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CBI will probe attack on ED officers, says HC NEWS » PAGE 12





Google to restore delisted Indian apps Heady electoral rhetoric As the NDA seeks another term, there is a shift in its pitch



Nadda seeks explanation on 'pro-Pak' slogans

BELAGAVI BJP national president J.P Nadda set the tone for the party's Lok Sabha poll battle by demanding an explanation from AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge about the the alleged incident of "pro-Pakistan" slogans raised in Bengaluru. » PAGE 6

100 taluks hit by drinking water crisis: CM

BENGALURU Close to 100 taluks in Karnataka have been facing severe drinking water crisis and tankers have been press into service to supply water to residents, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said. » PAGE 2

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HC acquits DU ex-professor, SC dismisses money laundering case against Shiyakumar

Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court sets aside the life sentence awarded to all accused; Maharashtra government files an appeal in the Supreme Court, in a replay of 2022 events

he Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday acquitted former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba and five others in a case under the Un-lawful Activities (Prevention) Act for alleged Maoist links, saying the prosecu-tion could not prove the case against them beyond reasonable doubt.

reasonable doubt.
Within hours, the Maharashtra government approached the Supreme Court seeking an urgent hearing, after it failed to convince the High Court to stay the implementation of the iudgment.

the judgment. A Bench of Justice Vinay Joshi and Justice Valmiki S.A. Menezes also set aside the life sentence awarded

Long wait

A timeline of events in the case against Delhi University former professor G.N. Saibaba and five others

October 15, 2022: Acquittal stayed by the SC

April 2023: The SC directed the HC to hear

May 9, 2014: Professor G.N. Saibaba arrested on charges of having Maoist links

April 6, 2015: Sanction to prosecute him under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act granted

March 3, 2017: Saibaba and five others convicted under various sections of the UAPA and the IPC by a Sessions

October 14, 2022: All six acquitted in the case by the HC. The Maharashtra government approached the Supreme Court challenging the decision to Prof. Saibaba and the other accused – Mahesh Tirki, Hem Mishra, Pandu Narote, Vijay Tirki and Prashant Rahi – by a sessions court in 2017, and held the sanction for proception under LIADA assention.

Court. Saibaba and others sentenced to life imprisonment

March 29, 2017: Appeal filed in the Bombay High

Bench too had acquitted him and the other accused on October 14, 2022, only for the Supreme Court to stay the verdict and ask for the case to be heard afresh. Prof. Saibaba, who is wheelchair-bound, was ar-rested in 2014. by a joint secution under UAPA as "null and void". rested in 2014, by a joint team of the Maharashtra A Bombay High Court

Police, Andhra Pradesh Police, and the Intelligence Bureau, in a case pertain-ing to ties with Maoist or-ganisations.

» PAGE 12 MAHARASH » PAGE 12

against Shivakumar

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the proceedings instituted by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) against Karnata-ka Deputy Chief Minister and Congress president D.K. Shivakumar under the Prevention of Money Laun-Prevention of Money Laun-dering Act (PMLA) on the basis of an Income Tax de partment complaint filed in 2018.

2016. The complaint was filed The complaint was filed following searches on the premises of Mr. Shivakumar and his associates. The Income Tax department had alleged that Mr. Shivakumar, who ran business concerns, "hatched a criminal conspiracy" and engaged "different people for the purpose of concealing unaccounted and Illegal money, and projecting it as untainted property" it as untainted property" it as untainted property to evade income tax Mr. Shivakumar had

Karnataka CM, Deputy CM get bomb threat email

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shiva-kumar received emails on March 2, warning them of "more bomb blasts" in the

This comes after a the low-intensity blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru on March 1, which left nine injured. Which left fille frighted.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara and Bengaluru
City Police Commissioner
B. Dayananda too got similar emails on Saturday.

lar emails on Saturday.

Following the threats, the cybercrime police stepped up investigations and registered a suo motu case. The emails warned of attacks at public places and transport.

"The police have stepped up vigil at public places even though the mail looks like a hoax,"

Foreign state actors stashed illicit funds in Paytm bank accounts

"Extensive illegal activity" perpetrated by multiple businesses managed by "a syndicate of individuals connected to a foreign state" who cheated lakhs state" who cheated lakins of Indians by offering "fraudulent services including prohibited gambling activities and dating services" was the trigger for the ₹5.49 crore fine imposed on Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) by

Bank Limited (PPBL) by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) last week. The matter first came to light over two years ago with the Cyber Crime Sta-tion of Hyderabad lodging FIRs, under relevant sec-FIRs under relevant sec-tions of the Indian Penal Code and the Telangana State Gambling Act. The FIRs flagged certain

business entities and their network of businesses en-gaging in a number of ille-gal acts such as organising and assisting online gam-bling, routing the proceeds of such criminal activities through bank accounts they maintained with the payments bank.

payments bank.

The agency also listed out payout-related charges against the bank, which included its failure to put an internal mechanism in place to detect and report suspicious transactions in the manner prescribed under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and PML rules.

The March I order against PPBL does not indicate which foreign state was involved.

Sea of red



Holy day: Devotees take part in 'Shreenath Veer Mhaskoba' festival at Veer village, 50 km from Pune in Maharashtra on Tuesday. They worship an avatar of Lord Shiva during the festival that falls on Magh

Savitribai Phule, Periyar, and progressive Kannada writers to make a comeback in textbooks

maintained that the case

was motivated by political

On Tuesday, a Supreme Court Bench of Justices Su-

Court Bench of Justices Surya Kant and K.V. Viswa-nathan quashed the ED case against Mr. Shivaku-mar on the basis of its re-cent Pavana Dibbur judg-ment, which had held that criminal conspiracy alone would not attract money laundering charges.

The Hindu Bureau

The literary works of various progressive writers, including Girish Karnad, P. Lankesh, Devanur Maha-deva, Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy, and Nagesh Hegde, among others, will make a re-entry into Kan-nada language textbooks from the 2024-25 academic

from the 2024-25 academic year in Karnataka.

The Textbooks Revision Committee, headed by Prof. Manjunatha G. Hegde, which has submitted its report to the government, has also recommended reintroducing lessons on radical reformers such as Savitribai Phule and Perivar, and a few oth and Periyar, and a few oth er subjects that were ear-lier dropped from the lesson "Social and Religious Reform Movements" in the

Textbooks Revision Committee, however, has not recommended reintroducing lessons related to Tipu Sultan and Hyder Ali

class X history textbook.

class X history textbook.
However, the committee has not recommended reintroducing lessons related to Tipu Sultan and Hyder Ali, which were dropped by the earlier committee.
"The social science textbooks have been revised giving importance to the Constitution, gender sensitivity, child rights, democratic and secular values, cratic and secular values, and scientific temper," said the committee in its re-port. For instance, in the class VI social science textbook, the lesson "Citizen and Conduct" has been reequality. A lesson on wel-fare of sexual minorities has been added in the class X social science textbook

Among other changes, in the class VIII history book, the chapter titled "Indus-Saraswati Civilisa tion" has been changed as "Civilisations of Ancient In dia: Indus-Sarasvati Civili dia: Indus Sarasvati Civili-sation and Vedic Period." Information on icons of the Bhakti movement, includ-ing Kanaka Dasa, Puranda-ra Dasa, and Shishumala Sharif, have been added to a lesson in the class IX His-tory textbook. The class VII social science lesson refers to 12th Century social re-former Basaveshwara as former Basaveshwara as "cultural leader" of the

Man from Kerala killed in Hezbollah attack in Israel

Kallol Bhattacherjee

An Indian national was killed and two were in-jured in a rocket attack by Hezbollah, the Shia mili tant organisation of Leba-non, in northern Israel on Monday.

In an announcement,

the Embassy of Israel said on Tuesday that the inci-dent took place in an or-chard in Margaliot, located along the Lebanese border.

along the Lebanese border.

The Times of Israel said
seven people had been hit
in Hezbollah's anti-tank
rocket attack. Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs



said Pat Nibin Maxwell of

Kerala was among those killed in the attack. He hails from Kollam district. This is the first reported death of an Indian near Isin several years. The In-dian Embassy in Tel Aviv, in an advisory, urged all In-dians staying in the border areas of northern and southern Israel to move to

secure locations.

"Pat leaves behind his wife who is seven months pregnant and a five-year-old daughter," said the Israeli government in a so-cial media post on Tues-

day.

Maxwell's body is likely
to be flown to Kerala by
late Wednesday or Thursday.

More Indians held up in Russia seek help to return

A group of seven more Indians stuck on the Russia-Ukraine border released two videos this week seeking the government's help to return to India.

One of the men said that they arrived in Russia on tourist visas and were they arrived in Russia on tourist visas and were forced to join the Russian Army as "helpers" after police detained them for not possessing a "slip".

Country's first ready-to-serve dragon fruit juice, jackfruit curry unveiled

The Hindu Bureau

first time in the country, scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) have search (IIHR) have developed a ready-to-serve (RTS) dragon fruit/kama-lam fruit beverage.

lam fruit beverage.

It is difficult to prepare
an RTS dragon fruit beverage due to the tiny seeds
and the nature of its pulp,
said Pushpa Chethan Kumar, senior scientist, IIHR.
"Therefore, IIHR has developed an RTS dragon

fruit beverage using a method where the seeds and the mucilage have been removed but retain-ing its exotic color and taste. The RTS will provide consumers a soothing consumers a soothing lighter taste and a bright pink colored dragon fruit

beverage," she said.

The beverage will have a shelf life of six months and snell life of six months and contains no synthetic fla-vour or colour. The scien-tists are also working on developing dragon fruit pulp powder and different flavoured dragon fruit RTS

RTS.
The scientists have also given a new form to the

popular jackfruit by mak-ing it into a ready-to-eat curry. This innovation was perhaps the most intrigu-ing product for many visi-tors at the National Horti-culture Fair (NHF) which kickstarted on Tuesday. Scientists have used Re-tort processing Technology.

tort Processing Technology for recipe standardisa-tion and storage tion and storage stabilisation. With no preservatives, the curry has a shelf life of 18 months at

shelf life of 18 months at room temperature. Like any other ready-to-eat product, the packet of curry should be dipped in hot water for five to eight minutes before consump-

tion. "The tender jackfruit curry in ready-to-eat form increases its reach as well as meet the requirements of consumers, besides of consumers, besides helping in growth of ready to-eat segment of process-ing industry," IIHR officials

ing industry," IHIR officials said.

With tender jackfruit gaining popularity as a substitute for meat in many countries across the world, over 800 tonnes of tender jackfruit were exported from Karnataka, mainly to Bangladesh and Thailand.

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100 taluks in State hit by drinking water crisis: CM

 $\underline{\text{It is estimated that 7,408 villages and 1,115 wards in urban local bodies}}\ would face \ drinking \ water$ shortage. A helpline and a control room would be set up for monitoring the drought situation

lose to IUU tatus... Karnataka have been facing severe drinking water crisis and tankers have been pressed into service to supply wato residents. Similarly, drinking water is being supplied to 96 wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Maha-

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in Bengaluru, and 250 tankers have been deployed to mitigate drinking water needs of the city. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday took stock of the situation in the State by holding a video-conference with Deputy Commissioners and CEOs of ZPs and said 98 out of 236 taluks have been facing drinking water crisis ing drinking water crisis owing to drought. The State had declared 223 taluks as drought-hit

It is estimated that 7,408 villages and 1,115 wards in villages and 1,115 wards in urban local bodies would face drinking water shor-tage. Agreements have been signed with owners of private borewells to sup-ply water to drought hit vil-lages/towns, he said. Steps have been taken



for water supply in villages and towns through repair of government borewells, hiring of private borewells, and use of tankers.

Officials have been told to respond to the grievances of people by closely monitoring the social me-dia tools. Noting the crop loss that has occurred ex-tensively, the Chief Minis-ter said ₹631 crore had been disbursed to 33.25 lakh farmers.
Mr. Siddaramaiah said

cities owing to the impact of "guarantee" schemes implemented by the go-vernment. Close to 4.5 crore people have been benefiting from the welfare schemes of the govern-ment, he said. He reiterated that the Centre had not approved the State's demand for 150 days of la-bour under the MGNRE-

bour under the MGNRE-GA. The amount too not has been sanctioned for the people who had worked under the scheme, he said. Task forces have been set up in each district for handling the water situation and fodder, he said. A helpline and a control

'Save Coorg' calls trend as water crisis takes centre stage in Karnataka

K.C. Deepika

As Karnataka battles the af-termath of a failed mon-soon season in 2023, resi-dents of Kodagu district, where the River Cauvery originates, have stepped up calls to save the dis-trict's exclose which has a trict's ecology, which has a direct bearing on the vital river apart from the eco-logically sensitive Western

Through 'Save Coorg,' an online petition, residents and people belong-ing to Kodagu are hoping to draw the attention of the government to long pend-ing problems of the district, including over tour-trict, including over tou-rism, mass conversions of wetlands and the rapid concretisation taking place in the district. an online petition, resi-

Why the crisis?
"Cauvery's cry: A wake up call for conservation," points out to the water scarcity in the Cauvery ring help which he implies er belt, which has implica-tions for Bengaluru, Mysu-ru and even Tamil Nadu. "The conversion of wet-

lands, illegal tree felling. lands, illegal tree felling, mass tourism, and com-mercialisation are exacer-bating the situation. Addi-tionally, the construction of railway lines, national highways and other infras-tructure projects are furth-er fragmenting and damag-



commercialisation are exacerbating the situation in the Cauvery river belt. FILE PHOTO

Through 'Save Coorg,' an online petition, residents and people belonging to Kodagu are hoping to draw the attention of the government to long pending problems of the district

ing the ecosystem," says Nanaiah Bottolanda who manages the page 'Kodava Naad' on Instagram.

No one is using paddy fields for its actual purpose and have converted them into sites. Instead of fighting over the river, it is time to preserve the district," he

'Rengaluru Mysuru and Tamil Nadu residents must prioritise saving Coorg to secure their Cauv-ery water supply...Imme-

diate action is needed. diate action is needed. Conservation efforts must focus on preserving wet-lands, implementing sus-tainable forest manage-ment practices, regulating tourism activities and pro-moting water efficient agri-culture. Additionally, there is need for stricter enforce-ment of laws against illead is need for stricter enforcer ment of laws against illegal activities and sustainable urban planning practices to minimise the impact of infrastructure develop-ment on water resources,"

Loss of forest cover The Western Ghats Spatial

The Western Ghats Spatial Decision Support System (WGSDSS), launched by the Indian Institute of Science's Energy and Wetlands Research Group, has showed that the Western Ghats, which is among 36 global biodiversity hot-

spots, saw a loss of 5% ever-green forest cover with an increase of 4.5% built-up cover, and 9% agriculture area, according to the spa-tiotemporal analyses of land use, highlighting an-thropogenic induced deve-lopmental thrust. Frag-mentation analyses also highlight that interior for-est constitutes only 25% of the forest landmass, depthe forest landmass, dep icting the fragmentation pressure, impacting local

ecology. T.V. Ramachandra from the Group, said recent events are a wake-up call. events are a wake-up call. "We need to protect forests of native species. Water availability in lakes and streams in places where this is not threatened is for 12 months, while those with monoculture, such as in Kodagu, is for six to eight months. If you look at livelihood too, people can grow multiple crops throughout the year where the native species are prothe native species are pro-tected, while in degraded forest regions, only one crop is grown over a lesser period, resulting in lesser earnings."
"Yield is also higher in

"Yield is also higher in non-degraded forests as pollinators are abundant. If you want to give life to Bengalureans, conserve the green cover and rivers and lakes in the forests as well as in Bengaluru," he said.

From Page One

Savitribai Phule. Perivar, and progressive Kannada writers to make a comeback

The Karnataka government, in June, had ordered immediate changes in the content of Kannada and social science textbooks of classes VI to X, with 18 major changes, including 15 replacements

with 18 major changes, including 15 replacements of lessons.
Later, it had set up a committee to look into the issue in a detailed manner.
The Congress, ahead of the elections, had promised to undo some of the changes made in the textbooks during the previous BJP regime if voted

Other changes
Among significant changes announced by the
Karnataka Textbook Society back in June,
through a "corrigendum", were replacing RSS
founder KB. Hedgewar's "Njavada Adarsha Purusha Yaragabeku" with "Sukumara Swamiya
Kathe" by Shiwakotyacharya in class X Kannada
textbook and replacing "Bhoo Kailsas", a play by
Parampalli Narasimha Aithal with "Magalige Bareda Patra", a translation of Jawaharlal Nehrus
Letter to Indir. Gandhi in class VIII Konnada toxt ieua Patra", a translation of Jawaharlal Nehru's letter to Indira Gandhi in class VIII Kannada text-book.

DOOK. Shatavadhani R. Ganesh's "Shreshta Bharatiy Chintanegalu" was replaced with Sara Abooback er's "Yudha" in class X Kannada textbook.

City records hottest day of the year

The Hindu Bureau

The city on Tuesday re-

The city on Tuesday re-corded the hottest day of the year so far.

According to the Mete-orological Centre, Benga-luru's observation data was recorded at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Bengaluru city recorded a maximum tem-perature of 36°C and a mi-nimum of 20.5°C with a re-lative humidity of 49%.

The highest-ever tem-

The highest-ever temperature for March was 37.3°C, which was record-

The maximum tempera-

ture recorded at the Kem pegowda International Air port was 36 °C with a relative humidity of 18%.

monitor the water crisis and drought. There was no

shortage of funds for relief work, he said.

A sum of ₹854 crore was with the Deputy Commis-sioners and they were authorised to take deci-

authorised to take decisions on supplying drink-ing water in tankers and drilling borewells, if re-quired, said Mr. Siddara-maiah.

relative humidity of 18%, the minimum temperature was not available.

The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at the HAL airport were 34.5 °C and 18.5 °C respectively with a relative humidity of 26%.

The forecast for the next 36 hours is mainly clear sky, the maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely to be around 35 and 20 °C respectively.

Among 600 registered tankers, only 167 willing to work with government

The Hindu Bureau

Although 600 water tankers have registered with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), only 167 tanker owners have expressed willingness to work with the government to supply water.

The BBMP opened its website to register tankers on March 1 and the deadline is March 7. According to estimates, there are about 3,500 tankers, including oil tankers. The go-Although 600 water tank-

cluding oil tankers. The government has warned that

BWSSB has also started identifying irrigation and commercial borewells to meet the current need for

tankers that fail to register

will be seized.

A senior BBMP official talking to *The Hindu* said so far, 167 tankers have expressed willingness to work with the government. The government is yet to fix the prices for the water. The officer said the

BBMP and BWSSB are yet to negotiate prices with the the Water Tankers' Association (WTA).

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ciation (WTA).

The officer further said the BWSSB has also started identifying irrigation and commercial borewells to meet the current need for drinking water. Once the borewells are taken over, the private tankers will be used to supply water. Signature petition The residents in Bengaluru have started a signature pe-tition to demand that BBMP and BWSSB resolve

the water crisis

The residents have demanded the BWSSB man date the industries to use

date the industries to use treated water instead of borewell water. About 9,000 people have already signed the petition. In the petition, citizens have also said that the BBMP has to find a long-tern solution and Cauvery water should not be used by industries as it is for drinking purposes. The petition also listed several solutions for the water crisks, predicting that it will increase over the years. crease over the years.

