice of individuals entering the Rajya Sabha from anywhere based upon rather dodgy but still some form of domicile credentials. Both the amendment and the subsequent judgement require urgent revisiting by the legislature to restore the fundamental character of the Council of States.

Coupled with this is another major inconsistency. Twenty-four states have unicameral legislatures, that is, only one legislative body, and only six states are bicameral. There is no justifiable legal basis for this classification for if size is a determinant for bicameralism then for every Uttar Pradesh or Maharashtra that is two-House in design there is a West Bengal and Tamil Nadu that is not. If the bulk of the states can make do with one House why not the Centre?

However, all this does not still answer the fundamental question: What has Rajya Sabha been able to achieve that a stand-alone Lok Sabha has not, or would not, in the future? This requires a full debate in Parliament, especially the Rajya Sabha, as India enters the 75th year of its independence.

If the only argument for the existence of the Rajya Sabha is that it is a continuous House as opposed to the Lok Sabha that gets mandatorily dissolved every five years, if not sooner, then that can be fixed with a simple amendment to Article 83 (2) that should state that "Lok Sabha would remain in existence till the time its successor body/house is not constituted through general elections mandatorily held three months prior to the completion of the five year term of the previous body/House or sooner as the case maybe". Article 83 (1) would stand deleted and consequential amendments can be carried out to other parts of the Constitution.

Finally, it would be instructive to keep in mind that the Basic Structure doctrine enunciated by the Supreme Court in *Re: Kesvananda Bharti* holds parliamentary democracy to be basic structure, not bicameralism.

The writer is a lawyer, Congress MP, former I&B Minister. Views are personal



For Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas

PM Modi must use Mann Ki Baat to warn against vigilantism against minorities

ZAKIA SOMAN

FREEZE FRAME



THE SUSPENSION OF one member from the BJP, and the expulsion of another, for incendiary remarks on the Prophet of Islam, is perhaps the first significant step taken by the party in the last eight years to contain the lethal onslaught on the plural fabric of society. India has become religiously polarised with hate speeches and open calls for mass violence against Muslims going unchecked. Indian Muslims, the second largest population of Muslims globally, could be living proof of our vibrant, inclusive democracy. Sadly, their protests did not matter to the government, which acted only when pressured by foreign powers that, incidentally, are not known for their democratic outlook.

The Prime Minister's call for sabka saath, sabka vikas remains meaningless as our nation continues to get divided in the name of mandir-masjid, azaan, hijab, halal, love jihad, gau raksha, Babur and Aurangzeb. Most ordinary Indians would have thought that with the BJP at the Centre there would be a semblance of communal peace. This has not happened.

The unity and integrity of the nation is threatened by the actions of hate-mongers on the streets as well as in TV studios. Forces of hatred have always existed in our society amongst both Hindus and Muslims. The twonation theory had subscribers amongst both communities. Pakistan became a reality for Jinnah and his followers. Those espousing a Hindu Rashtra must take a cue from the recent statement of the RSS chief and stop seeing red in everything Muslim and anywhere Islamic. We must remember that our independ-

ence from the British was hard-won with sac-

Although the responsibility of preserving the plural social fabric is of every Indian, it is first and foremost the duty of the government to enforce the rule of law and act against hate-mongers. A nationalistic government should be all the more aware of threats to internal security posed by fanatics baying for the blood of fellow Indians. There should be a clear directive from the concerned ministries to book those indulging in polarisation and violence.

rifices from women and men of all faiths. We gave ourselves a Constitution rooted in the universal values of justice, equality, pluralism, freedom and fraternity. The freedom fighters demonstrated a lived nationalism of shared humanity and struggles. We have lived as neighbours despite differences in faith, language and culture. Those arguing for a civilisational state must remember that our civilisation represents vasudhaiva kutumbakam and shared heritage unlike the monochrome universe of the Crusades or Jihads.

This discussion cannot be complete without asking the Muslims what they can do to help restore harmony. Indian Muslims have paid a heavy price for the kind of secularism practised by the Congress party where a bunch of conservative men of religion were pampered at the cost of the well-being of the community. Official data show that the Muslims got poorer and more backward educationally and economically even as the BJP's charge of Muslim appeasement gained traction. Thankfully, today the conservative cleric is no more the spokesperson except perhaps in TV studios. There are several activists, students, lawyers, journalists, fact-checkers and academics who are engaged with community issues in a secular manner. The lack of democratisation and social reform in the community predates the Narendra Modi government. Most Muslims are adopting a democratic line of thinking on sensitive matters such as loudspeakers in mosques and cow slaughter. More and more are asserting the constitutional principles of democracy, diversity, justice and equality. But more democratic-minded persons are required for meaningful dialogues on faith, culture, and democracy.

Clarity on various issues concerning interfaith harmony can go a long way. Muslim activists can learn a lot from Dalits about building coalitions and democratic alliances with those from other faiths for a just and peaceful co-existence. Issues such as women's equality, caste amongst Muslims, and ideas of blasphemy and apostasy need to be discussed and sorted threadbare. Also, political Islam has to be shunned and a more liberal humane faith must be adopted.

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All of us ordinary Indians engaged in various spheres of work and life need to regain the middle ground for a peaceful and harmonious society. We need to shun hate and extreme posturing on social media and in our individual lives.

The writer is a women's rights activist and founding member of Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan

JUNE 13, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

ANTULAY LOSES TRUST

THE CONGRESS (I) high command is likely to ask A R Antulay to relinquish the chairmanship of the Pratibha Pratishthan following the verdict of a division bench of the Bombay High Court holding him guilty of bartering cement for donations to the pratishthan. Antulay is going to Delhi. The high command may ask former high court judge, R R Bhole or state Chief Secretary P G Gaval to take over the prathisthan chairmanship till the trust is revamped. The judgment of Justices

S K Desai and B J Rele has apparently shaken the confidence of the trustees in Antulay.



A STRAIGHT FIGHT between the combined opposition and the ruling party in the presidential election on July 12 became a certainty with both sides hardening their stance on putting up their own candidates. While AICC (I) general secretary G K Moopanar made it clear that there was no question of his party going for a consensus candidate as it had a two-thirds majority, Lok Dal President Charan Singh made an urgent appeal to all opposition parties to discuss their strategy at a meeting on June 15. He sent a formal letter to this effect to the leaders of the Janata Party, BJP, Congress (J), Congress

(S), CPM and CPI.

ISRAEL ATTACKS PLO

ISRAELI FORCES POUNDED Palestinian guerrillas entrenched around Beirut's international airport from land, sea and air but scrupulously respected their ceasefire with the Syrian army. Israeli bombs and Palestinian anti-aircraft fire shook the paralysed city at intervals throughout the day. A Boeing-707 jetliner of Middle East Airlines went up in flames in the airport tarmac and an air freight office was damaged less than 3 km from the most advanced Israeli position in suburban Khalde.



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13 THE IDEAS PAGE A biased benchmark

Environmental Performance Index's approach does little to encourage honest conversation on ecological issues



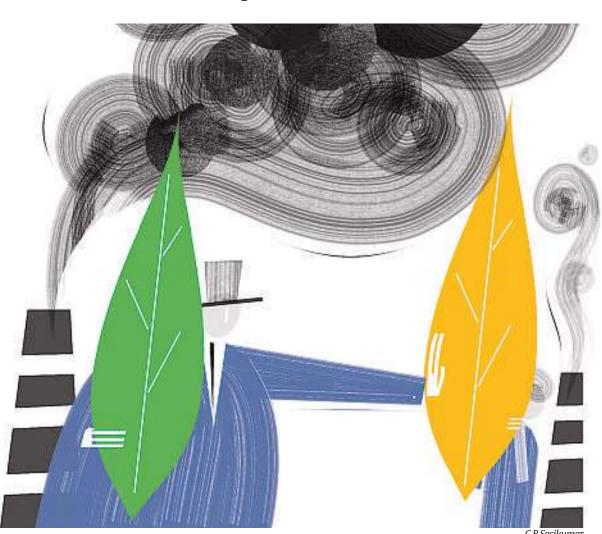
NAVROZ K DUBASH AND SHARACHCHANDRA LELE

THE 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL Performance Index (EPI) released on World Environment Day (June 5) has triggered much consternation in India, as the country is ranked last (180th). While news reports have religiously, and largely uncritically, reported the finding, and environmentalists might be tempted to take an "I told you so" attitude, the government has issued a fierce rebuttal. How do we make sense of this debate?

Indexes are inherently problematic, especially when applied to something as multidimensional and complex as environmental performance. In trying to quantify, aggregate and rank, index makers have to make judgements about what issues count, how they are best measured individually, and how much importance to give to each issue and indicator in aggregating. For example, indicators may focus on current rates of increase or decrease in environmental pressures (flows) - as the EPI does for carbon dioxide emissions and tree cover gains - but understate the accumulated effect (stocks) that relates to actual harm, thereby ignoring past effects. Moreover, when ranking countries, one is essentially applying the same standard across vastly different socio-ecological contexts - this involves difficult choices. For example, the EPI leaves out arsenic in water, which is a major threat in Bangladesh. Arsenic is not counted by the EPI because it is not as widely prevalent as lead, which is included.

We would argue that ranking countries is best done on some specific indicators such as urban air quality or domestic water pollution, for which metrics are relatively wellaccepted and universal, and so comparisons are defensible. At best, aggregate indices give a coarse picture: Top 20, middle of pack, or bottom 20, nothing more. Unfortunately, the EPI 2022 produced by Yale and Columbia Universities is far from making even this modest contribution: The index is severely compromised by how it incorporates action on climate change mitigation.

Climate change is a global environmental problem, and because its effects depend on the accumulation of greenhouse gases over time, measuring progress in a given country



ical problem to solve, and then proceed to make things worse with a really poor-even biased-choice of benchmarks. Specifically, they rely heavily on the trend of greenhouse gas emissions by a country in the past decade as an indicator of progress. For climate change, 53 per cent of the weight is allocated to these trends, and another 36 per cent to whether the continuation of these trends brings a country close to zero emissions in 2050. They assume that the world must reach net zero emissions by 2050, and so the appropriate benchmark is whether all countries are reducing emissions and reaching zero by 2050. This approach is contrary to widely accepted ethical principles, especially the global political agreement on commonbut-differentiated-responsibility (CBDR).