Digital Karnataka RISC-V workshop held

of Technology (CIT) recent-ly organised the Digital Karnataka RISC-V work-

shop and Community of Practice, in which industry experts and academicians participated. CIT, in a release, said that the workshop aimed

thinking and ventures that will lay a fertile ground for future advancements in RISC-V technology. Dr. Ber-nard Quendt, Senior vice-president and Group Chief Technical Officer at Thales was the chief meet. Dr. was the chief guest. Dr. Shankar Venugopal, vice-president of Mahindra and Mahindra, others participated in the workshop.

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Close to 20,000 people throng National Horticulture Fair 2024

The Hindu Bureau

Around 18,000-20,000 pe-ople visited the National Horticulture Fair (NHF) 2024, which was inaugu-rated on Tuesday at the In-dian Council of Agricultu-ral Research (ICAR) – Indian Institute of Horti-cultural Research (IHF)

cultural Research (IIHR). More than 250 stalls showcasing various inno-vations and technologies in the horticulture sector have been set up at the three-day fair while 238 live demos of IIHR technologies are also being pre-sented. Farmers from 20 sented. Farmers from 20 states, 50 ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), and many other go-vernment organisations, NGOs, Farmer Producer



Organisations (FPO) and start-ups are participating in the fair.

in the fair.

Along with varieties of seeds, fertilisers, and other agricultural equipment, horticultural products like millet breakfast bars, jackfruit cookies, tender coconut milkshakes were also

exhibited at the stalls Visitors found the fair to be quite informative and diverse. Vinod Sundaram.

diverse. Vinod Sundaram, a regular at agricultural fairs and also an organic farmer said, "For the first time, I am seeing stalls from so many different States – from Sikkim to An-

is quite a lot of information

is quite a lot of information about the species in different regions and how we can grow them here."

Prabhakar Bhat, who grows arecanut and other crops in Mangaluru, was a first-timer at NHF. "I am here to gather information as this is a good place to understand various adunderstand various ad-vanced technologies and innovations so that we can use it for our crops," he

As many as 12 progres-sive farmers, including five from the Northeastern hill region, four entrepre-neurs, five FPOs, and five KVK officials were felicitat-ed for their contributions to the horticulture sector during the inaugural cere-

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Bengaluru

Prime accused in RSS activist attempt to murder case held | Man falls from moving train, dies

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Kalasipalya police arrested the prime accused in the attempt to murder case of RSS activist reported in De-cember 2019.

The accused Azharud-din, 41, had allegedly fled to Saudi Arabia after the in-cident and returned to

Bangarapet after which he was tracked down and

arrested.

According to the police, the activist, identified as the activist, identified as Varun Bopala, 31, was re-turning on a rented scooter after attending a pro CAA protest when armed men attacked him in Bamboo Bazaar Road in Kalasipalya.

The police registered a case of attempt to murder and arrested Mohammed and arrested Monammed Irfan, from RT Nagar, Syed Akbar, Syed Siddiqh, Ak-bar Anwar Basha and Sadiq bar Anwar Basha and Sadiq Ameen from Shivajinagar, but prime accused Azha-ruddin had managed to es-cape to Saudi Arabia. He returned a few years ago and was working as a

salesman in a second-hand car dealer shop in Bangar-pet in Kolar from where he was arrested.

The police kept a tab on the accused and tracked him down through call record details.

The accused was pro-duced before the court and taken into custody for further investigations.

The accused, Azharuddin, 41, had allegedly fled to Saudi Arabia after returned to Bangarapet after which he was

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

A 21-year-old man died af-A 21-year-old man died af-ter falling on a car from a train on which he was tra-velling near the Windsor Manor Bridge in Vasantna-gar on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased, a native of Vellore in Tamil Nadu, was returning home by

train. The police suspect that he was standing on the footboard and accidentally footboard and accidentally fell from a height of 35 ft. on a car passing under the bridge. The woman who was driving the car es-caped unhurt as the victin fell on the rear windshield. The city railway police identified the victim as Gowrish alias Gowri Shan-

poultry farm in Kunigal.

Probe revealed that the deceased had made the last call to his brother. It last call to his brother. If appears that the victim must have accidentally fal-len from the moving train, said the police. The railway police registered a case of unnatural death and are in-vestigating.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 06 RISE 06:32 SET 18:29 RISE 02:54 SET 14:26

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will be warm. Night will remain
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Bengaluru Tomorrow 33°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

Class 5, 8 and 9 exams: Students to be given only question papers, they have to bring answer sheets

tracked down

Decision by Department of School Education and Literacy has drawn criticism from teachers, parents, and School Development and Monitoring Committees

nstead of providing answer booklets for the board exam of classes 5, 8, and 9, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has decided to provide on y question papers and asked the students to bring their answer sheers. The their answer sheets. The department has also decided to evaluate the answer sheets at the block level.

The DSEL is conducting board exam for class 5 and 8 since the academic year of 2022-23 and extended on 2022-23 and extended the exam for class 9 from the academic year of 2023-24.

The Karnataka State Ex-amination and Assessment amination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) is the auth-



In a video conference last week, the KSFAB instructed all headmasters of high schools that they should inform students about bringing their answer sheets during the board exams. FILE PHOTO

ority to conduct the exams and has scheduled the ex-ams from March II to 18. In 2022-23, the depart-ment conducted the exam

by providing an answer booklet with questions free of cost. Earlier this year, the department had an-nounced that answer book-

lets will be provided. The KSEAB has released the model question papers on its website in the form of

However, the department took a U-turn from its announcement and has now said it will provide only the question paper and a sheet to write the student's information. In a video sneet to write the student's information. In a video conference last week, the KSEAB instructed all headmasters of high schools that they should inform students about bringing

their answer sheets. The decision has drawn criticism from teachers, parents, and School Deve-lopment and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs). "The KSEAB has instructed "The KSEAB has instructed us to provide only question papers, instead of booklets and the children themselves have to bring the answer sheet. They also instructed that the answer sheets should be uniform. If the students should bring the answer sheets, how can we ask them to purchase the answer sheets from the same place?," a teacher questioned.

"Asking children to bring the answer sheet seems like an unnecessary burden," another teacher said. sheets should be uniform

Mahalakshmi R., parent Mahalakshmi R., parent of a student from Bengalu-ru, asked, "If the govern-ment decides to conduct the board exam and if the answer booklet is not give answer booklet is not gi-ven, why should it be called a board exam? Is this how the department is conducting the board ex-ams for SSLC and II PUC students?"

The All India Democrat The All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) also strongly condemned the government's decision.

Umesh G. Gangavadi, State president of the School Development and Monitoring Committee

Monitoring Committee (SDMC) said, "So far, they have collected fees for class 10 preparatory exam and given only question paper. Last year, for the board exam for classes 5 board exam for classes 5 and 8 students, they were given a booklet without any fee. But is the govern-ment bankrupt for not is-suing the booklet this year? If the government has any dignity, it should imme-diately decide to provide answer booklets to the stu-dents."

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Remembering the prolific music composer Vijaya Bhaskar

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What's the connection bet-ween Clark Gable and Vi-jaya Bhaskar? Not many know that the music com-poser, known for wearing stylish suits, was often compared to the American actor, referred to as the "King of Hollywood." Vijaya Bhaskar's elder

daughter, Shankari Ananth, shared this trivia Ananth, shared this trivia during a discussion at the 15th Bengaluru International Film Festival to celebrate the centenary year of the music director. Sharing the stage with her was her younger sister, Mangala Gowri, and S.R. Ramakrishna, senior journalist, author, and music composer.

Prolific composer Having worked in over 700 movies, Vijaya Bhaskar is one of the most prolific music composers in the In-dian film industry. Winner of seven Karnataka State Film Awards and two Ra-juotsava Awards, his songs for Kannada films are ever-green classics. "Our father would lock himself in the room and work for hours. He would rell us not to dis-turb him till he finished his compositions. We missed our father's company dur-ing our childhood, but to-day, we are proud to be his children;" said Shankari. Mangala Gowri said she cherished the time with her father at the beach while growing up in Chem-Film Awards and two Ra

while growing up in Chen-nai. "He was a simple man and encouraged us to lis-ten to our heart. He would always advise us to use mo-ney responsibly," she said. Ramakrishna gave in-

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sights into the versatility of Vijaya Bhaskar. "He was a signis into the versainity of Vijaya Bhaskar. "He was a master at composing simple yet haunting melodies. He gave singable songs with simple orchestral music," he observed. Sharing an anecdote from the composer, Ramakrishna said, "Vijaya Bhaskar would go from Malleshwaram to MG Road to listen to Western music. He added that Vijaya Bhaskar loved Hindustani music and loved learning the piano.

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His earliest notable work
came in the Dr. Rajkumar
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Vijaya Bhaskar's prime
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which he spurred the golden period of Kannada
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laborator with well-known filmmaker Puttanna Kanagal, his work for *Nagara-haavu* (1972) was pathbreaking, Ramakrishna.

Dramatic composition "After giving several melo-dies, Vijaya Bhaskar pro-duced a dramatic composi-

tion to the hit song, Haavina Dwesha from Nagarahaavu. He even created a theme to suit the rebellious theme to suit the rebellious character Ramachari, essayed by Dr. Vishmuvardham, 'Ramakrishna pointed out. Having associated with arthouse giants, such as Adoor Gopalakrishnan and P. Lankesh, Vijaya Bhaskar was a man of immense talent, with a mastery over even the most difficult instruments that helped thrive in an era before the multi-track recording system, he added.

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The last date and time of receipt of tender is: 16.03.2024 upto 04.30 pm Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Porta

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTICE

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Kalaburagi invites Re Tender through e-procurement portal as per KTPP Act 1998, Rules 2000 from eligible Agency/Bidders for providing catering service and hired vehicle service to the election cell for the purpose of Lok Sabha General Elections - 2024. Details are as below.

1) Details of Work: Providing, catering service for the purpose of Lok Sabha General Elections - 2024 (Service Indent No : - RD/2023-24/SE020/ACALL-2), Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakh): 190.88, E.M.D. Amount (Rs. in Lakh): 2.86, Period fixed for completion of work: Till the completion of elections.

1) Details of Work: Providing vehicle services on hire basis for the purpose of Lok Sabha General Elections - 2024 (Service Indent No : - RD/2023-24/SE0204/CALL-2), Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakh): 46.55, E.M.D. Amount (Rs. in Lakh): 1,66, Period fixed for completion of elections.

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Sd/-General Manager (Coml.)

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E-Tender Notice NIT No. -541/PR/JBVNL/2023-24

E-tender for selection of full turnley contractor for development listribution infra structure in Electric supply Division , Barhi for a stimated cost Rs 67.81 Crores under Loss Reduction of Revampo Sistribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) sanction by Ministry of Power iol and approved by GoJ.

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स्वरित एवं राष्ट्रित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को टॉल फी नेंठ 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करायें।

General Manager (Coml.)
PR 321614 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd) 23-24 (D)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/23-24/Cys-107 Dated : 05.03.2024 Tender Notification (Karnataka Public Procurement mode only)

Tender Notification

(Karnataka Publis Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites e-tenders in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

(1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-123-24/94 Call-4 dated: 0.50.3.2024 for Providing Additional 11kV 18+4F PCVC Breakers for bifurcating the existing overheaded feeders of Transformer-01 (20 MVA) at 66/11kV MUSS Channagiri, 220kV Benkikere RS Division KPTCL on Partial Turnkey basis. Category: Others

(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-123-24/190 Gall-3 dated: 0.50.3.2024 for Providing Additional 2 No. of 11kV PCVC Breakers for bifurcating the existing overheaded feeders of Transformer-01 (8 MVA) & Transformer-02 (8 MVA) at 66/11kV MUSS Tavarekere in 226kV Benkikere RS Division KPTCL on Partial Turnkey basis. Category: SC. KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-123-24/198 Call-4 dated: 0.50.3.2024 for Providing Additional 11kV 18+4F PCVC Breakers for bifurcating the existing overheaded feeders of Transformer-02 (12.5 MVA) at 66/11kV MUSS Mavinakatle, 220kV Benkikere RS Division KPTCL on Partial Turnkey basis. Category: Clhers

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in 220 kV R/S Benkikere Division, KPTCL, Channagiri on PTK basis. Category: Others Tenders will be accepted through Karnataka Public Procurement Mode Only. For Further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website https://kppt.karnataka.gov.in or https://kppt.karnataka.gov.in or https://kptc.karnataka.gov.in or https://kptc.karnataka.gov.in er Ches. Procurement KPTCL* to participate in Karnataka Public procurement portal on or after 60.50.2024. Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.) Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere

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THE HINDU -

Uttar Pradesh's remarkable transformation, spearheaded by CM Yogi's relentless crackdown on crime and corruption, has earned the unshakable trust of investors, propelling Uttar Pradesh into a prime Uttar Pradess is remarkable transformation, spearneaded by CM Togs is relentless crackdown on crime and corruption, has earned the unshakable trust of investors, propeiling uttar Pradess into a prime investment by pouring in all sectors and job opportunities for lakks of youth have effectively controlled migration to other states. In a concerted effort, the state government has prioritized the development of world-class infrastructure, while also highlighting the cultural, spiritual, and historical significance of its cities. This dual focus has not only enhanced the overall appeal of these cities but has also contributed significantly to the state's economic growth. Cities such as Ayodhya Dham, Varanasi, Mathura, Prayagraj, and the Buddhist circuits have emerged as highly sought-after destinations for tourists within the country. Additionally, the government has embarked on the establishment of a State Capital Region (SCR), modeled after the National Capital Region (NCR). This initiative aims to equip districts, including Lucknow, with cutting-edge infrastructure and amenities, thereby attracting more investors and fostering a thriving business environment. Programs like One District One Product (0DDP) and Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana have not only provided a distinct identity to these districts but have also bolstered their economic self-reliance, UP has achieved a monumental milestone by simultaneously launching investment projects exceeding Rs 10 lakh crore during the GBC 4.0, marking a historic first in the nation. The initiative, comprising over 14,500 projects, promises to generate employment opportunities for 34 lakh youths in the foreseeable future.



VARANASI

UPGIS-2023 MoU's (Rs. crore) 142903 Projects **GBC 4.0**

Employment 44215

INVESTMENT FRIENDLY STATE

Gorakhpur is witnessing a lot of industrial development, GIDA is the economic capital of east UP, Nepal, and border districts of Bihar. It has a market potential with a good supply of manpower also. We are expanding our paper disposable unit with an investment of Rs 10 crore

Sudhanshu Tibrewal, Industrialist, Gorakhpur



UPGIS-2023 MoU's (Rs. crore) GBC 4.0 145116

Investment Employmen (Rs. crore) 12915 25000

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GBC 4.0¹⁸³⁷³⁸



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MATHURA

UPGIS-2023 MoU's MoU's (Rs. crore) GBC 4.0 30235

Employment 31680

The Uttar Pradesh government has focussed on urban development resulting in the creation of job opportunities and the development of cities. Our company is investing about 18 s 750 crore in real estate projects of housing and commercial complexes at Prayagraj, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and

Sunil Solanki, Omaxe Ltd., Prayagraj

A favorable business environment is preva A tavoracie business environment is prevaling at Sitapur. The policies of the government are helpful in promoting business and development, Industries are being set up in accordance with local needs facilitating easy availability of raw materials. Naimsharanya has great potential in terms of fourism

Ajeet Kumar Singh, Industrialist Sitapur



Investment (Rs. crore) 17313

| MoU's | (Rs. crore) | 67422 | GBC 4.0





PRAYAGRAJ

UPGIS-2023 **Projects** MoU's (Rs. crore) GBC 4.0 63618

Employment (Rs. crore) 13227 25000

Muzaffarnagar has great potential for investments and business opportunities with the creation of an investor-friendly environment by the state government. Sectors like paper mills, cotton yarn, hotel industries, engineering, and agricultural machinery are drawing heavy investments Pawan Kuamr Goel, IIA Muzaffarnagar chapter

SANT KABIR NAGAR

UPGIS-2023 (Rs. crore) 5480 MoU's

GBC 4.0

Employment 3652

MAJOR INVESTMENT BY COMPANIES

AYODHYA

House of Abhinandan Lodha (Real Estate) Investment-Rs. 3000 crore Employment Opportunity -100 people

Pakka Limited (Paper Manufacturing Machines) Investment - Rs. 550 crore Employment Opportunity - 600 people

MIRZAPUR

Dalmia Cement Bharat Limited (Cement Manufacturing) Investment - Rs. 3000 crore Employment Opportunity - 2500 people

SITAPUR
Century Plyboard India Limited (Wood)
Investment - Rs.1500 crore
Employment Opportunity - 3000 people Greenlam South India Limited (Wood/MDF) Investment - Rs. 1500 crore Employment Opportunity - 2000 people

MATHURA

Keshav Publications Pvt Limited (Stationary goods, electric items, plastic products mfg.) Investment - Rs. 1250 crore Employment Opportunity - 10000 people

IFP Petro Products Pvt Limited (Refinery) Investment - Rs. 1100 crore Employment Opportunity - 700 people

MUZAFFARNAGAR

Bhartiyam Beverages Pvt Limited (Beverages) Investment - Rs. 600 crore Employment Opportunity - 500 people

PRAYAGRAJ
JK Cement Limited (Cement Manufacturing)
Investment - Rs. 400 crore
Employment Opportunity - 250 people

PRAYAGRAJ, GORAKHPUR, CHITRAKOOT, AMETHI

Varun Beverages Limited (Beverages) Investment - Rs. 3500 crore Employment Opportunity - 1000 people

SITAPUR

UPGIS-2023 (Rs. crore)

GBC 4.0 Employment





MoU's (Rs. crore) 17166 GBC 4.0

Investment Employment 15135



UPGIS-2023

MoU's (Rs. crore) 1589 GBC 4.0

Investment (Rs. crore) 681 Employment



KUSHINAGAR

UPGIS-2023

MoU's (Rs. crore) GBC 4.0 3713 Employmen

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SHRAVASTI UPGIS-2023

| MoU's (Rs. crore) GBC 4.0 Projects

(Rs. crore) 866 3905



UPGIS-2023 Projects MoUs (Rs. crore) 1402 GBC 4.0 Employment



MUZAFFARNAGAR

1851

UPGIS-2023 MoU's (Rs. crore) 15549 GBC 4.0

Employment Investment (Rs. crore) 9938





Guarantee scheme survey in scorching sun

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

The ongoing survey of the five guarantee schemes among the beneficiaries has received flak from ASHA and anganwadi workers in the State as extrapre heat condition in

treme heat condition in several parts has made the

survey

house-to-house

leaves anganwadi and ASHA workers fuming

Karnataka

Nadda sets BJP's tone for LS polls by questioning Kharge on 'pro-Pak' slogans

He demands an explanation from the AICC president and accuses both Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of remaining silent on the issue

The Hindu Bureau

he Bharatiya Janata Party national pre-sident J.P. Nadda, who is on a visit to Belagavi district, on Tuesday set the tone for the party's Lok Sabha poll battle by demanding an explanation from AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge about the the alleged incident of

the the alleged incident of pro-Pakistan' slogans raised in the Vidhana Soudha. He said: 'It seems everything is free here, including terrorism.' "The country expects an explanation by Mr. Kharge about pro-Pakistan slogans in the Vidhana Soudha," Mr. Nadda said while addressing a public rally organised by the party in Chikkodi of Belagavi district. "Why do you support people who spread port people who spread terror in the minds of the people? Are you in favour of India or Pakistan?" Mr. Nadda sought to ask Mr.



ent J.P. Nadd

Kharge. Accusing both Chief Minister Siddara-maiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar of "remaining silent" on the issue, he alleged that their silence had indicated that they were supporting the perpetrators.

the perpetrators.
Launching an offensive against the Congress government in Karnataka, Mr. Nadda said: "Why are the Congress leaders silent even when their own MP's supporters indulge in such

an anti-national act? There has been a bomb blast in Bengaluru recently. Going by the way Congress is ruling Karmataka, it seems everything is free here, including terrorism."

At the same time, he claimed the BJP would seek votes based on its achievements and not by criticising the Congress. "We have not come here only to criticize the Con-

only to criticize the Con gress. We have come to speak about the good work done under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Today's India is moving towards self-reliance. It doesn't matter that we did not win the Assembly elections in Karnataka. But we are trying to convince the people about the dangers of electing the Congress," he said.

Mr. Nadda sought to

Mr. Nadda sought to build a link between party's organisation in Karna-taka and construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Prevent Naseer Hussain from taking oath as RS member'

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU/BELAGAVI

BJP State president B.Y. Vi jayendra on Tuesday said the party would write to the Vice-President, who is also chairman of Raiva Sab ha, to desist from adminis tering oath to Syed Naseer Hussain as member of the Rajya Sabha till the inquiry on "pro-Pakistan" slogan

case was completed He told mediapersons in Belagavi that the BJP would urge the Karnataka government to file a case against Mr. Hussain and initiate an inquiry. Meanwhile, a delegation

Meanwine, a delegation of BJP leaders on Tuesday filed a police complaint in Bengaluru against Mr. Hus-sain and his supporters ov-er the sloganeering case.

"It was in Karnataka in 1996 that we resolved to build a grand Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. In 2024, we have fulfilled that pro-mise," he said. Mounting an "anti-Hin-du" narrative against the Congress, he said, "Karna-taka government has been reopening cases against

reopening cases against Kar Sevaks. It is taxing Hindu temples. The Karnataka

BJP was the only party that stands with Muslim wo-men. "We had vowed to protect their interests and we have done that by de legitimising triple talaq," he said.

government is corrupt, as it wants to loot the State and fill the coffers of some party leaders in Delhi," he alleged. He also claimed that the BIP was the only party that

house-to-house survey difficult.

While the government order on involving ASHA and anganwadi workers who are being termed as "guarantee volunteers" came on February 20, the survey is on at several districts, and it is to be completed before the end of this week.

Each ASHA and angawadi worker has been offered additional honorarium of ₹ 1,000 for the survey work, and each of them are expected to cover 100 to 120 houses in about 10 to 15 days. The survey work is to cost government about ₹ 12 corter as about 1,2 18kh are crore as about 1.2 lakh are to be deployed for survey The survey work has taken a back seat in some areas

a back seat in some areas as Pulse Polio programme was in place over the last couple of days. "Extreme heat has made the survey difficult. Soon after the order came, we had opposed it. Already the ASHA and angamady the ASHA and angamady

dened, and that survey work further makes it diffi-cult," said B. Amjad, presi-dent of Karnataka State An-ganwadi Workers and Helpers Federation, affiliat-ed to the ATTIC ed to the AITUC.

Honorarium promise Part of the problem, trade union sources said, was

that the Congress had pro mised to raise the monthly honorarium of anganwadi workers to ₹ 15,000 and workers to ₹ 15,000 and that of the helper to ₹ 10,000 in the run-up to the Assembly elections. "We were promised the raise as the sixth guarantee. Despite two budgets, there is no word about the guarantee and we are asked to conduct a survey on the other five guarantees," sources said.

Meanwhile, extending solidarity with the workers, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on

H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday slammed the State government for de-ploying them for the sur-vey of five guarantee vey of five guarantee schemes being implemented in the State by Congress government. "It is shameless on part of the government to ask the ASHA and anganwadi workers to undertake a survey on the reach of guarantee schemes," Mr. Kumaraswamy said on social media my said on social media platform X.

questioned The Hindu Bureau

Accused in

slogan case

'pro-Pak'

A day after the arrests in the alleged "pro-Pakis-tan" slogan case , the Vidhana Soudha police have taken three accused into

taken three accused into custody for questioning. The police have seized their mobile phones and sent them to FSL for analysis to ascertain the possible involvement of others in the case. The arrests were based on the FSL report confirming the slogans, but the investigation will be focussed on whether it was an accidental or deliberate act, said an official. The accused Mo-

said an official.

The accused Mo-hammed Shafi Nashipudi, a chilli trader from Byadagi taluk in Haveri district, is a Congress member, while Munawwar Ahmed, 29, from R.T. Nagar in Bengalu-ru, is his friend.

The other accused Mo-hammed Iltaj from Kishan-ganj in New Delhi, also a Congress worker, was part of the group celebrating the victory of of Rajya Sab-ha member Syed Naseer Hussain at Vidhana Soudha. Leader of the Opposi-The other accused Mo-

Leader of the Opposi-tion in the Assembly R. Ashok tweeted a picture showing Iltaj in a picture with Congress leader Ra-hul Gandhi, purportedly taken during Bharat Jodo

Mask names of those acquitted in criminal case from online digital records, court tells media

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

The Fourth Estate [the medial should consider masking, delisting and de-leting the names of persons acquitted from crimi-nal cases from their online digital records, and not

digital records, and not drive such people to cours to seek directions for deletion of their names," the High Court of Karmaraka has said. Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while directing the High Court's registry to mask the name and other personal details of a Z7year-old petitioner, who was given a petitioner, who was given a clean chit in a criminal case, from the court's digital records to honour his right to live with dignity.

In any crime, the court said, "once the accused said, "once the accused gets acquitted honourably, or discharged by a compe-tent court of law, or the High Court quashes crini-nal proceedings in exercise of its power under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and such or-ders become final, the sha-dow of crime; if permitted dow of crime, if permitted to continue in place of shadow of dignity, on any citi-zen, would be travesty of the concept of life under Article 21 of the Constitu-

'The direction would be only to enable the internet forget, like the humans for-get. If it is allowed to stay on record, the internet will never permit the humans to forget," Justice Nagaprasanna observed while rely ing on the apex court's judgment in K.S. Puttaswa-my's case on right to

'Right of erasure'
Pointing out that the Personal Data Protection Act, notified on August II, 2023, which will come into force from the date of publication in the official gazette, also recognises the right of erasure of personal data, the court said that evolving laws across the globe are laws across the globe are moving towards the right to be forgotten, and right of correction and erasure.

Background of the case The petitioner was booked on complained filed by the father of a gift for allegedly sending sexually intimidat-ing message to his daught-er through social media. However, on investigation, the police filed a "B" report stating that it was a "false" case. The "B" report was accepted by the jurisdic-tional court resulting in closure of the case against the petitioner. Background of the case

the petitioner. He approached the High Court in October 2021 seeking bail, but his petiary 2022 as the police by

then had filed the 'B' re port. However, in the present

petition, he sought direc-tions to the High Court's administration, the Google India Private Limited, and the indiakanoon.com for removal of his name in the removal of his name in the online digital records as particulars of his earlier petition along with his name was being displayed on searching his name in the Internet. The petition-er had pointed out that he was losing job offers des-pite being found innocent as his name gets displayed in internet search projectin internet search project ing him as an accused

Though Google and In diakanoon.com had masked his name during the pendency of the peti-tion, the High Court's adtion, the High Court's administration wing had argued that the request of the petitioner for masking his name and personal details should not be acceded to. "Merely because he is discharged on accepting the 'B' report, or an accused gets acquitted, would not mean that his name should not figure as an accused... The deeds committed by the accused will always follow him," it was argued on behalf of the was a regreated the state of the court of t was argued on behalf of High Court's administration. Justice Nagaprasanna rejected the contention on behalt o Registrar-General. of

From Page One

Dragon fruit juice, jackfruit curry unveiled

Considering this growing demand, scientists have also come up with a technologically innovated ready-to-cook product, which provides IS months of shell life to bulbs of tender jackfruit. It prevents browning of the bulbs and preserves the texture.

Arka Nibira, Arka Dhriti, and Arka Gagan, three backfulling in the control of the production of the control of the co

hybrid chilli varieties developed in IIHR, are resistant to Phytophthora root rot (PRR) and Chilli leaf curl virus, which have proven to be a threat to the growth of chillies in the country.

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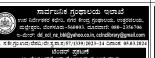
"We developed II hybrid chilli varieties and
three of them have shown resistance to PRR and
leaf curl virus. We have used Cytoplasmic Genetic
Male Sterility lines to avoid emasculation and do
direct pollination. This also reduces the cost of
seed production," Madhavi Reddy K., principal
scientist, Division of Vegetable Crops, IIHR, told
The Hintly.

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Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), the Planning Authority of Bangalore City, has intended to take up housing

Authority of Bangalore City, has intended to take up housing projects by way of constructions of Housing project in SyNo, 100.8 102/1 of Valagerahalli Village,

Name of the work: Consultancy Services for Project Management and Quality assurance Construction of Housing Project at Sy, No. 100.8 102/1 of Valagerahalli Village (phase 7) in Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk on Lump Sum Turnkey Basis based on Tenderer's Design. Project Cost (in lakits). 813.8.2 k.BM. (in lakits): Rs. 2.00. For details, please visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer No.1, Housing Project Division, BDA, Bangalore.



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No.EE/PC-4/TEN/Did/2023-24/CALL-2 Date: 04.03.2024
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project-Central-4 Division invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the

SI. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Special Development works including Renovation to existing buildings, Electrifi- cation, etc at Freedom Park, Bengaluru.	486.31	Rs. 7.30 Lakh (Minimum Rs. 1.00 Lakh through KPP Portal & & remaining as specified in Bid document).

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal. 2) Pre-bid meeting: 12.03.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. 3) Last date for submission of tender document 18.03.2024 upto 17:30 Hrs. 4) Date of opening of technical bids: 20.03.2024 at 10:30 Hrs. Further details can be accessed from GoK KPP Portal: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-procurement helpdesk at: 080-46010000 or contact undersigned office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project - Central-4 Division

IT quiz for engineering students

The Hindu Bureau

Tata Consultancy Se and the Board for IT Edu-cation Standards, in asso-ciation with IT industries and educational institu tions, are jointly organising the 15th edition of TCS TechBytes - the Engineering IT Quiz. The quiz is open to engineering stu-dents of all streams and semesters. Entries have to be sent by the institutions by March 11, to bitesit-quiz@gmail.com. Call 080-







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https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌಡ್ಲ್ಯೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಚೆ 4,00 ಗಂಟೆ. ತಾಂತಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ನಾ ದಿನಾರ್ದ 14-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಚ 4,00 ಗಂತು, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಡ್ ದಿನಾರ್ಡ 15-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4,30 ಗಂತೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದವರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾ 16-03-2024ರ ಸಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಟಿಂಡರ್ದಾರರು ಹೆ: ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕರ್ನೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER - (Call-1)

(Through GOK e-procurement platform www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOI e-procurement platform <u>www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in</u> by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: AMC for Electrical Maintenance in Nisarga Bhavan, S.G.Halli, Bengaluru (1 Year). Approx Value of the work: **Rs. 21.65 lakhs**. All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

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Bengaluru

A multi-sensory art exhibition that builds conversations around food

Breakfast Table, an exhibition at the Archives at NCBS, is a way to facilitate conversations through food and explore different ways of harnessing the energy and symbolism of food

Preeti Zachariah

n a small round ta-ble flanked by four chairs, a tomato placed on a velvet-shrouded stand gleams dully un de salud gleants de la milliely gemstone. Around this is scattered an eclectic collection of objects: a small white vase, a sketch-book, headphones, a stand filled with pencils, a recipe book and an immovable red plate.

"This installation encap-sulates the story of food from the field to the breakfast table," says Pragya Bhargawa, one of the three artists behind the recently launched "Breakfast Table." der a glass cloche, an un

launched 'Breakfast Ta-ble', a multi-sensory exhi-bition at the Archives at NCBS. She adds that engag-ing with the artwork by sitting down at this table is a way to facilitate a conversation through food.

Take, for instance, the

Take, for instance, the tomato whose presence at the table is a nod to a very contemporary event: the recent tomato crisis in the country, "The team wanted to keep it as a reall precious object because at some point it was," says Aparajitha Vaasudev, one of the other artists (fillmmaker Nausheen Khan is maker Nausheen Khan is

Similarly, the placement of the red plate - it faces the gallery's exit, disallow-ing access to the rest of the exhibition - intends to start a conversation about the lack of access to amenities lack of access to amenities and opportunities faced by people who belong to marginalised communities. Thus thy sitting at this spot, you don't have access to one big part of the show," says 'Vaasudev, pointing out that this sort of marginalisation continues at different levels throughout India. "It could be



segregation in housing or being excluded from cer-tain types of jobs...basical-ly the denial of various ly the denial of things," she adds.

Inspiration and themes

Inspiration and themes Breakfast Table was launched in the city on February 17 as part of the event that marked the five year anniversary of the Archives. The team responded to the Archive's annual proposal call for exhibitions, which broadly fit the theme 'Grow', lay at the intersection of history, design, culture and science sign, culture and science and used material from its collection. This year, the exhibition focused on two of the Archives collections that pertain specifically to Indian agriculture: the M.S. Swaminathan Papers M.S. Swaminathan Papers and Leslie Coleman Papers. "We looked at the Archives and began thinking about what we could pull out from it," says Bhargava, who, along with the other two artists, spent months immersed in these collections. "The works are influenced by us reading specific papers and getting inspired," she says, point-



and food converged in them. "We wanted to ex-plore how science and agriculture are applied to the raw and natural state of food to make it a cultural signifier. How the story of food unfolds, and what car food tell us through this

At the exhibition

At the exhibition
According to the exhibition's catalogue, the exhibition attempts to explore different ways of harnessing the energy and symbolism of food as it transitions from raw to cooked. "Food is the exprise of energy that





helps sustain the vital op-erations and growth of liv-ing organisms. Synchro-nously, it functions as a powerful semiotic device that is reflective of societal conditions and collective representation," states the catalogue.

Three juxtaposed vide-os depicting very different landscapes - the lush ex-panse of Dachigam Nation-al Park in Kashmir, a dairy farm in Punjab and a sugar factory in Uttar Pradesh-run in a loop in the corner of a gallery. "I wanted to

capture the essence of growth in different ways," says Khan, the artist be-hind this artwork, titled Contrasting Understand-ings of Growth. Each vi-deo, she says, depicts a difgence of natural serenity, agrarian toil, and indus-trial pragmatism, I am re-

ferent interpretation of growth. "In this convertrial pragmatism, I am re-minded of the profound in-terdependence of humanity and nature, prompting me to reconsid-er the true essence of pro-gress in a world driven by material pursuits and technological advance-ments;" she says. Accord-ing to her, a viewer's reac-tion to this visual essay is

Despite the diversity of the media, which includes film, photographs, games, patchwork, recipes, sculp-tures, painting, and em-broidery, they all essentialdraw on the various nctions of food, whether political, scientific, cultu

political, scientific, cultural, societal or economic.
Khan, who shot the photographs depicting diverse people in kitchens across Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab and Karnataka, tallsa shout how the process of making hat food and how we look at it differs from household to household, with elements of gender and caste often shaping this narrative. "Hopefully, when you see these photographs, you can make these connections and think about your own stories related to your own stories related to kitchen and food and question these constructs that we are ingrained in us." she

says.

Vaasudev, in turn, talks
about the fabric installaabout the fabric installa-tion she has created, using patchwork to represent paddy fields, a crop that was talked about exten-sively in the show. "Basical-ly, it is an aerial view of paddy fields...the majesty and visual drama of seeing a landscape from a height;" she says of the artwork. She also explains why

She also explains why she chose this medium to represent these varico-loured fields. "It has played a role in preserving cultu-ral heritage...a way of tell-ing a story, recording histo-ry, expressing identity," she says, adding the pieces she says, adding the pieces of cloth that went into the quilt were all donated. "It was important to us to have interactivity and collaboration," she says. After all, "food has the potential to bring us together," she firmly believes.

Breakfast Table will be exhibited at the Archives at NCBS till December 2024

Molière's classic comedy meets new-age tech with Sanchaya's new play

The play is a classic theatrical comedy that revolves around a rich man who becomes vulnerable to an imposter preacher

Yemen S. BENGALURI

anchaya, a 35-year-old amateur theatre troupe and one among the oldest in Bengaluru, is back with its latest production, a new age representation of Molière's *Tartuffe* titled Natvadevacharite

Natyadevacharite.
Opened at the Ranga
Shankara Kannada
Natakotsawa 2024, in
Sheshagiri, the play will
have its public premiere
on March 9, at 3.30 p.m in
Ranga Shankara, J.P.
Nagar.

Nagar.
Directed by Prithvi Venugopal, an actor and lighting designer, Natyadevacharite marks his debut as a director of a full-fledged play. The play, a classic theatrical comedy revolves around a rich man who becomes vulnerable to an imposter preacher or Guru pretending to be pious and religious. The plot unfolds through a mix of comedy and drama, revealing the Guru's insincerity. The Guru



akes advantage of the wealthy man's unquestioning admiration

Dangers of blind trust As the family plots a smart plan, the audience is invited to watch the unfolding events, wondering if the imposter will be caught. The main theme humorously explores dishonesty in religious practices, the risks of trusting the wrong people, and the outcomes of blindly following someone, all presented in a satirical manner. The

play aims to entertain

while shedding light on the dangers of blindly trusting those who manipulate religious appearances for personal gain. Through its mix of comedy and drama, the play unfolds a tale that promyst he audience to prompts the audience to reflect on the consequences of misplaced trust and the humorous aspects of religious hypocrisy, says the director of the play.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Prithvi says that as a first-time director of a play along with many first-time actors, it was a challenge

and a learning process, "When Ranga Shankara offered me this opportunity, I wanted to present it through Sanchaya, who I have been working with for many years, and the team immediately agreed to make this a Sanchaya production. I have directed short plays before, but this is my first full-fledged play, and this process has taught me a process has taught me a lot. I have been a lighting designer for a long time, and designing the lights for this play was never a challenge. However,

the script, editing, conceptualising a storyline, conveying my ideas to the costume designer, all of this is something I have not done before, and is a new learning experience."