The Yale-Columbia approach ignores the fact that countries have different responsibilities for past accumulations and are at different levels of emissions and energy use. For example, India's energy use and carbon dioxide emissions are about a tenth each of the US's. So, while it is reasonable to expect the US to decrease emissions rapidly, the contribution of a country like India should lie in becoming ever more carbon-efficient with its development, or increasing emissions but at a decreasing rate and as little as possible. The inclusion of indicators on emissions intensity and emissions per capita partly addresses this issue, but these two account for 7 per cent of the weight, versus 89 per cent for indicators derived from current emission trends. This approach is guaranteed to make richer countries look good, because they have accumulated emissions in the past, but these have started declining in the last decade. Meanwhile, poorer countries that have emitted comparatively little in the past, look bad even as they are grappling with addressing poverty while trying to limit emissions. In brief, the methodology is indefensible, blind to ethics, ignorant of a body of

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"There is no good reason for the UK to sabotage relations with its European neighbours, but doing it to score ideological points with a small faction of the prime minister's supporters is exceptionally poor judgment. Yet that is what Boris Johnson intends to do." - THE GUARDIAN

A steady hand

Government has taken steps to tackle inflation. A normal monsoon, and resisting urge to hike GST rates will provide further relief



SACHCHIDANAND Shukla

ALL THAT COULD have possibly triggered higher inflation globally has already oc-curred – multiple waves of the pandemic, supply disruptions, an overdose of policy stimuli, war, sanctions, energy shocks, geopolitical adversity and weather disruptions. In India, however, there are a few other triggers as well that will have a bearing on the inflationary trajectory, especially on the food side. Two of them relate to policy, while the other revolves around the weather gods.

The first is minimum support prices. Policymakers in India have often acted with alacrity to protect the interests of farmers over the years. The MSP that is fixed by the government for kharif and rabi crops has been one of the key policy instruments. The government has just announced MSP for Kharif crops and it is heartening to see that while the farmers are being compensated for higher cultivation costs, the urge to splurge or overcompensate them has been eschewed with the hike likely to have an impact of around 10 basis points on inflation going forward. The backdrop was dire, given the persistence of negative terms of trade for farmers due to runaway prices of

inputs, especially diesel and fertilisers. Note that in the last 20 years, the weighted average MSP for kharif crops saw double-digit growth four times - in 2007, 2008, 2012 and 2018. The years 2007 and 2008 witnessed an unprecedented rise in agri inflation with the global recession leading to a shortage of farm inputs. The Centre responded with an annual increase of 14 per cent in 2007 in the MSP of 14 kharif crops and by 26 per cent in 2008. Food inflation shot up to 12 per cent in 2007-08 as against 8 per cent in 2006-07 and 4 per cent in 2005-06. The inflationary surge continued in 2009 as a monsoon failure hit agricultural output hard. Global agricultural commodity prices started to rise in 2010 again and the FAO food price index reached an all-time high in July 2012. One of the key reasons for the increase in food prices was the oil price surge and a rise higher than the cost of cultivation. The cost of cultivation (A2 + FL) includes the paidout cost and cost of imputed family labour. Accordingly, the MSP of kharif crops in 2018 saw an annual increase of about 14 per cent. However, despite the significant rise in MSP, food inflation in 2018-19 was muted at 0.3 per cent. This was because farm input costs were under control and the terms of trade for farmers remained positive.

The second trigger relates to the GST council. In the upcoming meeting, there is talk of a rejig of GST slabs and rates with an eye on raising the revenue-neutral rate from around 11.5 per cent, which is far lower than the 15.5 per cent estimated at the time of the launch of GST. This has become more pertinent given that the compensation mechanism will cease to be in effect from July 2022 and state governments will have to look for ways to absorb the revenue shock. However, a GST rate shock to the system is best avoided given the global inflationary backdrop and the fragility of consumer balance sheets.

The third concerns the weather. While the dependence of agricultural output on the quantum of rainfall has reduced, variance in the spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall is emerging as a key risk. A look at 2021 - a normal monsoon year with rainfall at 99 per cent of its long period average — is instructive. In the first three weeks of June, there was huge surplus rainfall but it slowed down from the fourth week. In the crucial month of July, weekly variation ranged from a minus 46 per cent in week one to a surplus of 14 per cent in week four. The weakness in rainfall continued in August and the cumulative rainfall for the period from June to August was lower by 10 per cent than its long-period average. However, there was huge surplus rainfall in September (35 per cent) at the time of harvesting of kharif crops in certain parts of the country. The late excess rains delayed the crop cycle and led to crop damage in several parts of the country. Likewise, the spatial distribution of rainfall remained uneven in 2021. Thus, even with normal rainfall in 2021, there were several disruptions to the crop cycle and farm cash flows. Moreover, wheat output, estimated to reach a record high of 111 MT as per the 2nd Advance Estimate released in February had to be pared by 4 per cent in the 3rd Advance Estimate due to extreme heat. Private traders estimate a sharper drop in output due to high temperatures.

The government has taken various steps lately to rein in inflation. However, the RBI will have little freedom in case the GST council decides to accord revenue protection to states via higher GST rates or if the monsoon is not in line with expectations. One hopes these events pan out right, like the MSP hike, when most other things have gone wrong.

is challenging. Unlike air quality, where absolute increases or decreases in emissions of air pollutants in that country signal progress, climate change mitigation has to be measured against what it is reasonable and fair to expect from different countries, taking into account their past emissions as well as national contexts. The problem, however, is that there has been an inconclusive 30-year debate on this question; any choice of benchmark involves major ethical choices. Giving climate change a high weight in the index (38 per cent) – itself a questionable decision, given the development needs of poorer countries – means this thorny problem comes to the centre of the EPI.

The Yale-Columbia researchers thus set themselves a near-impossible methodolog-

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tion-grabbing purpose, they serve this purpose well only when they are focused, limited to easy-to-measure metrics, and consciously minimise value judgements. The EPI 2022 resoundingly fails this test. And as such, it risks setting back the cause of addressing local environmental problems. Ironically, through choices of biased and skewed benchmarks, it also hurts honest global conversation and much-needed progress on the global climate crisis that it purports to foreground.

literature on ecology, and inconsistent with

ronmental performance is very positive —

far from it. But the EPI's flawed and biased

approach distracts from a much-needed

honest conversation about the environment

in India. India's local environmental perform-

ance on air, water and forests is deeply prob-

lematic. Air quality in India is now the sec-

ond largest risk factor for public health in

India, behind only child and maternal nutri-

tion. Rivers and lakes are increasingly pol-

luted, rivers are drying, groundwater tables

are rapidly declining, and gains in tree cover

hide declining natural productivity and di-

versity of forests and grasslands. Solid waste

mounts, and pesticide contamination is un-

abated. Despite these warning signs, we see

a continued dilution of or inattention to en-

vironmental regulations, notwithstanding

grand pronouncements and sporadic gains.

ethically suspect efforts such as the EPI 2022

do not add anything useful to the debate, but

rather confuse and stifle honest discussion.

While indices like these have a limited atten-

Unfortunately, intellectually weak and

This is not to say that India's overall envi-

broadly-accepted politics.

Dubash is professor with the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, and Lele is distinguished fellow with the ATREE, Bengaluru and adjunct professor at IISER Pune and SNU Greater Noida in demand for biofuel production. The global upside in food prices coincided with a 22 per cent increase in MSP for Kharif crops in India. Following the rise in MSP, food inflation in 2012 increased by 14.6 per cent as against 3.6 per cent the preceding year

Then, in 2018, there was a change in the MSP methodology. For the first time, the MSPs for all 23 kharif and rabi crops were fixed at a margin of at least 50 per cent

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME FOR AMENDS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Cornering a friend' (IE, June 11). There was a certain inevitability about the criticism of Muslims and Islam by rightwing elements in India provoking a backlash from Islamic countries, considering the rising and largely unchecked tempo of such criticism over the past few years. Now that a red line has been drawn, the government must do everything in its power to stop the minority baiters and allay the fears of Muslim countries, most of who are in our neighbourhood.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Cornering a friend' (IE, June 11). Some needless religious comments by the now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma have created a huge furor within and outside the country. Violent agitations in different regions point towards a hard-to-miss orchestration. While a somnambulant opposition will not mind fishing in troubled waters, India's international diplomacy is being severely tested as local pressure is making even friendly foreign countries up the ante against India. BJP is now learning the hard way that divisive politics may lead to electoral gains, but at the cost of international goodwill.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Concerning a friend' (IE, June 11). While delivering a keynote address in January this year, during Azadi Ka Amrit

Vijai Pant, Hempur

Mahotsav at Brahma Kumari's ceremony, PM Narendra Modi said, "There is a tendency to tarnish the image of India, including at the international level". He urged everyone to tell the "truth about the rumours being spread about India". Ironically, the damaging jolt came from BJP's own stable in the form of insulting remarks against Prophet Mohammed, with the consequent international outrage from the Islamic world upsetting old ties. In an interdependent world all nations have to balance their domestic and global politics. LR Murmu, Delhi

DOUBLE STANDARDS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Bulldozers out in Saharanpur, Kanpur: UP cop say 255 held' (IE, June 12). Bulldozers are back on riot-stricken cities in UP. It is ironic that it took BJP a week for a mild rap on the knuckles of the two spokespersons by way of suspension and excommunication who made communal statements. On the contrary, it wants to dispense instant justice to the so-called accused in the arson. Moreover, the properties have been demolished on the premise that they were illegal. Why then, did the government sit twiddling its thumbs and waiting for a riot to take place? This strategy can be juxtaposed with the unleashing of investigative agencies against adversaries only on the eve of elections. It seems that that for the BJP, destruction is taking precedence over construction in its governance model.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

A poor count NSS, CMIE are surveys not comparable. Studies should not relate them

Ashish Kumar, Davendra Verma and Pravin Srivastava

INCOMPLETE DATA OR the absence of data itself sets the ball rolling for economists to bring out their macroeconomic models to estimate sensational, eye-catching results, whether it be Covid-19-related deaths or the impact of the pandemic on the vulnerable population. Some economists have argued that the pandemic has directly impacted informal workers and those employed in smaller establishments by pushing them into poverty. Poverty estimation through the consumption approach has its challenges. Some researchers have been attempting to arrive at poverty estimates based on ancillary data available from the government or from other small sample studies.

Recently, policy advisors and researchers at the IMF and World Bank have also attempted to estimate headcount ratios under various assumptions. The huge differences in the headcount ratios between the two studies only add to the confusion in the already complicated measurement issues of poverty in India

The IMF has carried out the exercise using adjustments for private final consumption expenditure from the National Accounts Statistics and also using the expenditure incurred by the government under the public distribution system. The World Bank has tried to estimate headcount ratios using CMIE data

from the consumer pyramids household survey from 2015 to 2019, relating it with the NSS consumer expenditure data from 2011 and data from other sources like the National Family Health Survey, the Periodic Labour Force Survey, the Situation assessment of Agriculture Households, and the All India Debt and Investment Survey. This exercise appears not to follow the basic principles of statistics.

In fact, a lot of econometric tweaking has probably been carried out in an effort to relate the divergent data sets of NSS with CMIE. It may be noted that India uses the NSS consumption expenditure survey for the measurement of poverty and the results from it,

The World Bank paper appears to be based on unrealistic and unviable assumptions. First, the sample design of the NSS and CMIE survevs are different. The NSS adopts multistage stratified sampling whereas CMIE uses rotational sampling. Further, CPHS households have unequal sampling probabilities as households on the main streets have a higher likelihood of selection. Even the basic definition of the household is different in the two surveys. Unlike the NSS, the CPHS does not conduct a listing exercise and instead uses projections of households and population growth to construct sampling weights. It has been stated by

various scholars that the NSS adequately captures information from the households at the lower end of consumption distribution but inadequately for those at the upper end. However, a lot of doubts have been raised about CMIE data in terms of its representa-

Second, NSS collects information on more than 345 unique items to arrive at consumption expenditure estimates whereas CMIE does so through 114 items. While NSS expenditure is based on a recall period of 30 days for food items and others over 365 days, the CPHS consumption expenditure is based on a recall period of the last four months. The attempt to make a comparison by using subgroups of expenditure like food, non-food, and durables may also not be of great help since errors in data collection from the two sources will not necessarily cancel out, but may be additive due to different sets of items.

Third, there is a time difference between the data used from the NSS survey, which is for the year 2011, and the CMIE survey from 2015 to 2019. This lack of comparable years for the development of the model has introduced another error.

Fourth, the change of weights in the CMIE survey at the household level using NFHS and other surveys may not correctly reflect the weighting pattern since the changes in consumption expenditure for a long period can bring out required demographic and other changes

Truly speaking, the measurement of poverty at the national level does not serve any policy purpose. One has to go down to the state, district, block and village level to identify pockets of poverty to develop and deliver special programmes needed in each case. India already has a measurement of multi-dimensional poverty that gives a better understanding of deprivation. Another initiative is the aspirational districts programme, which is being extended to the block level and provides the direction and location where specific interventions are required.

If at all the World Bank wants to estimate the poverty in India, it should use only the CMIE data which is available from 2015 onwards and measure changes in the poverty ratios, given the structural limitations of the survey. Alternatively, one can wait for the results of the survey that will be undertaken by the National Statistical Office between July 2022 and June 2023. The results are likely to be available a year or so after the completion of the survey.

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carried out in 2017, are not available due to quality issues in the data collected.

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RUSSIA McDonald's Successor opens in Moscow

Three months after McDonald's suspended its Russia operations over the war in Ukraine, hundreds of people Sunday streamed into its Russian replacement - Vkusnoi Tochka (Tasty-period) — at Moscow's Pushkin Square.

KID5

ators said in a joint statement.

"Families are scared, and it is our

duty to come together and get

something done that will help

restore their sense of safety and

security in their communities."

late the broad principles of the

framework into legislative text,

a far more fraught process, and

secure enough support in both

become law.

Negotiators must now trans-

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Prince Charles is said to have called the policy 'appalling'. File

UNITED KINGDOM Rwanda ruling appealed amid Prince's scoff

OPPONENTS OF the British government's plan to deport migrants to Rwanda are preparing for an appeals court hearing Monday amid the political backlash following reports that Prince Charles had privately described the policy as "appalling." A coalition of groups including immigration rights advocates and public employee unions will seek to reverse a lower court ruling allowing the first deportation flight to go ahead on Tuesday. The debate filled Britain's news media over the weekend after the Times of London reported that an unidentified person had heard Prince Charles express opposition to the policy "several times" in private conversations.

EGYPT **UN-brokered** talks on Libya polls resume

LIBYAN OFFICIALS returned to the Egyptian capital Sunday for a third round of talks on constitutional amendments for elections. The North African nation once again finds itself at a political impasse with two rival administrations claiming legitimacy. The talks in Cairo come on the heels of clashes between rival militias that caused residents of the Libvan capital of Tripoli to panic and revived nightmares of previous



CHINA TIGHTENS CURBS

Workers set up metal barriers around shops and restaurants in Beijing, Sunday. Officials have called a Covid outbreak linked to a bar in the capital city 'ferocious', with some 166 cases detected since last week. Reuters

Russia 'destroys' Ukraine depot stocked with Western weapons

REUTERS KYIV, JUNE 12

RUSSIAN FORCES fired cruise missiles to destroy a large depot containing US and European weapons in western Ukraine's Ternopil region, Interfax reported on Sunday, as street fight-ing raged in the eastern city of Sievierodonetsk.

The governor of the Ternopil region said a rocket attack on the city of Chortkiv fired from the Black Sea had partly destroyed a military facility, injuring 22 people. A local official said there were no weapons stored there.

Reuters could not independently confirm the differing accounts. Local officials said Russian

forces also blew up a bridge linking the embattled Ukrainian city of Sievierodonetsk to another city across the river, cutting off a possible evacuation route for civilians.

Sievierodonetsk has become epicentre of the battle for control over the industrialised Donbas region in the east, made up of Luhansk and Donetsk provinces. Luhansk Governor Serhiy Gaidai said on Sunday that Ukrainian and Russian



Ukrainian soldiers in action in Donetsk Region. Reuters

stroyed a bridge over the Siverskyi Donets River linking Sievierodonetsk with its twin city of Lysychansk.

Moscow has repeatedly slammed the United States and other nations for supplying Ukraine with weapons. President Vladimir Putin said earlier this month that Russia would strike new targets if the West supplied longer-range missiles to Ukraine for use in highprecision mobile rocket systems. Ukrainian leaders have reNATO CHIEF: TURKEY'S **TERROR CONCERNS ARE 'LEGITIMATE'**

Helsinki: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Sunday that Turkey has "legitimate concerns" over terrorism and other issues that need to be taken seriously. Turkey has accused Finland and Sweden of supporting Kurdish militants and says it

BREAKTHROUGH ENDS YEARS-LONG IMPASSE **US senators reach bipartisan** deal on gun safety measures

Reform outline includes significant provision to address 'boyfriend loophole'

The plan includes funding for boosting school safety. Reuters

convicted domestic violence across our country," the 20 sen-

EMILY COCHRANE & ANNIE KARNI WASHINGTON, JUNE 12

SENATE NEGOTIATORS announced on Sunday they had agreed on a bipartisan outline for a narrow set of gun safety measures with sufficient support to move through the evenly divided chamber, a significant step toward ending a yearslong congressional impasse on the issue.

The plan, endorsed by 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats, would include funding for mental health resources, boosting school safety and grants for states to implement so-called red flag laws that allow authorities to confiscate guns from people deemed to be dangerous. It would also expand the nation's background

check system to include juvenile records for any prospective gun buyer under the age of 21. Most notably, it includes a provision to address what is

, known as the "boyfriend loophole," which would prohibit dating partners — not just spouses - from owning guns if they had been convicted of domestic violence. The framework says that

reduce the threat of violence



abusers and individuals subject

to domestic violence restraining

orders would be included in

was announced on the sixth an-

niversary of the mass shooting

at Pulse, a gay nightclub in

Orlando, Florida, where a gun-

man killed 49 people in what

was then the deadliest shooting

common-sense, bipartisan pro-

posal to protect America's chil-

dren, keep our schools safe and

"Today, we are announcing a

in modern American history.

The gun violence agreement

criminal background checks.

KRUTIKA PATHI COLOMBO, JUNE 12

SRI LANKA may be compelled to buy more oil from Russia as the island nation hunts desperately for fuel amid an unprecedented economic crisis, the newly appointed prime minister said.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he would first look to other sources, but would be open to buying more crude from Moscow.

Western nations largely have cut off energy imports from Russia in line with sanctions over its war on Ukraine.

In a wide-ranging intervie

food shortages could continue until 2024. He said Russia had also offered wheat to Sri Lanka. Wickremesinghe, who is also

At a filling station in Colombo. PTI ing it even worse – and that dire comment directly on those re-

ports, and said he did not know whether more orders were in the pipeline. But he said Sri Lanka desperately needs fuel, and is curEXPLAINED Narrow, but offers hope

THE OUTLINE, which has yet to be finalised, falls far short of the sprawling reforms that Democrats have long championed. Still, many activists have called it a "historic moment" and hope the measures mark a shift in how Republicans approached gun safety.

had been completed, calling it "a good first step to ending the persistent inaction to the gun violence epidemic that has plagued our country.'

"We must move swiftly to advance this legislation because if a single life can be saved, it is worth the effort," he said in a statement.

Representative Jamie Raskin, chambers for the legislation to Democrat of Maryland, said he Senator Chuck Schumer of said he would work with the modest deal being forged in the New York, the majority leader, pledged to put the agreement up Senate. "It's moving in the right direction," he said on CNN. for a vote once the legislation

SHANGRI-LA MEET

US trying to hijack support in Asia: China

ASSOCIATED PRESS SINGAPORE, JUNE 12

CHINA'S DEFENCE minister accused the United States on Sunday of trying to "hijack" the support of countries in the Asia-Pacific region to turn them Beijing, against saying Washington



Defence Minister Gen Defenc

is seeking to

advance its own interests 'under the guise of multilateralism."

Minister

Fenghe.

Reuters

General Wei

bouts of fighting. AP

THE KOREAS

Seoul says North fired multiple artillery shots

NORTH KOREA on Sunday fired multiple artillery shots between 8:07 a.m. and 11:03 a.m. local time. South Korea's military said, a day after leader Kim Jong Un vowed to boost the reclusive nation's military power. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said the shots were of a traditional type, with relatively short range and low altitude. The firing comes as Kim on Saturday presented goals to boost the country's military power and defence research, as it concluded The Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held last week. REUTERS

forces were still fighting street by street in Sievierodonetsk. Russian forces have taken

REUTERS

PARIS, JUNE 12

his reform agenda.