Many new faces
"Another challenge was
that out of 17 people on
stage, not more than three
actors were experienced.
Most of the actors were
getting on stage for the
first time or were part of
one or two plays as
replacement actors. None
of them had the
experience of doing a
full-fledged production. It Many new faces full-fledged production. It was a challenge for me to train them in simple matters like

matters like stage-presence, movement, taking the right spot for light and more. However, over the period, I realised each actors' strengths and

actors strengths and made use of their best traits," he says. Despite being a script that is four centuries old, Natyadevacharite has been

made relevant to this age using new technical aspects like projection, a GoPro camera, and virtual reality (VR) headsets. "New age technology has been used in this play despite this being a 400-year-old play. The play has scenes of exposing the insincerity of a preacher. With GoPro cameras playing as spy cameras, and those visuals cameras, and those visuals projected on a screen, the audience will get to explore the other side of this imposter-preacher. We have also used VR headsets, where the actors will play a scene wearing it, and the same visual will be projected for the audience to experience." audience to experience," Prithvi adds. Along with

Natvadevacharite Sanchava will also present its popular stylised play Kamaroopigal directed by Ganesh Mandarthi, on the same day and venue, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for both the shows are available on BookyMyShow and at the Ranga Shankara box-office.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 6 1974

standing of the process of hybridisation and scientific research and to build a

new drawing archive of fantastical grasshoppers,"

explains Bhargava, who is also behind a series of un-

usual artworks, which di-rectly draws from the Les-lie Coleman collection. "I

lie Coleman collection. "It trace the words written to Dr. Leslie Coleman as a method of research to understand how different events across industries, like the malaria outbreak, the share price of the Mysore Sugar Company, the widespread use of DDT, and heavier traation, were linked to the story of food,"

Fair elections: Urs' Call to Opposition

Bangalore, March 5: The Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs in the Legislature Council to-day urged opposition parties to co-operate with the Government in conducting the by-elections to the State Assembly in a free and fair manner.

Mr. Urs was replying to an adjournment motion moved by Mr. V.S. Krishna Iyer (Cong-O) who had alleged that the police had committed excesses on students at an election meeting addressed by the Chief Minister in Mysore City

on Saturday.

Mr. Urs said the opposition always accused the police of committing excesses.

Sharing of Krishna waters: Charge against Govt.

Bangalore, March 5: Mr. M.C. Basappa, (Cong O) in the Legislative Council to-day charged the State Government with failure to protect the interests of the State regarding the sharing of the

Krishna waters.

Speaking on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, Mr. Basappa said that although it was over two months since the Tribunal had given its verdict, the State Government had not come out with its comments. The Tribunal's award was unjust to comments. The Tribunal's award was unjust to the State he said, as against the State's demand of 1,25,000 Tri million cusees of Krishna water, the Tribunal had given it only 695 TMC. The Government seems to be not interested in getting justice done for the State, Mr. Basappa remarked.

Bengaluru





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Breathe in Lalbagh's secrets, one tree at a time

Want to know more about our city's favourite garden? A Fragrance Walk could be a refreshing experience

Rashmi Gopal Rao

here is no denying that the Labagh Botanical Gardens in south Bengaluru is a favoured haunt for morning walkers, nature-loving locals and tourists. This sprawling garden is spread over 240 acres and houses over 240 acres and houses close to 2,000 species of

plants. Apart from their famous biannual flower show, the gardens are popular for nature trails as well as activi-ties such as bird watching. Did you know you can also participate in a Fragrance

Walk each Sunday where Walk each Sunday where you can immerse yourself in diverse scents ranging from fruity, floral and even spicy notes? Well, this is possible due to the efforts of 37-year-old Abhishek Khan who is also the creator of Lalbagh.info, a site that serves as a free guide for this spectacular garden. garden.

A sensory experience The Fragrance Walk is a

narrative experience meant to tell the stories of how botany has shaped the aromatic aesthetics of the western world. The walk features flowers and

leaves which can be locat leaves which can be located in plain sight as one walks through the garden. Whether it is the fruity aroma of the frangipant vine or the mild fragrance of a golden gardenia or the citric notes of the bottle-brush tree, the walk is a treat for the senses.

"At a Fragrance Walk, we traverse through the

we traverse through the garden, all the while smelling, tasting, touching and listening to what it has to say. This walk is always accompanied by a narrative where I talk about trees and plants that usually go unnoticed. I have curated a special set of trees, plants



have an interesting story and shared context," says Abhishek.

Abhishek.
Previous walks, Abhishek says, covered the Botany of Alcohol and Mafia of House Plants. "I am currently on the Botany of Psychedelics. Lalbagh has each of these botanicals in a being sight when present and the sight walker was a second to the s plain sight whose stories are waiting to be disco-

In Botany of Alcohol, phishek talks about Abhishek plants used to make spi-



example, people are al-ways surprised when they

first taste the rain tree pod. It is sweet like dates and

the fact that we are so fa-miliar with that pod and never considered it to be

edible blows people's

rits, apart from the popular ones, such as the fruit of the sausage tree, sea grapes, Mysore figs and the like. "Mafia of House Plants is about those botanicals associated with poaching which cause ecological disruption and extinction, while the Botany of Psychedelics covers the entheogenic use of botany. entheogenic use of botany by shamanic cultures."

Abhishek says he weaves these narratives into the sensory experiences of the walk as he wants

The route of the walk changes by the season which again provides a refreshing perspective on how the garden is viewed.

Motivated by climate

change Abhishek who is a letterist by profession and practices calligraphy, lettering and typography, firmly be-lieves that in the context of climate change it makes sense to help people befriend trees. His site is an

Wake up and smell the roses Abhishek Khan (top centre) and Fragrance Walk participants. THE HINDU/ explorer's guide and has a detailed map of Lalbagh which includes monuments and botanicals apart from a flower finder. The latter provides a list of flowers that are in season

and blooming with a navi-

gator to help find them. "I also give away cards to help people identify leaf shapes, mushroom caps shapes, mushroom caps etc. I believe once we learn to recognise different as-pects of anatomy, we learn to read these trees better and it leads to a more intre-mate, connection, with mate connection with them."

According to Abhishek, Lalbagh is a treasure house of botanical species and is akin to a tree museum; helping people read and understand the specimens within the garden is what motivates him. His future plans include drawing a book of maps for Lalbagh, and to continue help peo-ple read trees, mushroom and birds.

Igniting ideas



The Under 25 Summit 2024, one of the most prominent youth events in Bengaluru, will take place on March 9 and 10 at Jayamahal Palace.

This festival is a melting pot of innovative ideas and entertainment, featuring an impressive roster of lu-The Under 25 Summit

an impressive roster of lu-minaries from various sec-Laugh out loud with co

medians Kenny Sebastian and Tanmay Bhat, and gain insights from financial wi-

insights from financial wizard Nikhil Kamath.

The stage will also be graced by the musical genius of Bharg Kale and the acting prowess of Vikrant Massey. Influencer Ankush Bahuguna is set to bring his unique perspective, with a constellation of other stars

including Babil Khan, Bark-ha Singh, and Daini Harih-aran. The summit provides a platform for burgeoning talents such as Nicole Con-cessao, Naina Bhan, and Pranav Binu, alongside ar-tistic expressions from Sa-ba Azad and Sahiba Bali. Prepare to enzage with including Babil Khan, Bark

ba Azad and Sahiba Bali.

Prepare to engage with
the stories of Mukesh
Chhabra, Sesh Adivi, and
many more. The event is a
showcase of the energy
and dynamism of the under-25s, proving that the voice of youth is not just loud but also incredibly di-

For the full line-up of the For the full line-up of the festival and more informa-tion about it, visit un-der25summit.com. Tickets from ₹999 onwards are on insider.in.

EATING OUT

Ruth Dhanaraj

They say there's no better proof of a cuisine's authen-ticity than to see people from its land of origin en-joying a meal there. And that is exactly what we see at the United Telugu Kitch-

ens.

A larger-than-life mural of a smiling lady (yesteryear actor Suryakantham), welcomes one into this no-frills restaurant that is not only cosy and com-fortable, but focuses on food as it well should. The actor is in no way connected to the restaurant, she is simply a symbol of the wholesome, comfort food

wholesome, comfort food they serve.

It is a hot, sweltering day and as we sit back sip-ping golf sodas, we notice families of different sizes and age groups happily tucking away into their meals. We also realise there are people still wait-ing to get in even though its closer to te at time than to tea time than

lunch hour. A quick look at the me-A quick look at the me-nu shows consideration for those who may not be fa-miliar with the cuisine, hence the inclusion of In-do-Chinese and North In-dian dishes from the soups and starters to the mains. For those in the know and



Say yes to gunpowder and ghee

raring to go on a culinary adventure into the Telugu heartland, there is plenty

heartland, there is plenty to indulge in.

Dishes falling under the "Telugodi" category retain their regional names, but are carefully explained so you are not ordering blind. We begin with the Rayal-seema natu bombs -

minced vegetable balls tossed with a choice of pandumirchi (red chilli), avakaya (raw mango) or gongura (sorrel leaves) – avakaya (raw mango) or gongura (sorrel leaves) – and the palletoori mush-room vepudu. Both are a great choice and fulfill their purpose of getting you curious to try out a few more starters.



Bezawada fried wings are a fiery, lip-smacking, nose-watering choice, but the fantastic blend of garlic and spices, only had us reaching out for yet another piece. The same goes for the thagubo-



tu kodi vepudu, a chicken dish prepared with chilli and coriander paste. Gongura or sorrel leaves are a popular ingredient in the cuisine of this region

the cuisine of this region, much like palak is for the rest of India.

The gongura mamsam, boneless mutton cooked in gongura paste is another example of how flavours and textures blend in the cuisine from this part of

the country.

Much to the delight of sea food lovers and those with hearty appetites, quail, crab, prawn (both tiger and tiny), and fish feaUnited Telugu Kitchens Hits: Bezawada fried wings, Rayalseema nattu bombs, gongura mamsam es: None ket pinch: ₹1000 for two

ture on the menu. There are surprisingly a good number of egg dishes too. The menu continues to

pleasantly surprise with a lovely spread of rice and dal (pappu) items, right and the special of th

ries. In the end, we settled for bagara rice and mutton chops. Both were well-flavoured and aromatic, and with the succulent meat falling off the bone, there was really not much one could ask for.

could ask for.

Double ka meetha, gulab jamun and carrot halwa are traditional sweet
choices, and there is always ice cream if you cannot make up your mind.

CITYBEATS



Seeing stars

REGISTRATIONS OPEN REGISTRATIONS OPEN
There will be a short course in basic astronomy and astrophysics for students of class eight, nine and 10 from April 29 to May II (Ilam to 3pm). Application forms can be accessed from Appincation forms can be accessed from www.mpbift-blr.in and sent to MP Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Campus, 43/1, Race Course Road, Bengaluru 560001. Call 22385956/57, 40914507 for details



Jazz by four

MARCH 8, 9

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The Antoine Karacostas Quartet featuring Antoine Karacostas (piano), Pierre Bernier (saxophone), Gabriel Midon (bass) and Simon Bernier (drums), will be performing in the city. Antoine, hailed as a musical alchemist, leads the quartet and is inspired by composers like Emmanuel Chabrier. At Windmills, Whitefield, 9.30pm. Tickets on BookMyShow



Sketching from life

MARCH 9

Sketching Workshop by Nirupa Rao as part of the exhibition, 'Critical Zones. In Search of a Common Ground,' from Ilam to Common Ground, from Ham to Ipm at the Reading Room in the Science Gallery Bengaluru. For details, visit the websites of Science Gallery Bengaluru or Max Mueller Bhavan.

Man-animal conflict claims

Telangana is new ATM for Cong.: PM

The Hindu Bureau PATANCHERU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accused the Con-gress Party of making Te-langana its new ATM after coming to power. He also charged the party with having an alleged secret pact with Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

Samithi (BRS). "You have given an opportunity for Congress Pa ty after suffering years of corruption under the BRS government. They are both sides of the same coin both sides of the same coin and have an understanding among themselves to share the looted wealth," he said at a public meeting held in Patancheru in Sangareddy district.

"BJP ki vote veyyal! (vote for BJP) and we should get 400 seats this time," he exhorted the gathering.

Mr. Modi, who began the speech with "Na Telangana Kutumba Sabhyulu Andaraki Namaskaram" (Greetings to my Telangana

(Greetings to my Telangana family members), claimed that the Congress and its INDIA allies are "abusing"



him and his "family" since he had raised his voice against "family parties".

against family parties".

He charged that governments run by family-based
parties have "hidden their
black money" in foreign
banks and kept "expensive
gifts" for themselves whereas he had put up every
gift received for public auction, realising 140 crore
and using the money to
clean up River Ganga. He
said his regular income in
government was utilised
for girls education and
took a swipe at the media
claiming that they "will not
report these kind of issues".

two more lives in Kerala

On Tuesday, Valsala, wife of tribal chief, was trampled to death by an elephant in Thrissur and a man was killed by wild gaur in Kozhikode; a day earlier, a woman was killed by elephant in Idukki

The Hindu Bureau

or the second con-secutive day in Ker-ala, a wild elephant trampled to death a woman on Tuesday. Valsala, a 64-year-old tribal woman, who went to the forest at Peringalkuthu in Thrissur for collecting forest re-

remgatatutu in missur for collecting forest re-sources was trampled to death by the animal around 3.30 p.m.
Valsala is the wife of Ra-jan, tribal chief of Vachim-aram Colony. Mr. Rajan, who witnessed the inci-dent, said the elephant that was behind a tree at-tacked Valsala. Rajan, who was terrified by the attack, has been hospitalised.
The elephant trampled Valsala when she tried to escape and fell down.
Mr. Rajan identified the elephant as "Manjakom"

elephant as 'Manjakom-ban', a frequent trouble-

an calls on tribal Chief of

maker in the area.
Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, who
visited Mr. Rajan in the
hospital, criticised the
State government and the
Centre for their apathy towards the plight of people
living in the forest fringes.
Tense moments pre-

Tense moments pre-vailed at Chalakudy Taluk Hospital as UDF workers protested against shifting

the body to the mortu the body to the mortuary. In another incident, a 70-year-old man, P.D. Abraham, was kilied in a wild gaur attack at Kakayam in Kozhikode district on Tuesday afternoon. The incident led to strong protests and both the Left Democratic Front and the United Democratic Front and the Tornt called for a hartal in Front called for a hartal in

Koorachund grama pan-

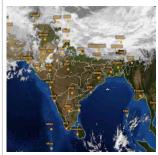
plantation corporation in Thrissur on Monday night and damaged furniture and other things inside the house. The family members were not in the house

at the time of the attack

Meanwhile, the Kotha-mangalam First Class Judimangalam First Class Judi-cial Magistrate Court on Tuesday extended the inte-rim bail of MLA Mathew Kuzhalnadan, Ernakulam District Congress Commit-tee president Mohammed Shiyas, and 30 other Con-gress leaders arrested in connection with a protest held at Kothamangalam town with the body of a woman trampled to death by elephant at Kanjiraveli

by elephant at Kanjiraveli in Idukki on Monday. (With inputs from Kozhi-kode)

WEATHERWATCH



Baltistan, Mu	uzaffara	abad a	nd Him	nachal Pradesh			
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Agartala				Kozhikode			
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Aizawl		24.0	_14.8	Lucknow		25.0	11.5
Allahabad		27.5	12.6	Madurai			
Bengaluru		36.0	20.5	Mangaluru		32.6	24.0
Bhopal		27.7	12.2	Mumbai		33.3	18.0
Bhubaneswar.	2.3	35.2	24.5	Mysuru		35.0	21.0
Chandigarh		21.2	8.5	New Delhi		23.4	9.0
Chennai		32.1	_24.3	Patna		26.9	16.4
Coimbatore		37.2	22.3	Port Blair		32.0	24.2
Dehradun				Puducherry		32.2	23.2
Gangtok	0.2	18.0	9.1	Pune		35.5	16.0
Goa		33.0	20.6	Raipur		34.9	22.2
Guwahati		32.6	16.0	Ranchi	4	27.4	16.2
Hubballi		37.0	_19.0	Shillong		21.6	10.6
Hyderabad		35.5	22.5	Shimla		13.3	2.2
Imphal		26.3	12.7	Srinagar			
Jaipur		24.8	12.2	Thiruvananthapuram	0.1	34.6	25.2
Kochi		32.0	26.8	Tiruchi		35.7	23.0
Kohima		22.0	9.4	Vijayawada		35.2	22.6
Kolkata		30.8	22.8	Visakhapatnam		32.7	24.3
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Jail radicalisation: NIA conducts searches

Expanding the ambit of its investigation in the Bengaluru Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) prison radicalisation case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday searched, multiple locasearched multiple loca tions in six States and seized a host of digital devices and incriminating doc-

uments, along with cash.

NIA teams swooped
down on the premises of
suspects in various places
across Karnataka, Tamil
Nadu, Telangana, Punjab,
Gujarat and West Bengal
on Tuesday and provered on Tuesday, and recovered 25 mobile phones, six laptops and four storage dev-ices, besides various in-criminating documents, cash, apart from currency

notes of various countries. The NIA has been prob-ing the case since October 25, 2023, and has filed a charge sheet against eight persons on January 12 this year. Two of them are ab-sconding. Investigations had revealed that the absorders had established a sconders had established a network comprising indivi-duals across India to promote the LeT's activities

The case relating to radicalisation of immates in Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison by alleged LeT operative T. Nazeer was originally registered by the Bengaluru City Police following the seizure of arms and ammunition. Nazeer was arrested in connection arrested in connection with the 2008 serial bomb

Kerala student's death: V-C suspends Dean

Kerala Veterinary and Ani mal Sciences University of-ficiating Vice-Chancellor P.C. Saseendran on Tues-day suspended M.K. Narayanan, Dean, and R. Kan-thanathan, tutor and assistant hostel warden of the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode, in connection with the death of a student. Sidharthan was found hang-ing in the hostel on varsity campus on February 18

In his explanation, Dr. Narayanan said there were no lapses on the part of the administration.

INBRIEF



BRS, BSP to join hands for Lok Sabha polls in Telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) have decided to enter into a formal alliance for the upcoming Parliamentary electrons in Telangana. The decision came during a meeting between BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and BSP State president R.S. Praween Kumar in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The alliance would be respectable for both parties and the seat sharing would be finalised in consultation with BSP national president Mayawati Soon, presidents of the two parties announced after their meeting.

ED issues new summons to Isaac in masala bonds case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to former Finance Minister T.M. fresh summons to former Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac asking hin to appear before the investigators at its Kochi office on March 12 in connection with the issue of masala bonds by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB). Dr. Isaac had not turned up despite earlier summons by the agency asking him to appear for interrogation. The ED suspects that funds were raised and utilised in violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act.

Crown's worth was in tune to my capacity, says Suresh Gopi

Responding to the controversy over the purity and quantity of gold in the crown offered by him to Lourdes Metropolitan Cathedral in Thrissur, BJP candidate from the Thrissur Lok Sabha BJP candidate from the Thrissur Lok Sabba constituency suresh Gopi said he offered the crown according to his capacity. It was sad that we had to explain what we offered to a church, he said in Thrissur on Tuesday. He said his wife had promised to offer gold to the tune of ₹10 lakh if he won from the Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency

Festivities begin



Thousands of Shivlingams being stacked in the shape of a 'Mahashivlingam' on R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday ahead of the

Karnataka HC puts transfer of Javalalithaa's ornaments on hold

The Hindu Bureau

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday stayed until March 26, the process of handing over the confiscat-ed gold ornaments of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister late J. Jayalalithaa to the authorised officers of the T.N. State government.

Plea filed by niece Justice Mohammad Nawaz passed the interim order on a petition filed by J. Dee-pa, niece and legal heir of late Jayalalthua. A special court in Bengal Juru was scheduled to hold proceedings on March 6 and 7, 2024, to hand over the ornaments confiscated in the disproportionate asin the disproportionate as-sets case against Jayalalitha and others to the authorised officers of the Tamil

Nadu government. The petitioner had ques-

tioned the July 12, 2023, or-der passed by the special court in rejecting her plea for releasing the confiscat ed properties/ assets in the disproportionate assets in favour of her and her brother, J. Deepak. The special court had held that properties confiscated on conviction of the accused persons will have to be handed over the Tamil Na-du government.

Treated as acquitted However, it has been claimed in the petition that the trial court failed to ap-preciate the fact that the proceedings against late Jayalalithaa were abated before the anex court, and before the apex court, and hence, she has to be treated as 'acquitted' in the case as the earlier order of the High Court of Karnataka acquitting her in the case was in operation at the time of her death.

We look forward to working with ISRO: Dr. Nicola Fox

INTERVIEW

Hemanth C.S.

Dr. Nicola "Nicky" Fox, as-sociate administrator, NA-SA Science Mission Direc-torate, NASA torate, NASA Headquarters, who is in India to review the upcoming NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) project, spoke to *The Hindu* on topics ranging from the NISAR mission to sending an Indian astronaut to the International Space

Station later this year. What brings you to India and in particular to Bengaluru?



Dr. Nicola Fox, associate administrator, NASA Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters. K. MURALI KUMAI

This is my very first trip to India and I am very excited to be here. We are here ce-lebrating the partnership between NASA and ISRO on our big flagship mission the NISAR mission. I am really looking forward to-morrow to meeting with NISAR team when I visit the U.R. Rao Satellite Centre and honestly seeing the spacecraft in the clean room is always a very in-spiring thing to do. And then of course talking about the ways the two agencies interact in a whole round of not just science but also in astro-physics, heliophysics and in planetary. in planetary.

How is the NISAR project progressing?

NISAR is progressing very well. So as I said I will be seeing it in the clean room. We are in the final phase before launch, where you are testing and making sure that everything is per-

anything has an issue you want to identify that when it is still on the ground and not when it is in space. So, we are progressing hope-fully to launch later this year. We don't have a specyear. we uo... ific date yet.

Are you meeting ISRO officials and visiting any of the centres?

We are meeting the Secre tary of Space and we are looking forward to that.

India signed the Artemis Accords last year and NASA will be training an Indian astronaut for a mission to the International Space Station by the end of 2024. Can you share some light on this?

We are excited to hear IS-RO announce the selection of the four astronaut candidates. We are very much looking to work with ISRO to further that and get the astronaut into space. If things go according to the plan, obviously there is training and various things that have to happen, but just looking forward to IS-RO moving ahead with that training.

Any other space collaborations with

We will be talking about the ongoing ones. I am a heliophysicist, so I am excited about the Aditya-L1 missions. We have a total solar eclipse that will be happening in the U.S. in April and we have 18 missions that are focusing and taking data of the Sun during that eclipse. We are excited that Aditya-L1 will be doing the same and joining in so that we can pool all the data together. Also talking about Chandrayaan-3, the fact that we had a Laser the fact that we had a Laser Retroreflector Array on there we were able to ping it, so that is another great



Deprivileging bribe

Voters should know that MPs do not act under monetary inducement

t was a judgment that has rankled for years. The artificial distinction that the Supreme Court of India made over 25 years ago between 'bribe-givers' and 'bribe-takers' in the infamous JMM bribery case left many aghast that those who paid crores of rupees to MPs for voting in favour of the PV. Narasimha Rao government in a no-confidence motion were to be prosecuted for corruption, but those who took the money were immune from prosecution. The reason was that those who had voted for money enjoyed the were immune from prosecution. The reason was that those who had voted for money enjoyed the constitutional privilege of not being subject to any legal consequence for "anything said or any vote given in Parliament". There was one exception among the alleged bribe-takers: Ajit Singh, who was accused of taking a payoff, was to be prosecuted because he was absent during the voting, and was thus stripped of the protection enjoyed by those who actually voted in terms of the bribery agreement. The Court has corrected this anomaly in the law related to parliamentary privileges by holding that there can be no immunity for a Member of Parliament or a State legislature against a bribery charge in connection with a vote or speech in the legislature. In over-ruling the majority verdict in PV. Narasimha Rao ws State (CBI/SFE) (1998), a seven-member Constitution Bench has foregrounded probity as the tution Bench has foregrounded probity as the main aspect of parliamentary functioning.

The Court has made it clear that parliamen-

The Court has made it clear that parliamentary privilege, enshrined in Article 105 (for MPs) and Article 194 (for State legislators) is aimed at protecting the freedom of speech and independence of the legislators in their functioning in the House and cannot extend to bribery, as it is not essential to the casting of the vote or in deciding how to cast it. A key rationale that weighed with the Constitution Bench in 1998 was that parliamentary privilege was essential to protecting members from persecution for anything said or any vote in the House. The majority feared that limiting this privilege might have serious conselimiting this privilege might have serious conse-quences and felt that public indignation over the conduct of some MPs accepting a bribe should not lead to the court construing the Constitution so narrowly that it removes the guarantee for effective parliamentary participation and debate. However, the seven-member Bench has conclud-However, the seven-member Bench has concluded that the potential for such misuse is neither enhanced nor diminished by recognising the court's jurisdiction to prosecute a member for bribery. The Bench has also held that voting in a Rajva Sabha election, being part of a legislator's function, is protected under Article 194 of the Constitution as a privilege. It requires utmost protection for a member to vote freely and without fear of legal persecution. Overall, the verdict meets public expectation that the members they elect do not act under monetary inducement.

Law and disorder

recent past besides administering oath to legisla tors from the valley to pledge for its majoritarian cause, suggest that such actions have either the

tors from the valley to pledge for its majoritarian cause, suggest that such actions have either the nod of the leadership of the State government or have been deliberately ignored. The severe ethnicisation in the valley and the hills has also granted a degree of popularity to groups such as the Arambai Tenggol and counterparts in the hills, making lave enforcement difficult to achieve. It is now incumbent upon the Union government and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to take into account the severity of the ethnic polarisation and the dangers posed to law and order. Humanitarian concerns related to the displacement of people apart, the predominance of extra-legal forces in public life in the valley and the hills points to the delegitimisation of the idea of the state alone having a monopoly over the use of physical force in establishing law and order. The rampant radicalisation provides an opportunity for the muzzled civic voices in Manipur, and in the valley in particular, to raise their concerns about the impunity enjoyed by such forces. cerns about the impunity enjoyed by such forces.
Unless the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, cracks the whip on the Arambai Tenggol, the radicalisation of Manipuri society will continue, making a return to a much-needed civic state of affairs all return to a much-needed civic state of aftars all the more difficult. But with Mr. Singh acting less as a Chief Minister and more as a leader promot-ing majoritarian politics, it is incumbent upon the BJP leadership to yet again rethink its strategy to let the status quo continue in the State.

Heady electoral rhetoric with a hegemonic ring to it

he run-up to the general election this year is a propitious moment to interrogate the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) coalition's

Alliance (NDA) coalition's self-presentation of its rule to the electorate, in whose name it governs.

As the ruling coalition seeks a third consecutive mandate at the Centre, one can trace a tangible shift in the coalition's campaign pitch to voters. At the surface, one finds a perceptible repositioning in the campaign's mainline narrattive. economic progress and 'softer' cultural rejuvenation have morphed into welfare guarantees and blunter Hindu majoritarianism. At a deeper level, the defining characteristic of the sought mandate has turned away from the sought mandate has turned away from romises of socio-economic transformation and noved closer towards a referendum on a hegemonic political order. The latter shift can be gauged from the

negemone political order.

The latter shift can be gauged from the disproportionate political capital expended towards demonstrating the inepittude or venality of the opposition parties. The government appears on less sure ground on its billboard 'Modi ki guarantee' theme: a motley of stated government achievements (identified in a personalistic manner with the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi) across social, economic and cultural fronts.

The rationale for the government's apparent hesitancy in clearly foregrounding a pro-incumbency campaign – similar to the NDA's India Shining' campaign in 2004 – is not particularly hard to fathom. While the term guarantee signifies an expectation of certainty, the claims encoded within the 'guarantees' appear to carry, on the whole, a much more limited popular credibility.

'Guarantees' versus survey
To illustrate the point, let us juxtapose the
claimed guarantees being proffered in the Prime
Minister's name, with the corresponding set of
survey evidence (taken from last month's
bi-annual India Today 'Mood of the Nation'
(MCTTN) survey.

bi-annual India Today 'Mood of the Nation' (MOTN) survey).

The guarantee of 'A Promising Ecosystem for the Amrit Peedhi' portrays a rapid pace of job creation — 'reducing the unemployment rate from 5.8% in 2018-19 to 3.2% in 2022-23". In contrast, the voter survey exhibits a marked a dissatisfaction on job creation, with only about a third of respondents crediting success to the government on this front. The 'welfare guarantee also annears to be on a shaky foundation as 62% also appears to be on a shaky foundation as 62% superast of the fundamental and the superast of the superast o blaming government policies for widening the gap between rich and poor. What about the 'Indian Economy: A Story that Inspires' guarantee? A quarter believe their household income will improve in future, while

he transition to low-carbon development has the potential to add abour 35 million green jobs in India by 2047. The International Labour Organization defines green

jobs as "decent jobs that contribute to preservation or restoration of the environment".

Many of these span across sectors, such as manufacturing, construction, renewable energy, energy efficiency and automobiles, which traditionally saw a lower representation of

women.

Globally, men are likely to transition to green jobs faster than women. Even as India increased its renewable energy capacity by 250% between 2015 to 2021, women comprised merely 11% of workers in the solar rooftop sector. The Annual Survey of Industries 2019-20 shows that women workers are mostly concentrated in industries such as apparel, textile, leather, food, and tobacco. In contrast, a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) 2019 propert shows that men

Industry (CII) 2019 report shows that men comprise 85% of the work force in sectors such as

manufacturing.

A study in 2023 by the Skill Council for Green

infrastructure, transport, construction, and



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stagnant or worsen. In fact, more respondents expect a reduction in future income (30%) than those who expect an improvement (30%) than three-quarters believe it will either remain

expect a reduction in future income (30%) than those who expect an improvement (25%). The most damning indictment is expressed on the question probing which sections are seen to have benefited most from government policies – 52% say big businesses, compared to 9% for farmers, 8% for salaried classes and 6% for daily wage labourers.

The basis of a hegemonic strategy In spite of this awkward dissonance between incumbent claims and popular perceptions, the headline figure of the *India Today* survey depicts ineaume iguie of ine mulai roady survey teptics the NDA heading for a comfortable majority, skirting the scale of the 2019 mandate. The government itself projects the ringing figure of 400-plus. The inevitability and incontrovertibility of a third term is itself presented as the overarching guarantee of the campaign narrative. This is what we mean when we say that the

or a unit term is usen presented as the overarching guarantee of the campaign narrative. This is what we mean when we say that the NDA seeks a mandate characteristic of an aspiring political hegemon. A political regime can draw sustenance through such a self-perpetuating hegemonic effect even in the absence of widespread popular approval of its political project. The critical condition hinges on the political project's credibility as representing the only game in town'.

What are the mechanisms through which such a hegemonic effect is maintained? One can glean three complementary legs of the NDA's hegemonic tripod: the first is tactical incorporation of rival political elites through a mix of coercive measures and power-sharing incentives. The second is delegitimising the political opposition as corrupt or permicious, focusing attention on their 'normless' self-seeking opportunism. The third is undermining the possibilities for emergence of a broad programmatic coalition, while inundating the media spaces, with depictions of the fragmented or listless state of rival political formations, heralding the much-rumpeted certainty of coming electoral triumph.

However, even this overarching guarantee of electoral triumph remains blighted with deficits in credibility. On the question of whether the INDIA bloc can defeat the NDA, 3% of the MOTN' survey respondents say yes and 55% say no. Nevertheless, as the magazine adds: "the drop in voter confidence has not been as sharp even as the alliance has lost key partners".

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The NDA's own political manoeuvres also The NDA's own pointeal manoeuvres aso betray the subborn openness of the political contest. The portrayal of opposition alliances as worfully lacking in popular acceptability seems to be rebuffed by the regime's high-profile attempts at breaking away these very rival formations, including in the core heartland states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

In the book, Neoliberal Hegemony and the Pink Tide in Latin America: Breaking Up with TINA,

political scientist Tom Chodor examines the conditions undergirding hegemonic sustenance and breakdown. In the Latin America of the

conditions unue ignorm regeneral and breakdown. In the Latin America of the 1980s and 1990s, right-wing regimes took power by instituting neoilberal economic policies which were consistently blamed for increasing socio-economic inequality and even intensifying absolute poverty.

As Chodor explains, while their economic policies remained widely resented by the broad populace, these 'Ceasarist' regimes survived by assembling a coalition of dominant social classes: industrial bourgeoisie, rural oligarchy and upper middle classes. A steady mix of coercion and incorporation of elite challengers, buffeted by an equal emphasis on the opposition's 'unfitness to equal emphasis on the opposition's 'unfitness to govern', helped institute a 'common sense' understanding in Latin America that there was no alternative to their respective regimes of unconstrained neoliberalism.

The pink tide of social democratic forces

The pint due of social democratic torces taking power across the continent from the early 2000s (notably in Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela), according to Chodro, succeeded through a forging together of an evolving counter-hegemonic bloc. This convergence entailed fusing the old leftist 'working class consciousness' with newly politicised 'marginalized and excluded subjectivities': an 'anti-elite' coalition built on an enlarged political bloc including women, indigenous communities and growing sectors of informal labourers. Chodor argued that this coalition strategy followed "Gramsci's insistence that the construction of a radical collective will is 'an active and reciprocal' educative relationship...]lluminating the intersecting dimensions of class, race, and gender exploitation". taking power across the continent from the early

ineatonismp....mumatum ture interescent dimensions of class, race, and gender exploitation." A similar coalition of backward castes, labouring classes, and marginalised minorities and women was formulated more than half-a-century ago by Rammanohar Lohia. Interestingly, the choice of the newly incorporated parties in the NDA (the Janata Dal (United) and Rashirria Loh Ba) suggests the BJP's discomfort at the possibility of an INDIA coalition which can fuse together the constituencies of caste-based social justice and agrarian discontent within its ideological umbrella.

Notwithstanding the heady begenonic rhetoric, the NDA remains acutely cognisant of its previous losses: from the 2015 defeat in Bihar to a social justice platform of a grand Mandal alliance to the recent electoral losses in Karnataka and

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The Hindutva coalition has indeed wilted away The Hindurva coaintion has indeed witted away on quite a few occasions in the recent past, faced with a backlash emanating from the backward castes and rural sectors. The only guarantee inherent in the political process is of a fluid space where alternative imaginations and possibilities can be temporarily suppressed but never foreclosed.

The continued radicalisation of Manipuri society is a cause of concern

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ne of the cardinal principles of a functioning and modern democracy is that only the state, led by a government that is elected by the people, has a legitimate right to use or to authorise the use of physical force. When civilian groups resort to violence against state actors without repercussions, one has to call into question the maintenance of law and order in the State of Manipur. In late February, cadres of the Meitei chauvinist group, the Arambai Tenggol, allegedly abducted a police officer, assaulted him and vandalised his home. Police officers protested the attack, lamenting their inability to take action against the group. It is another matter that the group has managed to source its weapons from the looting of police stations in the valley following the ethnic conflagration last May. Many of the weapons are yet to be seized or returned despite the government's appeals. The police in the valley are heavily ethnicised with barely any representation from the Kuki-Zo minority. Yet, the impunity with which the Arambai Tenggol has acted against a police official, and even assaulted a leader of the opposition in the recent past besides administering oath to legislarors from the valley to pledee for its maioritarian

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As the National Democratic Alliance seeks a third

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A study in 2023 by the Skill Council for Green Jobs indicated that 85% of the training for green skills was imparted to men while over 90% of women believed that social norms limited their participation in training for green jobs. These restrictive social norms include factors such as the belief that women are unsuitable for certain technical roles, safety concerns, lower representation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and familial constraints.

As India embraces a green transition, empowering women and advancing gender equity in climate actions will be one of the keys to unlock the co-benefits of a low-carbon and environmentally sustainable economy. Increasing women's representation in green jobs has several benefits. in green jobs will lead to

benefits such as boosting a low-carbon and benefits.

In the short run, it can address the gender sustainable biases in the Indian labour market and improve women's labour force participation rates. In the economy

women's representation

long run, this can contribute to improving creating economic, technical, and social

Green jobs and the problem of gender disparity

Address the gaps in data

There is limited data to understand the landscape of women's work for green jobs in India. Mapping emerging areas for green growth and collecting sex-disaggregated data on green jobs could be the starting point to improve women's participation. There is need to build evidence on the present and future impact of low-carbon transitions on women workers and entrepreneurs while considering the hidden and invisible roles played by women across different sectors and geographies. This could be done by conducting gender analysis, collecting gender statistics on green jobs through periodic labour force surveys and mobilising additional resources to emphasise and encourage women's role in the green

Globally, women are being left behind in the worldwide race to achieve climate targets and sustainability goals. This is particularly evident in the transition to a low-carbon economy, where the transition to a low-carbon economy, where new opportunities are created alongside job displacement and transformation. Recently in a critical stride towards justice and inclusivity in transition planning, COP 285 high-level dialogue launched 'Gender-Responsive Just Transition sand Climate Action Partnership' with a focus on improved data, targeted finance, and skill development.

Given the unequal landscape of women's work and participation in green jobs, we need to ensure that women can access emerging opportunities from low-carbon transitions. There is a strong need to review the status quo, map the current roles of women, address structural barriers that hinder women's employment choices, and also create a conductive ecosystem to

choices, and also create a conducive ecosystem to foster their participation in green jobs. In India, despite 42.7% of the total number of STEM graduates being women, they represent

only 30.8% in engineering, manufacturing and construction programmes which are the key sectors for green transition. To bridge this gap early hands on learning, mentorship, scholarships, financial assistance, and awareness generation are crucial to empower women in green jobs-related fields.

Supporting women entrepreneurs
Gender-focused financial policies and products
catering to the requirements of women
entrepreneurs can spur their ability to enter the
green transition market. Collateral-free lending,
financial literacy training and building supportive
networks are crucial steps to unlock their
potential. Suitable tools must be developed to
assess creditworthiness, disburse loans, and
reduce operational costs for women-owned
businesses.

businesses. Finally, bringing in more women into leadership positions to incorporate gender-specific needs in low-carbon development strategies can promote women's integration in

A gender-just transition demands a

A gender-just transition demands a multi-pronged strategy that focuses on employment, social protection, reduces the burden of care work, and enables skill development. Partnerships across government, private sector and other stakeholders are necessary to leverage the benefits of innovation, technology and finance for women entrepreneurs and workers.