FRENCH VOTERS cast their bal-

lots on Sunday in the first of two

rounds that will decide whether

President Emmanuel Macron

gets a working majority in par-

liament or ends up without the

support needed to drive through

re-election, Macron faces a

strong challenge from a united

left-wing bloc that polls show

could deprive the president of an

Less than two months after

most of the city but Ukrainian troops remain in control of an industrial area and chemical plant where hundreds of civilians are sheltering, he said.

gadai said Russians had de-

French cast their ballots as

Macron battles for majority

newed pleas to Western countries in recent days to speed up deliveries of heavy weapons as Russian forces pound the east of the country with artillery. Meanwhile, a former British

soldier was killed fighting for Ukraine in Sievierodonetsk, his family said on social media.

outright majority

Government insiders expect

a relatively poor showing in

Sunday's first round for Macron's

coalition "Ensemble", with

record numbers of voters seen

abstaining. Hard-left firebrand

Jean-Luc Melenchon's bloc

hopes to capitalise on anger over

pass his reform agenda, includ-

ing a pension reform he says is

essential to restore public fi-

nances. His opponents are push-

ing to cut the pension age and

launch a big spending drive.

At risk is Macron's ability to

the rising cost of living.

will not back the two Nordic nations joining NATO. Speaking at a news conference in Finland, Stoltenberg said: "These are legitimate concerns. This is about terrorism, it's about weapons exports.' AP

REUTERS

MASAFER YATTA, JUNE 12

SOME 1,200 Palestinians in the

occupied West Bank region of

Masafer Yatta face the risk of re-

moval to make way for an army

firing zone after a decades-long

legal battle that ended last

month in Israel's highest court.

one of the largest displacements

since Israel captured the territory

in the 1967 Middle East war. But

residents are refusing to leave,

hoping their resilience and inter-

The ruling opened the way for

AFTER RULING BY ISRAELI COURT

on Saturday, Wickremesinghe also indicated he would be willing to accept more financial help from China, despite his country's mounting debt.

And while he acknowledged that Sri Lanka's current predicament is of "its own making", he said the war in Ukraine is mak-

Residents have protested

national pressure will keep Israel

from carrying out the evictions.

from us to build settlements," said

Wadha Ayoub Abu Sabha, a resi-

'They want to take this land

the demolitions. Reuters

Largest Palestinian displacement in decades looms

the finance minister, was speaking one day shy of a month after he took over for a sixth time as PM. Two weeks ago, the country bought a 90,000-metric-ton

shipment of Russian crude to restart its only refinery, the energy minister told reporters.

dent of al-Fakheit, one of a group

of hamlets where Palestinian

shepherds and farmers claim a

historic connection to the land.

the area a closed military zone

known as "Firing Zone 918". It ar-

In the 1980s, Israel declared

'We're not leaving," she said.

Wickremesinghe did not tral in the Russia-Ukraine war.AP

rently trying to get oil and coal Wei Fenghe from the country's traditional lashed out at suppliers in the Middle East. **US** Secretary "If we can get from any other

to Russia again," he said.

Sri Lanka has remained neu-

caves. Over the past two decades,

they have also started building

tin shacks and small rooms

molishing these new construc-

tions for years, Abu Sabha said,

but now that they have the

Alabama withheld treatment

from unsuspecting Black men

infected with syphilis so doctors

could track the disease and dis-

sect their bodies afterward.

About 620 men were studied,

and roughly 430 of them had

syphilis. Reverby's study said

Milbank recorded giving a total

of \$20,150 for about 234 autop-

study ended and the men sued,

resulting in a \$9 million settle-

ment from which descendants

are still seeking the remaining

Revealed by AP in 1972, the

Israeli forces have been de-

above ground.

of Defence sources, we will get from there. Lloyd Austin, Otherwise (we) may have to go rejecting his

'smearing accusation" the day before at the Shangri-La Dialogue that China was causing instability with its claim to the self-governing island of Taiwan and its increased military activity in the area.

Austin had stressed the need for multilateral partnerships with nations in the Indo-Pacific, which Wei suggested was an attempt to back China into a corner.

"No country should bully others...,"Wei said. "The strategy is an attempt to build an exclusive small group to hijack countries and target one specific country."

Pak soldier killed in gunfight with militants near Afghan border

Islamabad: A Pakistani soldier was killed during an exchange of fire with militants in the tribal district of North Waziristan near the Afghan border, the military said Sunday.

The shootout took place in the Datta Khel area and security forces quickly started a searchand-clearance operation to locate militants who fled, the military said in a statement.

No militant group immediwith Pakistani authorities.

curity forces sporadically.

ately claimed responsibility. The militant Pakistani Taliban recently extended a cease-fire agreement and are holding talks

North Waziristan and other tribal districts served as a safe haven for local and foreign militants until 2014, when the militarv carried out a massive operation to clear the area of militants. But they still attack se-

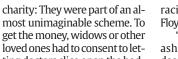
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of the South Hebron Hills traditionally lived in underground demned the court ruling.

New York fund apologizes for role in Tuskegee syphilis study

JAY REEVES ALABAMA, JUNE 12

FOR ALMOST 40 years starting in the 1930s, as government researchers purposely let hundreds of Black men die of syphilis in Alabama so they could study the disease, a foundation in New York covered funeral expenses for the deceased. The payments were vital to survivors of the victims in a time and place ravaged by poverty and racism. Altruistic as they might sound, the checks – \$100 at most – were no simple act of



loved ones had to consent to letting doctors slice open the bodies of the dead men for autopsies that would detail the ravages of a disease the victims were told was "bad blood."

Fifty years after the infamous Tuskegee syphilis study was revealed to the public and halted, the organization that made those funeral payments, the Milbank Memorial Fund, publicly apologized Saturday to descendants of the study's victims.

The move is rooted in America's

racial reckoning after George Floyd's murder by police in 2020. "It was wrong. We are

ashamed of our role. We are deeply sorry," said the president of the fund, Christopher F Koller.

The apology and an accompanying monetary donation to a descendants' group, the Voices for Our Fathers Legacy Foundation, were presented during a ceremony in Tuskegee at a gathering of children and other relatives of men who were part of the study.

Endowed in 1905 by Elizabeth Milbank Anderson, part of a wealthy and well-con-

President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore with Herman Shaw, a Tuskegee Syphilis Study victim, in 1997. AP File

nected New York family, the fund was one of the nation's first private foundations. With an early focus on child welfare and public health, today it concentrates on health policy at the state level.

Koller said there's no easy way to explain how its leaders in the 1930s decided to make the payments, or to justify what happened. Generations later, some Black people in the United States still fear government health care because of what's called the "Tuskegee effect."

Starting in 1932, government medical workers in rural

funds, described in court records as "relatively small."

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THIS WORD MEANS **RAMSAY HUNT SYNDROME**

Rare disorder Justin Bieber is suffering from. What causes it, how does it manifest itself, and what is the treatment?

POP PERFORMER Justin Bieber said last week that a neurological disorder, called the Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, has temporarily paralysed one side of his face, leading to the recent cancellations of his shows. He posted an Instagram video where he says: "As you can see, this eye is not blinking. I can't smile on this side of my face... So there's full paralysis on this side of my face.'

THE CONDITION: Ramsay Hunt Syndrome is rare neurological disease in which a virus, Varicella Zoster, causes inflammation of the nerves involved in facial movements. When the nerves get inflamed, they lose their ability to function, leading to temporary facial palsy or paralysis.

"Ramsay Hunt Syndrome is the viral infection impacting the 7th cranial nerve that is involved in facial movements. The inflammation caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus makes the nerve ineffective," said Dr (Col) J D Mukherji, Principal Director and Head of Neurology, Max Healthcare at Saket, Delhi

SYMPTOMS: The symptoms include painful, red rash and blisters in and around the ear, and facial paralysis on the same side. Patients also report hearing loss in the impacted ear, apart from ringing sounds.

'You can get a rash on the eardrum, the ear canal and the earlobe. Rashes can also appear inside the mouth, on the tongue. There is hearing loss, vertigo or spinning sensation. It causes weakness of one side of the face and causes difficulty in closing one eye and eating as food falls off from the affected side. There is drooping of the face,' said Dr Mukherji.

Initially, the patient may complain of facial weakness and a little difficulty in closing one eye. The disease fully manifests in two to three days. Prompt treatment re-

AROUND ONE in 500 men could be carry-

ing an extra X or Y chromosome, most of

them unaware, according to researchers at

the universities of Cambridge and Exeter.

This puts them at increased risk of diseases

such as type 2 diabetes, atherosclerosis and

thrombosis, the researchers report in a

over 200,000 men aged 40-70 from UK

They analysed genetic data collected on

study published in Genetics in Medicine.

Biobank, a biomedical and

anonymised database on half

a million UK participants. They

found 356 men who carried ei-

ther an extra X chromosome

mine our biological sex. Men

typically have one X and one Y

chromosome, while women

Sex chromosomes deter-

or an extra Y chromosome.



Bieber posted on Instagram saying he has Ramsay Hunt Syndrome. Reuters

duce chances of severe nerve damage.

TREATMENT: It is treated using anti-viral drugs, steroids and physiotherapy. "Facial exercises are very important. Patients need to protect their eyes. When one eye doesn't close, there is a chance of developing corneal aberration. Patients must use tear drops and use eve protection. They should wear glasses when they go out, and tape the eye that has been impacted when they sleep at night," Dr Mukherji said.

Patients get cured within 15 days to three months of starting the treatment. "Near-complete resolution happens. Even the hearing loss is reversible. Little bit of residual facial palsy may remain. There may be just a little bit of lag in the closure of the eye later on. That's very minor," Dr Mukherii said.

NOT CONTAGIOUS: The disease is not contagious but can lead to chickenpox in those not vaccinated for the disease. Until the blister scabs fall off, patients are advised to avoid contact with vulnerable people. SAURABH KAPOOR

SIMPLY PUT BrahMos, 21 and developing

The versatile supersonic cruise missile system was first tested on June 12, 2001. A look at its journey from its conception to development and testing; its capabilities across platforms; and upgrades in the works.

SUSHANT KULKARNI PUNE, JUNE 12

ON JUNE 12, 2001, the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was first tested from a landbased launcher in Chandipur. In the 21 years since, BrahMos has been upgraded several times, with versions tested on land, air and sea platforms. A look at the 21-year journey of the versatile asset, which recently bagged an export order from the Philippines.

Background and development

Since the early 1980s, the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, conceived and led by Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, started developing a range of missiles including Prithvi, Agni, Trishul, Akash and Nag, with a wide spectrum of capabilities and ranges.

In the early 1990s, India's strategic leadership felt the need for cruise missiles – guided missiles that traverse the majority of their flight path at almost constant speed and deliver large warheads over long distances with high precision. The need was felt primarily following the use of cruise missiles in the Gulf War.

An Inter-Governmental Agreement was signed with Russia in Moscow in 1998 by Dr Kalam, who headed the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and NV Mikhailov, Russia's then Deputy Defence Minister. This led to the formation of BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture between DRDO and NPO Mashinostroyenia (NPOM), the Indian side holding 50.5% and the Russians 49.5%.