Businesses must recognise the centrality of gender justice and ensure equity throughout the process of green transition by mitigating barriers that exist due to streenotyping or gender bias and fostering equitable job opportunities for a just transition that benefits everyone. This is the time to build the capacity and support women in meeting the demands of the new world of work and cod-eksign a future pathway that is socially and co-design a future pathway that is socially equitable and inclusive for all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poll bonds, bank plea

That the nation's premier bank which prides itself on bank which prides itself on its digital initiatives is seeking more time to collate data on poll bonds, is shocking and surprising (Inside pages, March 5). It is amply evident that the bank's nine-page application in the top court of the land is aimed at delaying the whole process beyond the general election, by which time any kind of disclosure will not affect the fortunes of the biggest gainer among the

political parties. J. Anantha Padmanabhan, Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Name, name change Long before women fought for equal rights, in Kerala, women and men used the surnames of their mothers'

families. My name has the initial 'A', for 'Allath', the family name of my mother. Bravo Ms. Divya Modi Tongya (Editorial, March 5).

A. Balagangadharan,
Pollachi, Tamil Nadu

States, the practice of States, the practice of adding the father's name when a baby is born or admitted in school is not followed. The name has just the initial(s). Well-informed parents add a surmane so that the name is uniform in government records. But the girl child is usually not the girl child is usually not given any surname. After marriage, some add the husband's name. Perhaps it is best to have the full name of the father in the child's name and just stick to it! V. Lakshmanan, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The dynamics of household consumption

he eagerly awaited fact sheet of the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2022-23 was released recently by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The results of the survey are significant as the last results on household consumption expenditure were released in 2011-12.

What the survey does The HCES offers a close look at how households across India incur expenditures on consumable items in a given period. It captures auxiliary information on auxillary information on household characteristics and demographic details. The information on HCES is instrumental in constructing a weighing diagram for Consumer Price Indices, an index that tracks retail inflation. The weights obtained from the HCES represent the relative significance of goods and services, determined by their respective shares in the overall consumption patterns of households. The HCES has played a pivotal role in India's growth story since its inception in 1950-51. Beyond merely detailing spending habits, this survey has been a crucial factor in estimating the head

this survey has been a crucial factor in estimating the head count ratio, which is the percentage of the population living below the national poverty line. Moreover, the HCES has been an invaluable resource for research in diverse fields,

research in diverse fields, including economics and sociology, contributing to our understanding of the nation's socio-economic landscape.

The HCES was initially scheduled to be conducted in 2020-21 but this could not happen due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey finally commenced in Ausurs 2022 and went on until luly August 2022 and went on until July 2023, symbolising resilience and adaptability in the face of adversity. Another phase of HCES, ongoing in 2023-24, started after the completion of the first phase.



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The Household Expenditure Survey 2022-23 is a testament to India's commitment to a resilient statistical system embracing both tradition and innovation

The two-phase approach not only The two-phase approach not only underscores the perseverance displayed in navigating the challenges in the first phase but also emphasises the commitment to capturing a comprehensive and evolving snapshot of India's household consumption patterns. A significant stride in HCES 2022-23 was the positive shift to the modern and efficient computer-assisted personal

computer-assisted personal interview method from the traditional paper-aided personal interview method. Data this time were entered using tablets. This shift expedited data collection and processing, introducing a more streamlined scrutiny mechanism across divisions of the NSSO. Engaging a significant sample size of 2,61,746 households,

size of 2,61,746 households, strategically selected through statistically sound sampling design, the survey was designed to align with the consumption patterns of 'New India'. The questionnaire was enriched with contemporary items (such as paneer, LED bulbs, headphones, and details on online purchases) and the removal of boslete items. To ensure a more efficient and accurate data collection process, the survey employed a strategic the survey employed a strategic approach. The questionnaire was divided into three parts, and households were surveyed in three separate monthly visits within a quarter. This not only expedited the canvassing process

expedited the canvassing process but also resulted in an improvement in response quality, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the consumption expenditure on all 407 items. This holistic approach to data collection, combining both conventional and contemporary practices, highlights the commitment of the HCES to accurately capture the diverse consumption patterns of consumption patterns of households. The robust sampling design, coupled with the incorporation of new items and innovative survey techniques, reflects a dedication to staving attuned to the dynamics of a rapidly changing official statistics

domain. The fact sheet provides key estimates within six months of the end of the survey, with low relative standard errors for

relative standard errors for monthly per capita expenditure at both national and State levels. While embracing modernity, the survey also retained certain traditional practices. The age-old method of imputing the value of home-grown or produced stock, gifts, loans, and exchanges persisted. Additionally, the NSSO took a pioneering step by took a pioneering step by imputing the value of items received free of cost through various social welfare programmes for the first time.

Insights into changes, trends The fact sheet provides intriguing and precise insights into India's and precise insignts into india's economic landscape. The average MPCE stands at ₹3,773 in rural India and ₹6,459 in urban India. Notably, when considering imputed values of free items, imputed values of free items, these figures increase to ₹3,860 and ₹6,521, respectively. The fact sheet covers various aspects, including the consumption share of item groups, average MPCE by household type, and figures at both the all-India level and across States and Union Territories

States and Union Territories. It provides trends as well. Analysing the trend from 1999-2000 to 2022-23 reveals a significant transformation in MPCE composition in rural and urban areas. There is a noticeable decline in the percentage share of expenditure on food items (especially cereals), accompanied by an increase in the share of by an increase in the share of spending on fresh fruits and processed foods. There is a surge in non-food expenditures' share, particularly on durable goods, indicating an improved standard of living and a growing preference for lifestyle enhancements. HCES, through the collective endeavor of the Indian Statistical Service officers, the Subordinate

Service officers, the Subordinate Statistical Service officers and the entire staff, stands as a beacon of reliability, a valuable tool for shaping the trajectory of New India's economic policies

The question of Rajya Sabha seats

The Congress has to tread cautiously with the IUML

Biju Govind

he rival political coalitions in Kerala – the Left Democratic Front Left Domocratic Front (UDF) – have nearly hammered out the differences within their alliances to reach a consensus on seat allocation for the 20 Lok Sabha seats in the State.

Known for its adept han-dling of allies, the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which leads the LDF, has seen grealeads the LDF, has seen grea-ter success in seat distribution compared to the Congress, which leads the UDF and which has encountered chal-lenges due to its dominant partner, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), de-manding an additional seat to contest the elections. Report-edly, both the main parties en-gaged in negotiations with their constituents and offered them a Rajus Sabha seat in the near future. Kerala elects nine members to the Rajya Sabha members to the Rajya Sabha

members to the Rajya Sabha for a six-year term.

The Rajya Sabha terms of CPI(M) member Elamaran Karem, CPI State secretary Binoy Viswom, and Kerala Congress (Mani) chairman Jose K. Mani will end on July 1. These three vacancies are likely to be a bone of contention within these coalitions soon after the Lok Sabha polls and could potentially trigger a realignment of forces in the complex political landscape of Kerala.

Currently, all these seats are held by the LDF. But the LDF will lose a seat to the UDF based on the strength of legislators from both fronts in the

lators from both fronts in the Assembly. The CPI(M), which has three more members in the Rajya Sabha, i.e., in addition to Mr. Kareem, will have



to persuade the CPI, which is contesting four Lok Sabha seats, to offer the second win-nable Rajya Sabha seat to the

With the KC(M) announcing its candidate, Thomas Chazhi-kadan, for the lone allocated has cannotate; Indicated seat in Kottayam, Mr. Mani at present holds no official position in the LDF. The KCMO enjoys support in Central Travancore, while the CPI has built a presence in all the districts over the years, though its influence is waning now. After the KC(M) switched loyal ties from the UDF to the LDF, the Left parties supported Mr. Mani for the continuation of his tenure in the Rajya Sabha.

Dilemma of the Congress Meanwhile, the Congress party is coping with the dilemma of accommodating the IUML's demand for a Rajva Sabha seat without having one of its own members elected to the Upper House. Incidentally, the Congress had to forgo the Rajva Sabha seat that it could have easily won in 2018, as the party handed it over to the KC(M) to facilitate its return to the UDF. In 2016, the KC(M) walked out of the UDF, ending a three decade-long association, saying the Congress had not supported K.M. Mani in the alleged har bribery scam. Dilemma of the Congress

the alleged bar bribery scam. At that time, the Congress Central leaders criticised its Kerala leaders for offering the Raiva Sabha seat to its junior partner. Six years later, the prospect of the Rajya Sabha poll is again looming over the Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Sabha elections.

The IUML's demand for a third Lok Sabha seat or another Rajya Sabha seat resonates with the rank and file. The party seeks better representation for Muslims in elected bodies, commensurate with the community's population. community's population share (28%) in Kerala. The UDF already has two Rajya Sabha members – P.V. Abdul Wahab of the IUML and Jebi Mather Hisham of the Con-gress; both belong to the Mus-

lim community.
Post-delimitation, Post-delimitation, when Malappuram district gained four seats and Kannur, Kozhikode, and Palakkad districts in Malabar each gained one seat, the IUML expanded its base. This contrasts with the southern districts, with Alappuzha and Pathanamthita losing two seats each and Kollam and Rottayam losing one each. Interestingly, the LDF secured 39% of the Muslim votes in the 2021 Assembly polls, according to the Lokntit-CSD post-poll survey.

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Electoral-wise, the Con-gress needs the IUML, but IUML does not need the Con-gress, to win Lok Sabha seats in Malabar. The Congress high command is expected to make the final decision on the IUML's demand for the Rajya Sabha seat. However, if it hands over the Rajya Sabha seat to the IUML, it could spell seat to the IUML, it could spell seat to the IUML, it could spell seat to the Tube. Already facing accusations of appeasement, the Congress has to tread cau-tiously. It needs to balance electoral pragmatism and ide-logical integrity, while reological integrity, while re-maining mindful of the IUML's option of aligning with the CPI (M), which has been aggressively wooing the party for some time.

Airlines damaged luggage of one in every two flyers: survey

While the number of lost and damaged luggage has increased over time, customer handling has become better

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

n the last two years, every one in two flyers in India had ex-perienced damaged baggage at least once, as per a survey by LocalCircles. In the same period, ev-ery two in five flyers in India had earches. In the same period, early two in five flyers in India had their baggage delayed or lost by an airline at least once. Moreover, one in four flyers whose baggage was lost/delayed/damaged by an airline said that when they reached out to complain, customer service and the responsiveness of the airline was poor or pathetic.

The survey, conducted through the LocalCircles platform in 2024, garnered responses from more than 41,000 airline passengers across 303 districts in India. Of them, 67% were male and 33% female. The geographical distribu-

male. The geographical distribu-tion of the participants included 41% from tier-1 areas, 30% from tier-2 areas, and 29% from tier-3, tier-4, and rural areas. To take par in the survey, participants were re quired to be verified citizens regis

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Recently, after incessant com-plaints from passengers, the Bur-reau of Civil Aviation Security, which oversees regulations, issued instructions to seven leading In-dian airlines to increase their staff. This directive aimed at optimising and improving the process of bag-gage handling at attorports before the deadline of February 26. It warned that failure to comply may lead to more regulatory measures.

lead to more regulatory measures. Chart 1 shows the times in the last two years (2022-2024) when travellers experienced delayed or travellers experienced delayed or lost bagage. Among respondents, 18% said that they had experienced this more than once, while 24% said that they had experienced it once. Together, 42% had experienced it once. Together, 42% had experienced this at least once. Only 56% said that they had always got their bagage on time.

The same question was asked in a survey conducted by the plat-

form in 2022, for the years 2020 to 2022. **Chart 2** shows the compari-son. In 2022, only 11% had said that they had experienced lost/delayed baggage more than once, while on-ly 14% said that they had done so

once; 75% of them always got it on time. So, the share of passengers whose luggage was lost or delayed by airlines has sharply increased. However, it is to be noted that the 2022 survey was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic when air-lines were not in operation for a

Chart 3 shows the times in the Chart 3 shows the times in the last two years (2022/2024) when travellers experienced damaged baggage. Among respondents, 26% said that they had experienced damaged baggage more than once, while 24% said that they had done so once. Together, 50% had experienced this at least once. Only 48% said that their lug-zage had never been damaged. gage had never been damaged.

The same question was asked in a survey conducted by the plat-form in 2022. Chart 4 shows the armine yeconomic to the phase form in 2022. Chart 4 shows the comparison. In 2022, only 35% said that their baggage had never been damaged. So, the share of passengers whose luggage was damaged by airlines has sharply increased.

Chart 5 shows the share of flyers among those whose baggage was delayed, lost or damaged who rated the responsiveness of the airlines as excellent, good, average, poor and pathetic in 2024. Only 10% rated it excellent; 27% rated it good, 31% average, 12% poor, and a

good, 31% average, 12% poor, and a similar share said it was pathetic.

The same question was asked in a survey conducted in 2022. Chart 6 shows the comparison. In 2022, 50% had rated the customer ser-

50% had rated the customer service as poor or pathetic. So, customer service has improved significantly in the last two years.

So, while there is a rise in the share of travellers whose luggage was lost or damaged or delayed by the airlines, the response to the crisis has improved over the years.

Handle with care



Chart 1: The chart shows the times in the last two years (2022-2024) when travellers experienced delayed or lost baggage



Always got it on time

Once



Chart 5: The chart shows the share of travellers among those whose baggage was delayed, lost or damaged who rated the responsiveness of the airlines



Chart 2: The chart plots the same data

Chart 4: The chart plots the same data shown in chart 3 for 2022 & 2024 5% 5% 3 times | Twice

Chart 6: The chart plots the same data shown in chart 5 for 2022 & 2024 ● Poor | ● Pathetic

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 6, 1974

Wilson returns to power in

London, March 5: The Labour Party leader, Mr. Harold Wilson, returned to power as Britain's

Prime Minister last night.

Mr. Wilson, 58, accepted Queen Elizabeth's commission to form a new Government soon after Mr. Heath turned in his resignation at Buckingham Palace.

Buckingham Palace.
With 301 of the 635 seats in the House of
Commons, the new Labour Government will be
a minority administration, the first since 1929.
Mr. Wilson's moment came when the 14 MPs
of the Liberal Party - the party playing its biggest
role in British politics for half a century - opted
out of any action to keep Mr. Heath's
Conservatives in power.
The Liberal MPs expressed themselves
unanimously in favour of a national government
made up of members of all the three main
parties.

Mr. Heath's resignation came four days after the general election in which his Conservative Party lost its majority in Parliament and emerged five seats behind the Labour Party.

He publicly said last night that he would support the new Labour Government on every policy that he considered realistic and in the

national interest.

Mr. Wilson named a cabinet of familiar faces with one surprise - left-winger Michael Foot in the key job of Employment Secretary, empowered to try and settle the coal miners' strike.

otherwise key cabinet posts went to most of the same men who served in Mr. Wilson's last Labour Government defeated in 1970, although not always in the same posts.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 6, 1924

Jute boom in Scotland

London, March 4: Scottish jute cloth manufacturers have received orders beyond their brightest hopes. Contracts for many million yards of Hessian cloth have been booked, delivery being as far ahead as the end of this year. Prices have risen sharply. The explanation is that consumers are purchasing heavily in view of the great demand for floor cloth which will follow the Government's housing schemes. London, March 4: Scottish jute cloth

From Page One

HC acquits ex-professor in 'Maoist link' case

In March 2017, a sessions court in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, convicted Prof. Saibaba and five others accused of indulging in activities amounting to waging war against the country. They were also held guilty of possessing Naxal literature that they planned to circulate among underground Naxalites and the residents of Gadchiroli to provoke the people to resort to violence.

Advocate-General Birendra Saraf, on behalf of the State, requested the High Court to stay the on-

the State, requested the High Court to stay the op-eration of its judgment for six weeks to allow the government to approach the Supreme Court. Ho-wever, the Bench refused. "We have already acquitted the accused and directed their release forthwith if not required in any other case. We cannot stall the said order, which may affect the right to personal liberty," the court said. Noting that the prosecution had failed to "establish any that the prosecution had failed to "establish any legal seizure or any incriminating material against the accused", the court said, "the trial court judgment is not sustainable in the hands of law."

The Maharashtra government subsequently lifed an appeal in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, (With inputs from New Delhi Bureau and PTI)

SC dismisses PMLA case against Shivakumar

The Bench passed the order on the basis of special leave petitions filed by Mr. Shivakumar and two others, variously represented by senior advocates AM. Singhy, Siddharth Luthra, S. Nagamuthu and advocate Parmatma Singh, challenging the justical state of the Control of the Co

and advocate Parmatma Singh, challenging the jurisdiction of the Central agency.
They had appealed to the top court against a Karnataka HC judgment in 2019 upholding the summons issued by the ED.
However, the Supreme Court issued notice on October 15, 2019, and directed the ED not to take any coercive action against Mr. Shivakumar, Anjaeya Hanumanthaiah, and Sumil Kumar Sharma.
Mr. Shivakumar had argued that the ED had commenced "illegal proceedings" by registering an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) against him under Section 3 of the PMLA, 2002.
The senior lawyers said the ED strayed far from its turf by basing its ECIR entirely on an Income Tax department complaint alleging tax and penalty of department complaint alleging tax and penalty of fences. None of the offences were 'scheduled of fences' under the PMLA, the petitioners said.

Mr. Shivakumar had argued that with no sche-duled offence alleged, there were no proceeds of crime. Evidence of crime proceeds was necessary to invoke money laundering charges. The Su-preme Court referred to the *Pavana Dibbur* judg-ment, which had held that Section 120B would be deemed a scheduled offence under the PMLA on-ly if the conspiracy had been directed towards the commission of an offence specified in the Act.

Illicit funds stashed in Paytm bank accounts'

The FIU, as per a summary the order against PPBL, said the inception of its probe into the troubled payments bank stemmed from law enforcement agencies "identification" of this illegal activities. ity. As part of the FIU's mandate to ensure effective implementation of the Prevention of Mo-ney Laundering Act (PMLA), it regularly examines compliance levels of reporting entities like PPBL in the wake of any criminal conduct or fraud coming to light.
"In the course of such investigation, certain en-

"In the course of such investigation, certain en-tities were found to have cheated lakhs of Indians through the offering of fraudulent services includ-ing prohibited gambling activities, dating services, and streaming. The proceeds of these fraudulent activities were subsequently remitted abroad, the FIU noted. The agency added that it also came to light that several of the involved entities had used payment intermediaries to implement their fraudulent designs within India.

Based on the bank's responses to its show-cause notices, the FIU concluded that it had violat-ed the law by failing to exercise ongoing the dili-gence with reference to the accounts of 34 benef-iciaries and failed to file suspicious transaction reports in respect of those accounts.

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Kerala man dies in missile attack in Israel

The two Indians who were injured in the attack hail from Idukki in Kerala, but their injuries are not as serious as earlier feared, the officials said. "Our prayers and thoughts naturally go to the families of the bereaved and those of the injured. We will be there to support the families and offer assistance," the Israeli Embassy in India said. The incident once again highlights the fragile security situation in Israel after its raids against Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. This has drawn in external actors such as Hezbollah.

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"In view of the prevailing security situation and local safety advisories, all Indian nationals in Israel, especially those working in or visiting border areas in the north and south, are advised to relocate to safe areas within Israel, an advisory from the Indian Embassy in Israel said. The Indian mission also gave a helpline number +972-35226748 for those seeking emergency assistance.