In 1999, work on development of missiles began in labs of DRDO and NPOM after BrahMos Aerospace received funds from the two governments. The first successful test in 2001 was conducted from a specially designed land-based launcher. The missile system has since reached some key milestones, with the first major export order of \$375 million received from the Philippines Navy this year.

Strategic significance

BrahMos is a two-stage missile with a solid propellant booster engine. Its first stage brings the missile to supersonic speed and then gets separated. The liquid ramjet or the second stage then takes the missile closer to three times the speed of sound in cruise phase. The missile has a very low radar signature, making it stealthy, and can achieve a variety of trajectories. The 'fire and forget' type missile can achieve a cruising altitude of 15 km and a terminal altitude as low as 10 m to hit the target.



BrahMos systems on display during the 2018 Republic Day Parade. File

MILESTONES

to Indian Army

2001: Maiden launch from landbased launcher in anti-ship mode from ITR, Chandipur 2002: Launch in land-to-sea configuration from ITR 2003: Maiden launch from Naval

defensive counter-fire. These are in the arsenal of most major militaries in the world.

The BrahMos has three times the speed, 2.5 times flight range and higher range compared to subsonic cruise missiles. With missiles made available for export, the platform is also seen as a key asset in defence diplomacy.

An extended range version of the BrahMos air-launched missile was tested from a Sukhoi-30 MKI recently. On January 11, an advanced sea-to-sea variant of BrahMos was tested from the newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam.

The BrahMos is also said to have been involved in a recent controversy. Pakistan claimed that an unarmed Indian missile had landed in its territory on March 9, and the

2013: Launch from a submerged platform in Bay of Bengal 2017: Cruise missile's maiden launch from Su-30MKI 2020: Su-30MKI equipped with BrahMos inducted in an IAF formation 2022: First mega export order from **Philippines Navy**

Ministry of Defence said a technical malfunction had led to accidental firing. While the government, which ordered a high-level court of enquiry, did not officially identify the missile, experts felt its trajectory suggested

Present and future

Senior DRDO scientists say what makes the missile system unparalleled is its extreme acformations along the borders, BrahMosatre and and Southern peninsula, and BrahMos-capable ships and submarines de-

a number of upgrades and work is on to de-

velop versions with higher ranges, manoeuvrability and accuracy.

Versions currently being tested include ranges up to 350 km, as compared to the original's 290 km. Versions with even higher ranges, up to 800 km, and with hypersonic speed are said to be on cards. Efforts are also on to reduce the size and signature of existing versions and augment its capabilities further.

Versions deployed in all three Armed forces are still being tested regularly, and so are versions currently under development.

LAND-BASED: The land-based BrahMos complex has four to six mobile autonomous launchers, each with three missiles on board that can be fired almost simultaneously. Batteries of the land-based systems have been deployed along India's land borders in various theatres.

The upgraded land attack version, with capability of cruising at 2.8 Mach, can hit targets at a range up to 400 km with precision. Advanced versions of higher range and speed up to 5 Mach are said to be under development. The ground systems of BrahMos are described as 'tidy' as they have very few components.

SHIP-BASED: The Navy began inducting BrahMos on its frontline warships from 2005. These have the capability to hit sea-based targets beyond the radar horizon. The Naval version has been successful in sea-to-sea and seato-land modes. The BrahMos can be launched as a single unit or in a salvo of up to eight missiles, separated by 2.5-second intervals. These can target a group of frigates with modern missile defence systems.

AIR-LAUNCHED: On November 22, 2017, BrahMos was successfully flight-tested for the first time from a Sukhoi-30MKI against a seabased target in the Bay of Bengal. It has since been successfully tested multiple times.

BrahMos-equipped Sukhoi-30s, which have a range of 1,500 km at a stretch without mid-air refuelling, are considered key strategic deterrence for adversaries both along land borders and in the strategically important Indian Ocean Region. The IAF is said to be integrating BrahMos with 40 Sukhoi-30 fighter jets across the various bases

SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED: This version can be launched from around 50 m below the water surface. The canister-stored missile is launched vertically from the pressure hull of the submarine, and uses different settings for underwater and out-of-the-water flights. This version was successfully tested first in March 2013 from a submerged platform off the coast of Visakhapatnam.

PAPER

Extra chromosome in 1 in 500

men, disease risk higher: study

X or Y chromosome, they said. Only a small minority of these men had

a diagnosis of sex chromosome abnormality on their medical records or by self-report: 23% men with XXY and only one of the 143 XYY men (0.7%) had a known diagnosis.

By linking genetic data to routine health records, the team found that men with XXY have much higher chances of reproductive problems, including a three-fold higher risk

of delayed puberty and a fourfold higher risk of being childless. These men also had significantly lower blood concentrations of testosterone. Men with XYY appeared to have a normal reproductive function.

Men with either XXY or XYY had higher risks of several other health conditions. They

Why babies must only be breastfed for 6 months

soon as possible, preferably within one hour "Early breastfeeding also increases the quantity [about honey and herbs] just confuses people

warship 2005: Navy receives first batch of **BrahMos** 2007: BrahMos land system delivered

Cruise missiles such as BrahMos, called 'standoff range weapons", are fired from a range far enough to allow the attacker to evade

the signature of BrahMos.

curacy and versatility. Land-based BrahMos equipped Sukhoi-30s at bases in Northern the-

ployed in sea together form a triad. With requirements evolving in multi-dimensional warfare, the BrahMos is undergoing

have two Xs. However, some men also have XXY or XYY. In the study, the re-

searchers identified 213 men with an extra X chromosome and 143 men with an extra Y chromosome. As the participants in UK Biobank tend to be 'healthier' than the general population, this suggests that around one in 500 men may carry an extra

NEW RESEARCH were three times more likely to have type 2 diabetes, six times

more likely to develop venous thrombosis. three times as likely to experience pulmonary embolism, and four times more likely to suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). SOURCE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY



ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

IN RECENTLY published guidelines on nutrition, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences recommended that newborns be given a mixture of ghee and honey, a paste of gold, and several herbs some of which contain psychoactive ingredients. The guidelines recommend just honey and butter with some herbs on the first day of birth, ghee with herbs on the second day, and colostrum (mother's first milk) with ghee and honey only on the third day of birth.

Several doctors have called out these guidelines for contradicting the proven benefits of breastfeeding. Some have noted that feeding newborns honey could lead to a rare but serious infection called botulism.

When should breastfeeding start?

Doctors say breastfeeding should start as

of birth, and babies should be exclusively breastfed for six months. "It is important that babies start breastfeeding soon after birth; the colostrum is rich in antibodies and protects them from infections. In fact, honey, sugar, salt, nuts, and cow's milk should not be given to a child until age 1," said Dr Nitin Verma, director, Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital.

He said consuming honey before that age is linked to botulism, poisoning caused by a bacterial infection that leads to weakness of the muscles of the eye, face, mouth, and throat, which can spread to the torso and legs as well. Although spores of the bacterium are widely present in the environment, contaminated honey is one of the reasons for infant botulism. The World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Mayo Clinic all recommend against honey being given to children below age 1.

Dr Roopali Dewan, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Safdarjung Hospital, said:

of milk expressed by the mother and increases their bonding. In our hospital, our nurses ensure that breastfeeding starts within the labour room. They tell mothers that the children should not consume anything else, not even water, for six months."

Why six months?

"Breast milk contains adequate calories needed for up to six months. Babies can consume only a certain amount of liquids. Say they can consume 800 ml fluids – if you give them 100 ml of water, they miss out on calories contained in 100 ml of milk." Dr Verma said.

Semi-solid food should be introduced after six months. "It is only after six months, when the infant's weight doubles, that breastmilk isn't enough and they need complementary nutrition in the form of semi-solid foods," said Dr Suneela Garg, professor of community medicine at Maulana Azad Medical College,

Dr Verma said, "This sort of messaging

How is the states and UTs assessed?

The states and Union Territories are not

assessed and ranked together. They are seg-

regated into three categories - large states,

especially those who aren't very educated. It is good to have one clear message that there should be exclusive breastfeeding for six months.'

How widely are breastfeeding guidelines followed in India?

"Despite our best efforts, only about 56% to 60% of women breastfeed their children. Some aren't able to, but some also go for formula milk. But that is not recommended. Bottles are actually a major killer. For bottle feeding, it has to be sterilised for 10 minutes in rolling boiled water after every use. It is not possible to maintain 100% sterilisation all the time and this leads to diarrhoea in children," Dr Garg said.

"It is also difficult to adjust the proportions of the formula. People tend to put say one spoon in one glass of water, but that is actually dilute. The formula box should get over in eight to ten days ideally and it is very expensive. But less feed might lead to malnutrition," she said.

Food safety index: how it is worked out, how the states have performed

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

LAST WEEK, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) released the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2021-22. A look at how the index assesses and ranks states, and their performances.

What is the SFSI?

Developed by the FSSAI, the index aims to measure the performance of states and Union Territories on selected "parameters" of food safety. According to the FSSAI, the index is aimed at encouraging states and UTs to "improve their performance and work towards establishing a proper food safety ecosystem in their jurisdiction..."

The SFSI is released annually for a financial year. For instance, the latest SFSI, released on World Food safety Day, June 7, is for the fiscal 2021-22. This is the fourth edition of the SFSI since its inception in 2018-19.

Which are these food safety parameters?

The SFSI takes into account the perform-

ance of the states on five key parameters, each of which is assigned a different weightage in the assessment.

HUMAN RESOURCES & INSTITU-TIONAL DATA: This carries a weightage of 20% and measures the "availability of human resources like number of Food Safety Officers, Designated Officers facility of adjudications and appellate tribunals, functioning of State/ District level Steering Committees, pendency of cases and their monitoring and participation in Central Advisory Committee meetings of the Food Authority'

COMPLIANCE: This carries the highest weightage, 30%. "This is the most important parameter and measures overall coverage of food businesses in licensing & registration commensurate with size and population of the State/UTs, special drives and camps organized, yearly increase, promptness and effectiveness in issue of state licenses/ registrations," the FSSAI says. "Promptness" in attending to consumer grievances, and availability of a help desk and web portals, too, come under this parameter.

FOOD TESTING-INFRASTRUCTURE AND SURVEILLANCE: Weighted at 20%, this measures the "availability of adequate testing infrastructure with trained manpower in the States/UTs for testing food samples". The FSSAI says, "The States/ UTs with NABL accredited labs and adequate manpower in the labs score more in this parameter." It takes into account the "availability and effective utilization" of Mobile Food Testing Labs and registration and utilization of InFoLNet (Indian Food Laboratories Network).

TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING: This parameter carries the lowest weightage, at 10%. It measures states' performance on training and capacity building of regulatory staff.

CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT: This carries a weightage of 20%. It evaluates the states and UTs on their performance on various consumer empowering initiatives of FSSAI, such as participation in Food Fortification, Eat Right Campus, BHOG (Blissful Hygienic Offering to God), Hygiene Rating of Restaurants, Clean Street Food Hubs, etc.

Besides, the states' initiatives for creating consumer awareness are also considered under this parameter.

TOP & BOTTOM IN EACH GROUP RANK STATE/UT SCORE

1	Tamil Nadu	82
2	Gujarat	77.5
3	Maharashtra	70
15	Telangana	34.5
16	Bihar	30
17	Andhra	26
SMALL STATES		
1	Goa	56
2	Manipur	44
7	Mizoram	22.5
8	Arunachal	21
UNION TERRITORIES		
1	J&K	68.5
2	Delhi	66
7	Dadra & NH & Daman & Diu	27.5
8	Lakshadweep	16

LARGE STATES

small states and UTs- and assessed separately within their respective categories, based on their performance on the selected food safety parameters. "The assessment and evaluation of each category are done by separate teams comprising of outside experts for food testing and food & nutrition professionals in addition to FSSAI officials," the FSSAI says. These expert teams examine details received from the states and UTs. They also interact with the states/UTs through videoconferencing for verification and confirmation of data.

How have the states and UTs performed this year?

In the category of the 20 large states, Tamil Nadu with an overall score of 82 out of 100 has performed the best and been ranked 1st on SFSI 2021-22, while Andhra Pradesh with an overall score of 26 has been ranked at the bottom -17th place (some states share a common rank).

Following Tamil Nadu in the rankings of the larger states are Gujarat (rank 2nd with a score 77.5), Maharashtra (3rd with 70), Himachal Pradesh (4th with 65.5) and West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh (sharing 5th with a score of 58.5).

Bihar (rank 16th, score 30), Telangana (rank 15th, score 34.5), Assam (rank 14th, score 35) and Chhattisgarh and Haryana (rank 13th, score 38) join Andhra Pradesh in the bottom 5 among the large states on the SFSI for the large states.

Among the remaining 8 large states, Kerala with a score of 57 has been ranked at 6th, Uttarakhand (score 55) at 7th, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh (both 54.5) at 8th, Karnataka (score 52.5) at 9th, Rajasthan (score 50.5) at 10th, Punjab (score 45) at 11th and Jharkhand (41.5) at 12th.

Among the eight small states, Goa with a score of 56 has been ranked at the top, while Arunachal Pradesh (rank 8th and score 21) is at the bottom.

Among the eight Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir with a score of 68.5 has been ranked 1st and Lakshadweep (score 16) as the bottom. Delhi with a score of 66 has been ranked at 2nd place.

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MARKET WATCH

TOP-10 VALUED COS LOSE 2L CR IN M-CAP

New Delhi: The market capitalisation (m-cap) of the top-10 most valued companies eroded by over Rs 2.29 lakh crore last week, with Life Insurance Corporation taking the biggest hit. The Sensex tumbled 1,465.79 points or 2.63 per cent. PTI

AT 12.1% AS OF MAY 20, COMPARED TO 6% GROWTH IN THE YEAR-AGO PERIOD FOR \$264 MN **Tencent buys Bank credit offtake ticks up even** stake in Flipkart as interest rates rise: Services lead from Binny Bansal participated in that round.

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, JUNE 12

CREDIT OFFTAKE in the banking system is showing signs of a pickup at a time when interest rates are on the upswing. The year-on-year bank credit growth rate has crossed the 12 per cent level to 12.1 per cent as of May 20, 2022, as against 6 per cent growth in the same period of last year, according to the latest Reserve Bank data.

In absolute numbers, bank credit has gone up by Rs 13 lakh crore as of May 20 to Rs 120.27 lakh crore, as against Rs 6.08 lakh crore a year ago.

Bank credit to the services sector and personal loan segment has been growing faster than other segments. While credit offtake by the services sector has gone up by over Rs 3 lakh crore, personal loan segment, which includes housing,

vehicle and credit cards, rose by over 3.4 lakh crore. "Bank credit offtake has

gradually improved in the recent months, supported by both resilience of the banking system and progressive normalisation of economic activity," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said while unveiling the monetary policy last week. The RBI has jacked up repo rate by 90 basis points since May this year, making borrowing through the repo-linked lending rate (RLLR) costlier for borrowers. However, credit growth can hit the speed breaker if the economy doesn't improve and the capex plan of the government and industry slows down, said an official of

a bank This (credit growth) was driven by the low-base effect, shift to bank borrowings due to high capital market rates, sustained rise in retail loans and

MARKETS WATCH

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS

equity exit, pull

out ₹1.8 lakh cr

FPIs step up



AFTER MODEST credit growth in recent years, the outlook for bank credit growth is expected to remain positive due to economic expansion, rise in government and private capital expenditure, rising commodity prices and retail credit push.

ments owing to elevated inflation, according to CareEdge. Retail growth has been relatively high due to the improvement in the job market and economic activities. After modest credit growth

in recent years, the outlook for higher working capital requirebank credit growth is expected

to remain positive due to economic expansion, rise in government and private capital expenditure, rising commodity prices and retail credit push. "The medium-term prospects look promising with diminished corporate stress and a substantial buffer for provisions. CPI inflation too is trending up, which is likely to add to the credit growth," it said.

On the other hand, rising rates could offset this growth to some extent by curbing the demand for credit, CareEdge said. The retail loan segment is expected to do well as compared with the industry and service segments.

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is likely to have a limited impact on the credit growth in India. Meanwhile, any subsequent Covid-19 variants, if severe, could lead to lockdowns and cause a slowdown in the economy

Inflation fight: Central banks double down

With the introduction of the external benchmark lending rate, the rate of transmission will be faster and higher.

In addition to that, the deposits in the banking system have already started moving up from the extremely low levels, and this will again be transmitted to higher MCLR for wholesale lending.

"The sensitivity of interest rate over aggregate demand has increased in a meaningful way. Therefore, a faster and higher transmission of interest rate could become onerous for a section of the borrowers. The situation will aggravate if the real income does not improve," said a report by India Ratings.

On the other hand, deposit growth has remained sluggish at 9.3 per cent (Rs 14.07 lakh crore) as on May 20 this year, as against 9.7 per cent a year ago even as interest rates started moving up.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU BENGALURU, JUNE 12

> CHINESE TECHNOLOGY major Tencent has bought a stake worth \$264 million (Rs 2,060 crore) in Walmart-owned Flipkart from co-founder Binny Bansal, through its European subsidiary, according to PTI.

Binny Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV. The transaction was completed on October 26, 2021 and was shared with government authorities at the beginning of the current financial year, the news report stated.

Post the transaction, Tencent's arm holds 0.72 per cent stake in Flipkart, which is valued at around \$264 million, as per the last valuation of \$376 billion disclosed by the e-commerce firm in July 2021.

Flipkart had raised \$3.6 billion that time in a funding round led by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC. CPP Investments, SoftBank Vision Fund 2 and Walmart.

A slew of investors like DisruptAD, Qatar Investment Authority, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Tencent, Willoughby

Ashoka Enclave Part-I. Sector Flipkart informed Indian au-34, Amarnagar, Faridabad, thorities about it as a responsi-Haryana-121003 have changed ble entity, and that the transacmy name from Potturi Sravya tion does not fall under the Pravallika to Potturi Shravya purview of 'Press Note 3', which Pravallika for all future purposes. calls for scrutiny of investment that any Indian company gets from countries sharing land Bhagwan Singh S/o Nathu

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Sources said the transaction

took place in Singapore but

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US **50**-bp hikes: The Federal Reserve

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Rs 24.000 crore.

is set for half-point rate increases in June, July, and perhaps even beyond as jobs data show no sign the US economy is buckling under high inflation and rising borrowing costs The Fed is also reducing its \$9 trillion stash of assets accumulated during the pandemic



INDIA **90**-bp jump in reporter to 4.9 per

cent in a matter of five weeks, with the hikes set to raise the lending rates in the banking system and impact demand Inflation likely to rise to 7.5 per cent for Q1FY23 and 6.7 per cent for the full year, sharply up from the 5.7 per cent it had projected in April for the full fiscal



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BRITAIN since 2009.

has raised rates four times since December, including last month's quarter-point move Another hike is likely on June 16 and markets see rates ending 2022 above 2%. But deteriorating

1% key rate is at the highest The Bank of England

economic outlook is is to support making some cautious the economy

rates will rise by 25 bps later

that month and again in Sept

Major central banks are picking up the pace of interest rate hikes to get on top of surging inflation, as per a Reuters report. The RBI recently raised the repo rate by 50 basis points

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month so far.

Going forward, the FPIs' selling may continue in the near-term, however, a moderation in sell-off is expected during short to mediumterm, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

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WARY OF the scenario on the

global and domestic fronts,

foreign investors continued to

withdraw from domestic eq-

uity markets and pulled out

close to Rs 14,000 crore in this

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

"This is because a large part of the changeover like economic slowdown, hawkish monetary policy, supply constraints and high inflation is factored in, in the market prices, which was consolidating over the last 7 months. And for central banks to maintain the aggressive policy in long-term, the inflation must remain high," he added.

According to the data, foreign investors withdrew a net amount of Rs 13.888 crore from equities during June 1-10. FPIs have been incessantly withdrawing money from Indian equities since October 2021.

Nair attributed the latest FPI outflow to anticipation of

"Global markets witnessed selling pressure in anticipation of record high inflation numbers in the US, which could force the Fed to accelerate increasing interest rates. At 8.6 per cent, the US infla-

of stagnation and China announcing another round of lockdowns all weighed down on investors, prompting another round of selling," Vijay Singhania, Chairman,

In addition, RBI also increased repo rate by 50 basis points and revised upwards its inflation projection. The central bank expects inflation to remain above 6 per cent for three quarters which will add pressure on bond yields. These factors encouraged foreign investors to continue their walk

Apart from equities, FPIs withdrew a net Rs 600 crore from the debt market during the period under review. WITH PTI

tion is at a 40-year high. Talks

TradeSmart, said.

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India's first display fab unit to be in Telangana, worth ₹24,000 crore

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Central Bank into a hawk

Hyderabad: Elest, a subsidiary of tablet computers, and laptops. gold retailer Rajesh Exports, will The display fab would be set be setting up the country's first under the India up display fab facility in Telangana Semiconductor Mission prowith investments worth gramme of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Telangana IT Minister K T Technology.

EURO Record-high 8.1% inflation has Bond buys will end on July 1.

Rama Rao along with Chairman Rama Rao tweeted: "Historic day for Telangana. Rajesh of Rajesh Exports Rajesh Mehta announced setting up of Exports (Elest), a Fortune-500 Generation 6 AMOLED Display company, to setup India's first FAB, an official release said on Display FAB to manufacture the Sunday. The Telangana governmost advanced AMOLED disment signed an MoU with plays, with an investment of Rs Karnataka-based Elest for the 24.000 crore, making it one of proposed fabrication unit which the largest investments in highwill manufacture next generatech manufacturing sector in tion displays for smartphones, India." PTI

'Govt loses challenge to \$111-million award in RIL, Shell dispute'

New Delhi: The government has lost its appeal in the English High Court against a \$111 million arbitration award in favour of Reliance Industries Ltd and Shell in a cost recovery dispute in the western offshore Panna-Mukta and Tapti oil and gas fields.

High Court judge Ross Cranston on June 9, 2022 ruled that the government should have brought its objections over the arbitration tribunal not meeting the required thresholds, when issuing the 2021 award earlier, two sources with knowledge of the matter said.

Rejecting the government's

While an email sent to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for comments remained unanswered, officials said the government will study the court order and look for appropriate forums for remedy. A separate email sent to

Reliance for comments too remained unanswered

BG Exploration & Production India on December 16, 2010, dragged the government to arbitration over cost recovery provisions, profit due to the State and amount of statutory dues including royalty payable. PTI

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Power demand

New Delhi: India's power demand this year has jumped by a record 40,000-45,000 MW per day, Power Minister RK Singh said.

E-comm jewellery

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry has come out with draft SOP for facilitating ecommerce jewellery exports through courier route. PTI

Iran currency

Tehran: Iran's currency dropped to its lowest value ever. at 332.000 to the dollar. as talks to revive the nuclear deal with world powers remained deadlocked. AP

Goyal: WTO couldn't respond with alacrity to control Covid

Geneva: India ramped up its supplies of medical products to different countries to deal with the Covid pandemic, but the WTO could not react with alacrity and the members need to bow their heads in "shame" for their inability to respond in time, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday here.

He said that the member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) have let down the people of the LDCs (least developed countries) and developing nations. "My country ramped up supplies of medical products to provide medical and health items globally. Unfortunately, the WTO could not respond with alacrity. We have let



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal with WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala at G33 Ministerial Meeting, Geneva. PTI

down the people of the LDCs and developing countries. The rich countries need to introspect! We

need to bow our heads in shame for our inability to respond to the pandemic in time," he said. PTI

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Verstappen wins in Azerbaijan, extends lead

Bhuvneshwar's solo act not enough

Four-wicket haul not enough as Klaasen helps SA overhaul modest target to hand hosts second defeat

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REUTERS BAKU, JUNE 12

MAX VERSTAPPEN rode his luck to an unchallenged first Baku win on Sunday, opening up a commanding championship lead after Ferrari's challenge imploded at the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix.

The Dutchman eased across the line 20.8 seconds clear of Sergio Perez who, ordered not to fight Verstappen, completed a onetwo for Red Bull. George Russell kept his record of finishing every race this season in the top five with third for Mercedes.

Ferrari's miserable afternoon ended after 20 of the race's 51 laps. Charles Leclerc, who is leading the team's challenge and had started from pole, pulled into the pits from the lead with his Ferrari spewing smoke to chalk up his second retirement from three races.

His team mate Carlos Sainz had pulled to the side of the track 10 laps earlier with a hydraulic failure. 'Today we had incredible pace in the car, we could look after the tyres and chip away at it," said Verstappen, all too familiar with the heartbreak of retiring from the lead, having crashed out while running first in Baku last year. "A tiny bit lucky with the retirement but the car was quick today."

The win was Verstappen's fifth from eight races this year and made him the sixth different Baku winner from six races. He extended his overall championship lead to 21 points over Perez, winner in Monaco two weeks ago, who has moved up to second.

Leclerc, who has won two races this year but none since the third of the season in Australia, slipped to third, 34 points adrift of his Dutch rival. "It hurts, we need to look into it so it doesn't happen again," said Leclerc who left Australia with a 46-point lead over Verstappen. Leclerc had gone into Sunday's race determined to make good on his fourth successive pole after being unable to convert top spot into victory at the last three races.

But he was on the back foot from the off, losing the lead to second-placed starter Perez into the first corner. He did not appear to have the pace to match Perez and was instead busy fending off Verstappen.

But an opportunistic pitstop under a virtual safety car period, triggered by Sainz's failure, allowed him to jump back into first until his car's demise eventually dashed his hopes. Verstappen, meanwhile, had moved past Perez, who was bidding to become the Baku race's first repeat winner.

Seven-times world champion Lewis Hamilton finished fourth but was nursing an aching back, the result of the porpoising, or bouncing, plaguing his Merce Kevin Magnussen triggered another safety car when his Haas ground to a halt. China's Guanyu Zhou also retired his Alfa Romeo with a technical issue. Both teams use Ferrari power units.

Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel to ribbons. He smeared Chahal for three sixes, each stroke infused with telling power. Patel was meted out a six and a brace of boundaries in the only over he bowled.

Nothing worked for the spin duo - Patel was bereft of both bite and accuracy, the ball barely spun, whereas Chahal had not his trademark fizz. Then all the bowlers, apart from Bhuvneshwar, were unremarkable. Short on skill as well as energy - as if India turned up with just a solitary bowler. Chahal's dip in form has been most worrying, as he is among the regular crew, unlike his largely second-string colleagues.

Disappointing with the willow

But as toothless as India's bowling was, the defeat only exposed the vulnerabilities of their batsmen, most of them contenders rather than regulars in pursuit for permanent slots.

Among the prospects for World Cup spots, only Ishan Kishan is presenting a sturdy case for inclusion. His breezy 34 off 21 balls injected the impetus after a slack start. Kishan stuck to his strengths, slouching and swivelling on the back foot to take full toll of the short balls. Andre Nortje offered those gifts, as Kishan reeled off three sixes, two of them in one over. He lived and died by the same sword, as he spliced a Nortje short ball that had more skid and bounce on a surface that was not as quick as the Kotla one. His dismissal decelerated India. Iyer's 35-ball stay fluctuated between distress and pity. The sluggish nature of the strip induced numerous mistimed and miscued strokes. A leading edge, comically, soared

Quinny (Quinton de Kock) came up to me two days back in the team bus and said he injured his wrists. I thought he is a strong character and he will be fine. But yesterday again, he said his hand is not fine. Yesterday morning, we came to training and the coach told me I might play."

HEINRICH KLAASEN SOUTH AFRICA 'KEEPER-BATSMAN

over the long-on fence, whereas he had intended to chip Keshav Maharaj's arm ball over long-on. He blindly put faith on one plan – scrape through the seamers' overs and flay the spinners. But the backlog of dot balls would haunt him. At one point, he was 12 off 15 balls, before Tabraiz Shamsi's introduction unshackled him. He would step out and swing the left-arm wrist-spinner for a six and a four. But relentlessly attacking the spinners, or any brand of bowling, is risk-coated. Soon perished Rishabh Pant, slapping his bat with hard hands at a wide

Pretorius put Iyer out of his misery while Nortje and Wayne Parnell strangled the home side with aggression and smarts. Nortje was not at full pelt, barely strumming the high notes of pace he is capable of, but still harried and harassed them. Parnell mixed his angles and pace while occasionally purchasing seam movement.

Master at work

But the real destroyer was Kagiso Rabada, who struck a delightful rhythm. At his powerful peak, he is pure music. Rhythmic synchronisation of limbs, leading to a balletic load-up and lissome release. He worked over Ruturaj Gaikwad like a master would a novice - four balls that alternated between shorter and hard lengths, before slipping in a fuller ball in the fifth-sixth stump channel.

The deception was devious – the ball was full, but not drivable, there was width, but not enough for Gaikwad to free his arms and drive. The youngster has exceptionally good hands, but not good enough to save him from being Rabada's 50th snare in T20 Internationals. By now, Gaikwad might have had a taste of high-level, high-

Centurions Root, Pope lead Eng's strong response

REUTERS

NOTTINGHAM, JUNE 12

JOE ROOT scored his fastest test century while Ollie Pope struck a superb 145, as England launched a stirring fightback to reach 473-5 at the close of play on the third day of the second Test against New Zealand on Sunday.

Resuming on 90-1 in the morning after the touring side had posted a massive firstinnings total of 553, England excelled on a good batting wicket at a sunny Trent Bridge to trail by 80 when stumps were drawn.

Root was unbeaten on 163 with Ben Foakes not out on 24 after being handed a lifeline. Pope, dropped early in his innings on Saturday, looked in sublime form for most of the day to notch his second test ton as the hosts made New Zealand toil with former captain Root joining in the fun after opener Alex Lees fell for 67.

Root arrived having hit an unbeaten 115 to guide England to a five-wicket win in the first test but endured nervy moments early on and was lucky to survive after flashing at a ball from Tim Southee who also dropped him at slip.

But the 31-year-old regained his composure to bring up his half-century off 56 deliveries, before frustrating New Zealand who struggled to contain the batters as they took their team past the 300-run mark in the 75th over. A reverse sweep off Michael Bracewell

took Root to 97 before an edge for a four off Daryl Mitchell two overs later completed his 27th test century and fourth at this venue, with the knock coming off only 116 balls.

It was Root's fourth century in five tests, coming after he reached 10,000 runs in the format in the last match, and a flick off the pads for four took him to 150 as he put New Zealand to the sword. Earlier, it did not take long after lunch for Pope to score his century -- his first since 2020 and first on home soil -- as he cut Matt Henry for four before pushing him through cover for two to draw loud cheers.

Pope fell early in the final session as he top-edged one to Matt Henry off Trent Boult, who then removed Jonny Bairstow for eight after a review showed he edged the ball to the keeper, leaving England at 344-4. Skipper Ben Stokes' blitz had New Zealand in a spot of bother but he perished for 46 attempting one too many sixes, as Bracewell claimed an important first wicket on his debut.