(With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram bureau)

Seven more Indians forced to fight in Russia seek govt. help

In video message, the men say this could be their last video and allege they were forced by police to join Russian Army or face imprisonment; they claim to have gone to Russia on tourist visas

group of seven more Indians stuck on the Russia-Uk-raine border released two videos this week seeking the government's help to return to India. The seven Indians have

been identified as Gagan-deep Singh (24), Lovepreet deep Singh (24), Lovepreet Singh (24), Narain Singh (22), Gurpreet Singh (21), Gurpreet Singh (23), Harsh Kumar (20) and Abhishek Kumar (21). While five workers are said to be from Punjab, the other two are from Harvana.

Punjab, the other two are from Haryana.

One of the men said that they arrived in Russia on tourist visas and were forced to join the Russian Army as "helpers" after police detained them for not possessing a "slin".

The men alleged that they were forced by the police to join the Russian Army or risk facing 10 years imprisonment. "We were told that we

"We were told that we only have to work as hel-pers. But they enlisted us for training in arms and ammunition and are pre-paring to send us to Uk-raine. They kept us hungry



The Indians stuck on the Russia h

and snatched our phones," one of the men, who is speaking Punjabi, said in a video on March 3.

He added that their fer went pleas for help with the Russians have not yielded any result. "The Russian Army tells us that we can leave only after a year Army tells us that we can leave only after a year. They are asking us to help them win the war. We don't know how to help them. If we don't, we may not survive," the man in his early 20s said in the video. The same group released another video on March 4.

One of the workers says in Hindi: "We had made you aware about our plight earlier also. There are ma-ny Indians stuck in either Ukraine or Russia. We re-quest the Indian Embassy and the Indian Governand the Indian Embasy and the Indian govern-ment to help us. This could be our last video, they are sending us to the war zone in Ukraine."

The Hindu reported first on February 20 that at least three Indians who were hired as security hel-pers by Russia were forced to fight alongside the coun-

try's forces on the Russia-Ukraine border. *The Hindu* subsequently reported that there are around 100 In-dians who are said to have been hired by the Russian Army in the past one year

Army in the past one year. Russia and Ukraine have been at war since February 24. 2022. While a few In dians volunteered to join the International Legion created to fight Russian forces in Ukraine in 2022, the presence of Indians on the Russian side in combat role has been reported for the first time.

HC asks Bengal police to hand over ED attack case to CBI

Shiv Sahay Singh

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed the West Bengal Police to hand over the probe into an attack on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials in Sandeshk-hali to the Central Bure of Investigation (CBU: The of Investigation (CBI). The officials were attacked on January 5. A Division Bench of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hi-ranmay Bhattacharyya also directed the police to hand over the custody of suspended Trinamool Con-gress leader Sheikh Shahjahan to the CBI by 4.30 p.m

han to the CBI by 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday.
The police, however, did not hand over Mr. Shahjahan to the CBI. A team of CBI officials also visited Bhawani Bhavan, the headquarters of the West Bengal Police where the accused has been lodged, but they had to return they had to return empty-handed.

empty-handed.

In an oral mention be-fore Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, the State government request-ed for an early hearing of its appeal against the High Court order to hand over the case to the CBI.

Mr. Shahjahan was ar-

rested by the police on Fe-bruary 29 after villagers,



held protests for days The court also set aside the order of a single-judge Bench of the High Court for setting up an SIT to probe the attack on ED officials. "The order passed by the learned Single Bench

the learned Single Bench constituting the Special Investigating Team is set aside, and the writ petition flied by the Enforcement Directorate is allowed, and cases in FIR No. 8 and 9 of 2024 on the file of the Nazat Police Station and FIR 18 on the file of the Bongaon Police Station shall be transferred to CBI," the court said.

The court said Mr. Shah-

The court said Mr. Shah jahan is not an ordinary ci-tizen, and it has become necessary for doing complete justice and enforcing the fundamental rights of the public that the cases be transferred to the CBI.

The ED, meanwhile, provisionally attached assets worth ₹12.78 crore under the PMLA of Mr. Shah jahan and others.

Simultaneous polls: panel's report likely next week

Press Trust of India

The Law Commission may submit its report on simultaneous elections to the government next week in which it could recommend adding a new chapter to the Constitution on "one nation, one election" and holding the democratic exercise for Lok Sabha, State Assemblies and local bodies across the country by mid-2029. According to sources, the panel would recommend an amendment to the Constitution. The panel would also re-

The panel would also recommend synchronising the terms of Legislative As-semblies in "three phases" in the next five years, they said.

Maharashtra drags Saibaba to top court again

Krishnadas Rajagopal NEW DELHI

The Maharashtra govern-ment has dragged wheel-chair-bound former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba to the Supreme Court for the second time

Court for the second time in as many years.

The State's appeal against Tuesday's acquittal of Professor Saibaba, in jail since 2014 for offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act linking him with Maois groups, is a sequel of sorts a train of events, which began in October 2022.

Discharged in 2022

On October 14, 2022, the Bombay High Court discharged Mr. Saibaba in the case for lack of valid sanction under Section 45(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, or the UAPA. The State had not lost time. It rushed to the top court the same evening, a Friday.

In an uncharacteristic move, that too concerning a State's appeal against an order of discharge, the Su-preme Court acquiesced to constitute a Special Bench of Justices M.R. Shah (now of Justices M.Ř. Shah (now retired) and Bela M. Trive-di the very next day, a Sa-turday. The Bench went on to suspend the discharge order of the Bombay High Court Bench of Justices Ro-hit Deo and Anil Pansare. The Saturday Bench of the top court, in its Octob-er 15, 2022, order said the "offences are very serious

offences are very serious against the sovereignty and integrity of the coun-try". It surmised that the Division Bench of the High Court had "not at all dealt with and considered anything on the merits of the judgment" passed by the Sessions Court that



ntenced Professor Saiba sentenced Professor Saiba-ba to life imprisonment in 2017. The decision of the Supreme Court, which came within 24 hours of the High Court's discharge of the case against the 57-year-old paraplegic, had attracted criticism.

SC order Months later, on April 19 last year, the Bench set aside the discharge order of the High Court. The Bench had reasoned that an appellate court (High Court) could not delve into the question of a valid sanction once an accused (Saibaba) was convicted by the Sessions Court.

back to the Bombay High Court for a fresh round of hearing. It also requested the Bombay Chief Justice to allocate the case to a different Bench of the High Court for the sake of

Court for the sake of propriety.
However, almost a year later on Tuesday, the judicial gavel again struck in favour of Mr. Saibaba.
A Division Bench of Justices Vinay Joshi and Valmiki S.A. Menezes, to which the case was allocated, agreed with the earlier High Court Bench on the invalidity of the sanction. They concluded that the

against the accused persons," the HC Bench at Nagpur held.
During the October 2022 hearing, the State of

It had referred the case

They concluded that the sanction was both null and

"The prosecution has failed to prove beyond rea-sonable doubt the case

Maharashtra had termed Mr. Saibaba the "brain" be-Mr. Saibaba the 'brain' behind the alleged Maoist activities and his fellow accused were mere "foot soldiers". The Supreme Court Bench had responded orally that "as far as terrorist activities are concerned, the brain plays a very important role... A brain for such activities is very dangerous". Prof. Saibaba's lawyer, senior advocate R. Basant, had stressed that Prof. Saibaba was 90% physically diswas 90% physically dis-abled and had led a respec-table life as a professor in the Delhi University. A further request to transfer Mr. Saibaba into house ar humanitarian grounds was also shot down by the court.

PM wants youth to be glued to phone, starve to death: Rahul

Mehul Malpani

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday offered Gandhi on Tuesday oftered prayers at Ujjain's Mahaka-leshwar Temple as his Bha-rat Jodo Nyay Yatra reached Madhya Pradesh's pilgrim city. Mr. Gandhi was accompanied by form-

was accompanied by former Chief Minister Kamal Nath among other party leaders.

As the former Congress president was entering the temple, a crowd present there started raising "Mo-di, Modi" slogans.

Earlier in the day, a similar incident was witnessed.

lar incident was witnessed in Shajapur when a group of BJP workers raised slogans in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and even chanted "Jai Shri Ram" in front of the Con-gress leader. Mr. Gandhi, however,

briefly stopped his vehicle, approached the BJP work-ers and shook hands with

them.

Later in Ujjain, he said
he shook their hands as it



is easy to do away with hatred.

"Today, I met some BJP men. They were shouting and carrying their party flags. But when I got down the car and asked them how they were doing, they stopped shouting and stopped snouting and started smiling. And then when I was leaving, they were giving me flying kiss," he said. "So, it's not that difficult [dealing with such situations]," he said.



In Shajapur, Mr. Gandhi hit out at the Prime Minister

stating that Mr. Modi only wants the youth of the country to be "glued to their phones, chant Jai Shri

Ram and starve to death".

He also said that the banks were not giving loans to the youth to start businesses whereas the go-Nath said. vernment was waiving loans of thousands of

crores of big industrialists. State Chief Minister Mohan Yaday took a swipe at Mr. Gandhi's yatra saying that the party, which did anyay (injustice) throughout its tenure is taking out a nyay yatra.

Congress will win at least 12 seats in M.P.,

says Kamal The Hindu Bureau

The Congress will win at least 12 to 13 seats (of the total 29) in Madhya Pra-desh in the forthcoming

desh in the forthcoming Lok Sabha election, former Chief Minister and party veteran Kamal Nath said in Ujjain on Tuesday.

Mr. Nath was in the city to attend Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

"Look, I believe the Congress should win at least 12 to 13 seats. The BJP is an expert in creating a fake atmosphere [of claiming to win all 29 seats]," Mr. Nath said.

He also refuted the ru-He also refuted the ru-mours that were rife last month about him joining the BJP. "Did you ever hear anything from my mouth? You guys (the media) only ran news, and everybody started asking me ques-tions. I had already said that the journalists should refute them first," he said.

NC top brass meets to deliberate over LS polls

Peerzada Ashiq

The National Conference (NC), which held several rounds of talks with its ally rounds of talks with its ally Congress recently over seat sharing recently, on Tuesday held a meeting of its top leadership in Srina-gar to discuss the upcom-ing Lok Sabha election in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

An NC spokesman said party president Farooq Ab-dullah, along with vice-president Omar Abdul-lah, chaired the meeting of

the party parliamentary board and deliberated on the forthcoming polls. Sources said the NC also

discussed the proposals put forth by the Congress on seat sharing. Several rounds of talks held betrounds of talks held between the NC and Congress remain inconclusive. Both parties are part of the IN-DIA bloc. J&K has five Lok Sabha seats. The NC has been insisting that it will have a pre-poll alliance only in those seats where the BJP won during the 2019 elections, which is Udhampur and Jammu.



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BJP calls out **INDIA bloc** parties over remarks by DMK leader

The Hindu Bureau

The BJP on Tuesday came down heavily on the India National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) parties over alleged re-marks by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP A. Raja that "India was not a nation". The BJP termed the remarks "Maoist

ideology". Former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, at a press conference at the BJP's national headquarters in New Delhi, demand-ed to know whether the other constituents of the INDIA bloc agreed with Mr. Raja's remarks on India's

ethos. Mr. Raja reportedly re-ferred to the chants of "Jai Shri Ram" raised by sup-porters of the Bilkis Bano porters of the Bilkis Bano case convicts when they were released from prison and said, "If that is your 'Jai Shri Ram', if this is your 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', we will never accept that we will never accept that 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata'. Tamils don't accept it. You go and tell [that] we enemies of Ram." "This is Maoist ideolo-

"This is Maoist ideolo-gy," Mr. Prasad said. Quot-ing Mr. Raja's remarks on Lord Ram, he said, "We (the BJP) vehemently con-demn such remarks." "Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka [Gandhi Vadra], Mallikarjun Kharge, do you consider it (Rala's remarks) right?" he

(Raja's remarks) right?" he asked. He said it was "evi dent that insulting India's ethos publicly, humiliating Hindu gods, and questioning the very idea of India has become the hallmark

of the political agenda of the INDIA gatbandhan". "Please do not insult "Please do not msult Hindu sentiment in such a way. We respect all faiths. This is the Indian sanskar (tradition) from Rig Veda which says that 'truth is one, paths may be diffe-rent'," Mr. Prasad said.

Govt. is using SBI to hide dubious deals: Kharge

Congress chief says bank is trying to delay disclosure of poll bond donors till LS polls; party asks if bank and ruling party are defying SC order; CPI calls it attempt to save BJP from embarrassment

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

day after the State Bank of India (SBI) sought time from the Supreme Court until June 30 to submit details of the electoral bond scheme, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the Narendra Modi-led government of using the SBI as a "shield to hide the SBI as a "shield to hide its dubious dealings". The party also asked whether the SBI and the ruling par-ty were together defying the order of the Supreme

the order of the Supreme Court.

In a post on X, Mr. Kharge claimed that experts were of the view that nearly 45,000 automated data entries of donors could be matched within 24 hours. "Why does the SBI then need 4 more months, to collate this inmonths, to collate this in-formation?" he said.

"Modi govt. is using the largest bank of our country as a shield to hide its dubious dealings through Electoral Bonds," he said.

The Congress chief ad-ded: "No less than the Supreme Court of India had



struck down Modi govt's struck down Modi govt's Black Money Conversion' scheme of Electoral Bonds, holding it 'Unconstitution-al', 'Violative of RTI' and 'Illegal' and asking SBI to furnish donor details by March 6."

'BJP is the beneficiary' Mr. Kharge alleged that the extension was being sought to ensure that the names of the donors were not exposed before the Lok Sabha elections. "The BJP is the main beneficiary of this fraudulent scheme. Isn't the Modi govt. conve-niently hiding the BJP's shady dealings where con-tracts of highways, ports, airports, power plants

were handed over to Modiji's cronies in lieu of these opaque electoral bonds?" he asked.

he asked.
"... The Electoral Bonds
scheme was opaque, undemocratic and destroyed level playing field. But the
Modi govt, PMO and FM
bulldozed every institution
– RBI, Election Commission Parliament and Onsion, Parliament and Op-position to fill BJP's coffers. Now a desperate govt. is trying to use SBI to bull-doze the Supreme Court's judgement!" he said.

Black money sources Addressing a press conference at the party head-quarters, Supriya Shrinate, who heads the social media department, questioned why a bank that op-erated 48 crore accounts, 66,000 ATMs, and 23,000 branches, needed five months to provide infor-mation about electoral

'This should have been available at the click of a button," she said. "The question arises whether the country's largest go vernment bank has now

vernment bank has now become a means of hiding the financial irregularities of the BJP and the means to conceal source of black money," she added.
"The question arises whether a political party and a government bank are together defying the decision of the Supreme Court of the country," Ms. Shrinate asked.
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Raja said the SBI was trying
to save "the BJP from an
embarrassment". "The embarrassment". "The claim that it will require more than four months to furnish the details of merely 22,217 EBs makes a joke out Modi's claims of Digital India. BJP's extortions and crony capitalist nexus must be exposed," he said.

'Nitish seeking simultaneous Assembly, LS polls in Bihar'

The seat-sharing calculus of both the ruling alliance and the Opposition camp in Bihar is stuck due to different variables. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, still smarting from being pushed to the third rung in the Bihar Assembly after the 2020 Assembly election, is now insembly election, is now in-sisting on holding the Assembly election simultaneously with the Lok Sabha election, said sources

On the Opposition end, where the exit of Mr. Ku-

On the Upposition end, where the exit of Mr. Ku-mar's Janata Dal (U) has made the equation more or less straightforward, the negotiations are proceeding slowly, with several events delaying the process.

The JD(U), which currently holds 16 of the State's 40 Lok Sabha seats, has demanded 17 seats, which it had fought in the 2019 polls. The party had made the same demand when it was in the mahagatbandhan with the RID. But with a greater number But with a greater number of claimants to the seat pie in the ruling NDA, including Upendra Kushwaha's Hindustan Awam Morcha (HAM), Jiten Ram Manjhi's Rashtriya Lok Janata Dal (RLJD), and two factions of



the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) - one led by Chirag Paswan and the other by his uncle Pashupati Paras, tne equation complicated.

Sources said that talks have been further delayed with the elections for the Bihar Legislative Council, for which Mr. Kumar filed for which Mr. Kumar filed his nomination on Tuesday for a fourth consecutive term. The voting will take place on March 21, if a vote is forced by either side. "For us, the Lok Sabha seat division is not important. In fact, a large section of In fact, a large section of the party believes that As-sembly elections should be called simultaneously so that we can correct our strength in the Assembly, which was distorted the last time around because of the LJP contesting against us," a senior JD(U) leader said.

In the Opposition camp

where there are fewer claimants - the starting formula is that the RJD, being the senior colleague will keep 30 of the State's 40 seats, and distribute the

40 seats, and distribute the remaining 10 between the Left parties and the Congress.

As per sources, Mukesh Sahani of the Vikasheel Insaan Party has also approached the Opposition coalition.

In a bild to take the battle to the yoters, the Opposi-

to the voters, the Opposi-tion is planning to organise citizen conventions against the defections that took place during the confiplace during the confi-dence vote in the Bihar As-sembly on March 9 and 10. Meetings are being planned at the Sasaram Lok Sabha constituency, where three Opposition le-gislators switched sides, and the Patliputra consti-tuency where one Opposi-tion MLA defected.

Congress condemns remarks by DMK MP

Press Trust of India

The Congress on Tuesday condemned the reported controversial remarks of DMK MP A. Raja and as-serted that one should ex-

From this platform, I condemn such a statement. I believe Ram belongs to everyone and is all encom-

"I believe that Ram, who was called Imam-e-Hind, is above communities, reliserted that one should ex-ercise restraint while speaking.

Supriya Shrinate, a Con-gress spokesperson, when asked about Mr. Raja's re-marks, said, "I 100% dis-agree with his remarks. above communities, reli-gions and castes. Ram is an ideal of living life. Ram is dignity, Ram is ethics, Ram is love. I completely con-demn this statement, it could be his statement, I do not support it."

The Hindu Bureau

A foolproof system to prevent leak of question pap-ers of professional recruitment exams, providing an allowance to unemployed youth, offering cooking gas cylinders for ₹450, cash assistance to women, and a sistance to women, and a low interest rate on educa-tion loans are some of the proposals that the Con-gress party may promise in its manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Former party chief Ra-

Abbreviation: UR-Ur

hul Gandhi on Tuesday said there would be a foolproof system to prevent paper leaks that endanger the future of the youth. "In the past seven years alone more than 70 paper leak cases have broken the dreams of more than 2 crore students. This is not crore students. This is not only wasting their precious years to build their future but also putting a financial strain and mental burden on their families," he said in a post on Y

in a post on X.