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 553 (Mitchell 190, Blundell 106) vs England 473/5 (Root 163*, Pope 145, Lees 67). England trail by 80 runs





SANDIP G JUNE 12

WHEN BHUVNESHWAR Kumar scythed the match open with a probing exhibition of swing and seam bowling in the Powerplay, the game seemed like a low-scoring thriller in the making. Indian hopes lingered after his three-wicket burst had South Africa on the knees in pursuit of a modest score of 148. But they soon went up in smoke and blended with the haze that had enveloped the Barabati Stadium, as South Africa wrapped up the game with 10 balls to spare and four wickets in hand.

After six overs, including the splendid Bhuvneshwar spell that read 3-0-10-3, South Africa were 29/3. That was as good as it got for the hosts in search of a serieslevelling win. From then on, the visitors took utter control, first through a steadying-a-sinking-ship alliance between skipper Temba Bavuma and Heinrich Klaasen, where their priority was to ward off further damage, and then with a rampaging alliance between Klassen and David Miller. The first one cost India 64 runs in seven

Daniel Ricciardo and Lando Norris engaged in an intra-team McLaren battle, with the under-pressure Australian crossing the line eighth ahead of the Briton.

Canadian Nicholas Latifi picked up two penalties, for a starting grid infringement and ignoring blue flags, and finished last.

overs, and the second 51 in only 3.4 overs.

The protagonist, this time around, was Klassen with 81 runs off 46 balls – the tour seems to unearth new heroes for South Africa, and hence is becoming an even more profitable one in a World Cup year. Klaasen comes with a big-hitting reputation, a reason he displaced the scratchy Quinton de Kock for this game. But he had a large box to tick, his ability to play spin bowling in the subcontinent. He accomplished this with panache, cutting ball from Maharaj.

From there, India's batting was at best laborious. With the score at 70/3 in 10 overs, they were trapped in a dilemma whether to attack or defend. Such confusion often instigates chaos. The thinking gets muddled. So Hardik Pandya, deputed as the power-hitter, tried to back away and cut Wayne Parnell from around the stumps. Instead, he saw the ball cut back into him like an errant driver at a U-turn and disarray his leg-stump. The persistent Dwaine Bavuma 35; Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4/13)

art bowling at the international level.

In the end, Dinesh Karthik had to tur-

bocharge his team to a competent total

with a typically (and intentionally) frantic

30 off 21 balls. That barely sufficed in

BRIEF SCORES: India 148/6 (Shreyas

Iyer 40, Dinesh Karthik 30 not out, Ishan

Kishan 34; Anrich Nortje 2/36, Kagiso

18.2 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 81, Temba

the end

Rabada 1/15) lost to South Africa 149/6 in England's Joe Root celebrates reaching his century on Sunday. Reuters

BIRMINGHAM BOUND How Sakshi, Sindhu's Oly medals inspired Jaismine to step into the ring

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A BRONZE in the repechage for wrestler Sakshi Malik and silver for shuttler PV Sindhu saved India the blushes at the Rio Olympics six years ago. Boxer Jaismine Lamboria is also thankful to them for reducing the bias against women in sport. Jaismine is from Bhiwani, known as the country's 'mini Cuba' because of its boxing clubs. Yet, it took a lot of convincing for her grandfather Chandraban, an army man and a wrestler with the final word in the family, to allow Jaismine to take up boxing. Both her uncles were boxers but age-old notions of patriarchy remained within the family.

Minutes after Jaismine got the better of World Championship bronze medalist Parveen Hooda in the 60kg category to book a Commonwealth Games berth, her uncle Sandeep recalled how the two medals in Rio brought about a change of heart in Bhiwani.

"I told him we have to move with the times. Women are bringing glory to the country. We have to allow our girls to step into a boxing ring. Those medals in Rio made a difference. Jasmine is the first girl from our family to take up a sport," Sandeep, a former youth champion pugilist, said.

Sandeep and his older brother Parvinder, a 2006 CWG boxer, groomed

Jasimine once the go-ahead was given. They went all-out and launched their own boxing academy called Lamboria in Bhiwani where Jaismine was enrolled in the first batch. At the CWG trials at the IG Stadium, Jasimine's uncles were understandably the most vocal during her bouts. The medals displayed in the family's trophy cabinet, and the snatches of conversation she heard between Sandeep and Parvinder about their days in the ring, piqued her interest in boxing. When Mary Kom won the historic bronze at the London Olympics, Jaismine was hooked. "As I am from Bhiwani, I always heard stories about Vijender Singh and then there was Mary Kom's medal. Before that, because my uncles were into boxing, I had watched video clips of them in bouts. There was so much boxing talk around me when I was growing up. I guess I had to become a boxer only," Jaismine said.

Her father Jaiveer is a home guard, her mother Joginder a housewife, one older sister is a physiotherapist and the other is still studying. "When I was in Class X, I told my mother about my interest in boxing. She told me she would tell my uncles," laismine said.

Sandeep remembers asking Jaismine back then if she was serious about boxing. "She was very shy, but on that day she sounded determined. I told her and her mother that I would get her into boxing,"



Pugilist Jaismine Lamboria, who qualified for next month's CWG, with her uncles – Sandeep (left) and Parvinder – both former boxers. Express

Sandeep recounted. Just a week into training and Jaismine was thrown in at the deep end. There was another boxer Sandeep had coached for over a year. He pitted the two against each other. Jasmine was a clear

winner. "She beat up the other boxer. I knew we had a special talent because she was a natural. We only needed to guide her well," Sandeep said.

Jaismine missed out on a medal at last

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SANDEEP LAMBORIA

CWG-BOUND BOXER JAISMINE'S UNCLE

month's World Boxing Championships where her opponent in the final of the CWG trials, Parveen Hooda, bagged a bronze in 63kg. Saturday's 60kg contest between the two evenly matched boxers was a busy affair. Both have a good reach and are equally tall at 5ft 9in. Jaismine was smarting from returning without a medal from the Worlds in Turkey. She also made a crucial change made sure her blows landed with greater force instead of producing light punches and taking a full step back immediately. Chief national coach Bhaskar Bhatt said the change in strategy paid off.

"Today, Jaismine was at her best. The way she swayed, and landed side punches had been heartening. Technically Jaismine was much stronger today. Earlier her punches were not being 'released' fully even though she had the power. The punch needs to have an effect in terms of the

judges seeing the impact. Earlier, she was using a lot of touch punches, but today her opponent felt the full force. It is important for scoring. Her straight punches are landing on the target now," Bhatt observed.

At the World Championships, Jaismine lost to USA's Rashida Ellis, who went on to win gold. "When she received a couple of body punches from the USA boxer, she forgot what her strategy should be. But now she is becoming more mature in the ring," Bhatt said about the bout in Turkey.

"Greater aggression" would have helped her progress at the World Championships; that's how Jaismine analysed her game in Turkey, about what went wrong.

A bronze medal winner in the Asian Youth Boxing Championships and a silver medalist in Boxam International Championship in Spain, she went through a tough time last year after contracting Covid. "I had a lot of problems. For five to six months, I could not train properly. My Haemoglobin had dropped. It was a difficult period for me. But a year on, I am feeling fine and have no fitness issues," Jaismine said

Sandeep considers a CWG berth just a small milestone in a long journey that lies ahead. "She is driven, has the talent and is from a boxing family. Our duty is to make sure the next generation reaches greater heights in the ring.'

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Aishwarya only behind Anju

Triple jump her pet event but leaps 6.73m in long jump at the JN Stadium

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LONG JUMPER Aishwarya Babu may have recorded an impressive leap of 6.73m, the best on Indian soil since 2005, on Sunday but it still isn't her pet event. In fact, coming into the competition, the 24-year-old triple jump specialist hardly practised for the long jump, her "B event", as her coach likes to put it.

"Not really training specifically for the long jump. Obviously, something must be working because she is jumping 6.73m in the long jump," says coach Sri Aiyappa who has trained 2010 Asian Game heptathlon bronze medallist and wife Pramila Aiyyapa.

Aishwarya's attempt, which came in the qualification round, also helped her breach the Commonwealth Games entry mark of 6.50m. Her leap makes her the second-best all-time Indian jumper after the legendary Anju Bobby George who holds the national mark of 6.83m, set in 2004. Anju, India's lone World Championships medallist, still has four other jumps (2001- 6.74m, 2002- 6.74 m, 2003 - 6.70m, 2005 - 6.75m) better than Aishwarya's 6.73m.

Although Aishwarya did not aim for Anju's national mark, her jump has made her reassess her targets. "She will break Anju's record," says coach Sri Aiyappa.

Aishwarya was spotted by Pramila during a Railways trial two years ago. "Her speed down the runway is something. Her two biggest traits are her speed and explosive ability. In fact, if you see her, you will ask 'she jumps 6.73m?' She's half Anju's size," savs Aiyappa. "She almost flies off the runway."

Unexpected leap

Aishwarya will be back on field at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Monday for her pet event, the triple jump, where she has already achieved the gualification mark for the Birmingham CWG. Aishwarya is now second in the triple jump India season-best list with 13.94m and has reached the top of the corresponding long jump charts overtaking Ancy Joseph (6.55m).

Sunday's leap not only took everyone present at the venue by surprise but Aishwarya's coach himself. She had never measured distances close to this mark even during practice.

"She was jumping 6.40 in practice (her previous best was 6.52m at the Open Nationals in 2021). So, I knew she had it in her. But this jump was surprising. The main thing now is for her to do well in both the finals here and go home with two national records," says Aiyappa confidently.

Even though long-jump is still her "B" event, they are not shutting the door on it.



Aishwarya Babu will be back to compete on Monday in her pet triple jump event.

"Right now, she is training for the triple jump but she has done great in the long jump. So, there is a pattern and we will follow it. But if she continues to do exceedingly well in long jump, we might change our plan altogether. To be honest, we never gave long jump a serious thought until today. But today's jump has changed everything," says Aiyappa.

At the finals, Aishwarya will face tough competition from Joseph and the prodigious Shaili, Singh who is recovering from an injury. It will also be a sort of battle of mates as Shaili's coach Bobby George is a close friend of Aiyappa's.

We know each other really well. We were roommates back in the day. So, this battle is kind of personal (laughs). After Aishwarya breaks the national record, I will go talk to him," Aiyappa says in a lighter vein.



Hurdles sensation Jyothi Yarraji, favourite to win the race in Chennai, stumbled on a hurdle midway and finished last in the finals. Ivothi, who has rewritten her national mark three times in less than a month, broke down after her race.

Even though she has already made the cut for CWG, she wanted to register for a good timing at the event. Coach James Hillier had to console the young athlete as she picked up her spikes and walked off the track, hanging her head. The smile returned a bit later though when one of the reporters asked if she would be visiting home soon.

"Yes. I missed my brother's wedding recently. But he's proud of what I have achieved," she said.







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