He said there was a need to ensure accountability at

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There is a need to ensure accountability at every level by ending the criminal nexus, says Rahul

Congress manifesto to focus on livelihood issues

every level by ending the criminal nexus of a callous government, corrupt offi-cials, and mafia involved in

cials, and mafia involved in cheating and private print-ing presses. "Congress is preparing a foolproof plan to make the recruitment process of youth transparent. We will

dents be played with!" he

Draft complete For the second day on Tuesday, the manifesto committee met to finalise the draft manifesto with a clear focus on employment and livelihood issues. While the party has alrea-dy said it would fill up While the party has alrea-dy said it would fill up nearly 10 lakh existing go-vernment jobs that are ly-ing vacant, it also wants to lay emphasis on vocational training and apprenticemore in sync with the de-mands of the global job

The party will also reit erate its commitment to scrap the Agnipath scheme and revert to the old system of recruitment for the armed forces, "We have completed the draft manif completed the draft manti-esto and it will now go to the Congress Working Committee. The CWC will finalise it," P. Chidamba-ram, chairman of the ma-nifesto committee, told presspersons.

Calcutta HC judge Gangopadhyay resigns, says he will join BJP

The Hindu Bureau

Hours after he resigned as a judge of the Calcutta High Court, Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay on Tuesday said he was joining the Bharatiya Janata Parry (BJP).

"I am joining the BJP. I will be joining soon. Maybe on March 7 in the afternoon," he said at a press conference.

Speaking to presspersons at his resid.

Speaking to presspersons at his resi-dence, he said he had been in touch with

the BJP. "I approached the BJP and the BJP approached me," he said. The former judge, who had presided over crucial cases such as the West Bengal school job recruitment scam, had earlier sent his resignation to President Droupadi Murmu with copies to Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and

Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court T.S. Sivagnamam.
Mr. Gangopadhyay said it was for the BJP leadership to decide his candidature for the Lok Sabha elections. He criticised the Trinamool Congress leadership and accused it of corruption. "Trinamool is not a political party. It is a jatra [rural theatre] party," he said.
Asked about the reasons for not joining the CPI(M), he said "he was a proud Hindu" and not an atheist.

ing the CPI(M), he said "he was a proud Hindu" and not an atheist. Quoting the former judge's remarks that he approached the BJP, Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said, "You have to read between the lines. He confessed that he was in touch with the BIP when he delivered his jud-

with the BJP when he delivered his jud-gements on various cases. I will leave the rest to the people."

Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Ba-nerjee dared Mr. Gangopadhyay to con-test from any seat in the State. "No mat-ter from which seat he contests, we will



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U.P. Police Recruitment Board chief made scapegoat: activists

Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment Board Chairperson Renuka Mishra has been made a scapegoat to hide the morass of the recent constable examination paper leak episode, activists said on Tuesday. "The decision to remove the Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment and Promotion Board was Police Recruitment and Promotion Board was taken amid rising public pressure. The official in question has been made a scapegoat to save higher-ups in the State administration. This is just an eyewash to hide the systemic corruption and organised syndicate responsible for paper leaks in Uttar Pradesh," Amitabh Thakur, an anti-corruption activist, alleged

INS urges govt. to scrap 5% Customs duty on newsprint

The Indian Newspaper Society has urged the government to scrap the 5% Customs duty on newsprint to allow publishers to manage their operational costs more effectively. In a statement, the INS said a combination of factors affecting the price and availability of newsprint have created a formidable burden for publishers in the country. "This measure, if withdrawn, would provide much-needed relief to the print would provide much-needed relief to the print media industry, allowing publishers to manage their operational costs more effectively and ensure the continued dissemination of credible news and information to the public," INS president Rakesh Sharma said. pn

6 disqualified Himachal MLAs move Supreme Court for relief

Six Congress MLAs who were disqualified after they cross-voted in the recent Rajya Sabha polls in Himachal Pradesh moved the Supreme Court on Tuesday against their disqualification. The former MLAs have filed a plea against the February 29 decision of the State Legislative Assembly Speaker, Kuldeep Singh Pathania. These Congress rebels, who had voted in favour of BJP nominee Harsh Mahajan in the Rajya Sabha polls on February 27, later abstained from voting on the Budget, defying a party whip. Senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi lost the Rajya Sabha elections owing to cross-voting by

Tejashwi Yadav calls for issue-based debate with PM

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav on Tuesday hit back at the BJP's 'Modi *Ka Parivar*' (Modi's family) campaign, which came about as a response to his father Lalu Prasad's recent response to his father Lalu Prasad's recent remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi having "no family". "Eighty per cent people are suffering from powerty, 100 crore people are unemployed, 120 crore people are helpless due to inflation, all the families are unhappy, yet he (Mr. Modi) calls them his family," Mr. Yadav told mediapersons in Patna. "There should be issue based debate... He cannot run away from his responsibilities," the leader added.

Indian troops out, Maldives inks defence pact with China

The agreement says Beijing will provide free military assistance to Maldives to foster ties between the two nations; Muizzu says no Indian troops to remain on island, 'in uniform or in civil clothes'

ays after a techni-cal team from In-dia arrived in the Maldives to replace troops that President Mohamed Muizzu wanted removed, the Maldivian Defence Ministry announced signing a military pact with China Maldives's Minister of

Defence Mohamed Ghassam Maumoon and Major General Zhang Baoqun, Deputy Director at China's Office for International Mil-itary Cooperation, on Mon-day signed an agreement on "China's provision of military assistance gratis to the Republic of Maldives, fostering stronger bilateral ties", the Maldivian De-fence Ministry said. The two sides also held bilateral talks on military cooper-ation. san Maumoon and Major

ation.

The Ministry's post on social media platform X did not mention details of what the agreement entails. Further, China donated 12 green ambulances to the Maldives's Health Mi-nistry on Monday. The de-velopment is in line with velopment is in line with the two countries agreeing to "elevate" China-Mal-dives relations to a "com-prehensive strategic coop-erative partnership", during Mr. Muizzu's five-day state visit to China in



Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon and Zhang Baogun at China's Office for International Military Coop

Maldivian Foreign Mi-nister Moosa Zameer post-ed on X, "Delighted to host the China EXIM Bank dele-gation, and the Chinese military delegation for lunch today. We had fruit-ful discussions on bolster-ing our economic and se-curity partnerships curity partnerships between the two coun-tries. Looking forward to continued collaboration."

It also coincides with New Delhi's apparent com-promise with Male, agreeing to withdraw its troops stationed in the island nation, instead replacing them with a technical team them with a technical team to help operate India-gifted aircraft. The decision was made amid Mr. Muizzu's persistent calls for the re-moval of Indian troops, a campaign promise-turned-official pledge made by the leader Following bilateral discussions between a high-level core group, the two sides in early February reached a consensus on In-dian troops leaving the In-dian tocean archipelago by May 10, in phases. Addressing a public event on Monday, Mr. Muizzu reassured his sup-porters that Indian troops

porters that Indian troops will no longer be stationed in the Maldives after the date, "either in uniform or in civil clothes". He appeared to be responding to critics claiming that Indian soldiers had returned to the island nation in civil

Bitter back and forth Meanwhile, External Af-fairs Minister S. Jaishan-kar's recent comments at an event in New Delhi, where he said that "big

bullies don't provide USD 4.5 billion in aid when the neighbours are in trouble", referring to Indian assistance to Sri Lanka during its crisis in 2022, have drawn wide attention in the Maldives.

Interpreting it as a

Interpreting it as a "swipe at" Mr. Muizzu, sev-eral Maldivian media outlets reported the remarks, linking them to Mr. Muizzu's media comments soor after his return from China in January.
"Maldives may be small,

"Maldives may be small, but that doesn't give others the licence to bully the country," Mr. Muizzu had said. During his China visit, the Maldivian leader also urged Chinese travellers to reclaim their top spot in tourist arrivals to the island nation. India was the largest source market last year, but has since mowed to the sixth spot, following the "boycott Maldives" campaign that went viral on Indian social media earon Indian social media ear-

lier this year. According to the Maldi According to the Maldivian Tourism Ministry's lat-est figures, China accounts for 12.8 % of the total num-ber of visitors – 4,31,002 as of March 3 – recorded in 2024, while India accounts for 6.4 %. Earlier this year, Beijing said, "The relations between China and the Maldives now stand at a new historical starting point."

Bengal officials have been warned to curb poll violence: CEC

The Hindu Bureau

Chief Election Commis Chief Election Commis-sioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Tuesday that the Election Commission has issued strict instructions to the West Bengal bureaucracy to contain violence and ensure a level-playing field during the Lok Sabha

elections.

Mr. Kumar said adequate personnel of the the Central Armed Police Force es (CAPF) would be de-ployed in the State. The ployed in the State. The
CAPF personnel would be
jointly deployed by the nodal officer of the State poliice, the Chief Electoral Officer, and the Central
Observer for the State. Information on deployment
of forces would be provided to all parties, he added.
Speaking to the media,
Mr. Kumar said the bureaucracy in the State had
been fully sensitised to
make sure that the elections were "free and fair".

tions were "free and fair". On previous failures to

curtail violence during polls, Mr. Kumar said, "In-cidents will not be that widespread this time. If vio-lence does happen to spread, then the district administration will take ac-

administration will take ac-tion. If they do not take ac-tion then we will make them take action."

Law enforcement agen-cies have been directed to monitor inter-State boun-daries and international borders to curb flow of in-



Rajiv Kumar

ducements, especially drugs, gold, and counterfeit Indian currency, he

"All enforcement agen cies will coordinate closely and not operate in silos and will ensure not only violence-free elections but also prevent any incident; he said.

The CEC said there were 7.58 crore worders — 3.85 crore men and 3.73 crore women — in the State. The number of first-time voters stood at 15.25 lakh.

The electoral gender ra-tio in the State stood at ta cies will coordinate closely

tio in the State stood at an impressive 968 women voters for 1,000 men voters with 90 Assembly seats having a gender ratio of ov-er 1,000. The full bench of the Election Commission has been in Kolkata for two days and held meetings with political parties and officials of the State

officials of the State government.

Mr. Kumar said the com-mission had taken steps to prevent spread of fake news. It has launched an integrated mechanism sys-tem and a toll-free number to register complaints.

INDIA bloc leaders not able to digest success of govt.: PM

Satyasundar Barik

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday strongly criticised the Indian Na-tional Developmental, In-clusive Alliance (INDIA), asserting that its nepotistic leaders intensified their at-tacks on him due to their inability to counter his go-vernment's

vernment's accomplishments.

Addressing a public meeting in Odisha's Jajpur district, he said, "Corrupt leaders of INDI alliance do not like the developments not like the developments undertaken in the country. These dynasts do not have any answer to our commitments, achievements, policies, and dedication. INDI alliance has now stepped up its attack on Modi."

"We are implementing a

and daughter refers to themselves as part of Modi's family, the Prime Minister says

free-ration programme for the poorer section of socie-ty. This is the reason why we continue to get bless-ings of people. We have ex-tended the scheme by another five years. We are also executing Har Ghar Jal Yojana to make provision Yojana to make provision for tap water supply to every rural household. I am also working on making three crore lakhpati didis (women self-help group leaders)," he said.

"Now, corrupt INDI alliance leaders are saying Modi does not have any family and they want to oust

Modi. INDI alliance leaders Modi. INDI alliance leaders asy that it is an ideological fight against me. The ideology of INDI alliance leaders is family first while Modi's ideology is nation first. These leaders only live for their families while Modi toils hard for every family of the country," Mr. Modi said.

said.
"These leaders have used power to get rid of their own poverty. But during administration of Modi, 25 crore families have ele-vated themselves from povated themselves from po-verty. This is why I call me-ra bharat mera pariwar (my country, my family). These statements are dis-turbing family-centric lead-ers. Since yesterday, every farmer, son and daughter have been resonating this, calling them part of Modi's family," he said

Google reinstates Indian apps 'in spirit of cooperation' +

Google is reinstating do-zens of apps that were de-listed by the company on March 1 for resisting the firm's platform fees on in-app payments, the tech company said in a state-ment on Tuesday. "In the spirit of coopera-tion we are temporarily

"In the spirit of coopera-tion, we are temporarily reinstating the apps of the developers with appeals pending in the Supreme Court," a Google spokes-person said, referring to apps by developers like Bharat Matrimony and Ku-ku FM. ku FM.

ku FM.
"Google maintains its right to implement and en-force its business model, as established in various courts. We will invoice our full applicable services fees



The tech firm currently collects 11% to 30% per transaction in platform fees.

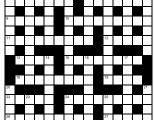
in the interim and are extending payment timelines for these companies. We for these companies. We look forward to a collaborative effort to find solutions that respect the needs of all parties."

The announcement remains a setback for the apps' developers, who had moved the court to avoid

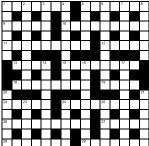
what they characterised as high fees that Google con-ditioned on their products being available on the com-pany's Android application store. The tech firm col-lects IW-30% per transac-tion in platform fees, which an emerging class of apps eager to charge for their services in India – such as in the dating, ma-trimonial or OTT streamtrimonial or OTT stream ing space – are trying to avoid.

"Google has been sup porting our technology de velopment journey and we believe that in the coming months, both start-up companies and Google will come to a long-term reso-lution," Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told ANI after meeting re-presentatives from both camps.

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FAITH

Gratitude to parents

The sacrifices that parents make for their children can never be wholly described. Aitareya Brahmana points out why such a description is difficult, said Velukkudi Krishnani na discourse.

Aitareya Brahmana first talks of what the earth, fire and water do for us. The earth gives us Food. Can we ever repay her for what she gives us? Fire is essential for cooking our food. Can we repay whe fire for this? We need water to bathe, to quench our thirst, etc. Can we repay water for its many uses? The answer to all the above questions is a 'no'. Now, place the benefits that these three elements give us, on one plate of a balance, and on the other, place all the things our parents do for us. The plate that holds what our parents do for us will tip downwards, showing the magnitude of what they do for us.

parents do for us with quowinwards, showing the inagin-tude of what they do for us.

The Vedas say that a man's lifespan is 100 years. Even if we take 100 births, and live for 100 years in each birth, we cannot repay our parents for their affection. The least we can do is to look after them when they are alive, and then can do is to look arter them when they are alive, and then do the prescribed rituals for them after they have depar-ed from this world. In fact, rituals such as tarpana, shraadha and mahalaya paksha are observed keeping in mind all our ancestors. This is the only way we can show our gratitude to our ancestors.

WASHINGTON

Meta suffers global outage of Facebook, Instagram and Threads



platforms on Tuesday with users of Facebook, Instagram and Threads locked out of their accounts. At about 12:00 U.S. east coast time (2230 IST), the sites seemed to be returning to normal, about two hours after the outage reports first emerged. AFF

Ukraine says it destroyed another Russian warship in the Black Sea



Ukraine said on Tuesday its forces had destroyed a Russian military patrol ship in the Black Sea near annexed Crimea, the latest naval attack on Moscow's fleet in the key waterway. Kyiv also said it was behind a drone strike on an oil depot in a Russian border region ine said it destroyed the Russian Patrol ship Sergei Kotov. AFF

Hamas committed rapes during its October 7 attacks in Israel: UN



There are "reasonable grounds to believe" rapes were committed during Hamas's October 7 attacks on Israel and that hostages subsequently taken to Gaza have also been raped, a UN report said. UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Pramila Patten, said she had "convincing information" on the matter. AFP

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Iran executed at least 834 people last year, the highest numbe since 2015, as capital punishment in the Islamic republic surged to "staggering" level. The number of executions was up some 43% on rway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) and Paris-based Together Against the Death Penalty (ECPM) said on Tuesday. AFF

China defence budget up by 7.2%, targets 5% GDP growth

Associated Press BEIJING

China on Tuesday an-nounced a 7.2% increase in

omined a 72% increase in its defence budget, which is already the world's second-highest behind the United States at 1.6 trillion yuan (\$222 billion), roughly mirroring last year's rise. The official budget figure announced on Tuesday at the opening of the legislature's annual meeting is considered only a fraction of spending by the People's Liberation Army, the military wing of the ruling Communist Party, once ing Communist Party, once spending on research and development and foreign weapons purchases are considered.

Premier Li Qiang, in his address to the assembly of nearly 3,000 participants, put China's GDP growth target at 5% this year, while acknowledging it would be difficult to achieve. China's economy is dealing with high youth unemployment and a cra-tering real estate market.

Philippine and Chinese vessels collide in disputed South China Sea

Four Filipino crew members were injured and Manila's vessel suffered minor structural damage in separate incidents; U.S., Australia and Japan condemn Beijing's actions which transpired ahead of an ASEAN summit taking place in Melbourne

Associated Press MANILA

hinese and Philippine coast guard vessels collided in the disputed South China Sea and four Filipino crew members were injured on Tuesday in high-seas confrontations as Southeast Asian leaders gathered for an ASEAN summit where alarm over Beijing's aggression at sea was expected to be raised.

The Chinese Coast

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The Chinese Coast
Guard ships and accompanying vessels blocked the
Philippine Coast Guard
and supply vessels off the
disputed Second Thomas Shoal and executed dange-rous manoeuvres that caused two minor collicaused two minor colli-sions between the Chinese ships and two of the Philip-pine vessels, Philippine of-ficials said.

The BRP Sindangan of the Philippine Coast Guard had minor structural dam-



Bone of contention: Chinese vessels deploy water cannons at a civilian boat operated by Philippine military in South China Sea. AFF

age from the collision that happened shortly after

Over an hour later. Over an hour later, another Chinese coast guard ship first blocked and then collided with a supply boat the Philippine coast guard was escorting, the Philippine officials said.

The supply boat, manned by Filipino Navy person-nel, was later hit by water

tion, and the continued building up of strategic al-

liances and partnerships with countries like Japan,

Australia, India, the Philip

How much would

cannon blasts from two Chinese coast guard ships. Its windshield shattered, injuring at least four Filipi no crew members, accord-ing to a statement from the Philippine government task force dealing with ter-

task force dealing with ter-ritorial disputes.

The task force said the actions by the Chinese was "another attempt to illegal-ly impede or obstruct a routine resupply and rota-tion mission."

tion mission."
"China's latest unpro-

voked acts of coercion and maneuvers' dangerous maneuvers" against Philippine ships en route to deliver supplies and fresh troops to the Philippine-occupied shoal "put the lives of our people at risk and caused actual injury to Filipinos," it said.

Envoy summoned
The Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila summoned China's Deputy
Ambassador to convey a
protest against the Chinese coast guard's actions, which it said were unacceptable. A small Philippine ma-

rine and Navy contingent has kept watch onboard a rusting warship, the BRP Sierra Madre, which has been marooned since the late 1990s in the shallows of the Second Thomas

Shoal.

China also claims the shoal lying off the western Philippines and has surrounded the atoll with

coast guard. Navy and othcoast guard, Navy and other ships to press its claims and prevent Filipino forces from delivering construction materials to fortify the Sierra Madre in a decades-

Sierra Madre in a decades-long standoff.

The shoal has been the site of several tense skir-mishes between Chinese and Philippine coast guard ships lact year.

ships last year. Washington strongly condemned the Chinese coast guard's actions and its Ambassador in Manila, MaryKay Carlson, said the U.S. stands with the Philippines and proponents of international law. Australia and Japan separately ex-pressed their concern over China's actions

China's actions.

The long-simmering ter-ritorial disputes in the South China Sea are ex-pected to be discussed at a summit of leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their Australian counterpart on Wednesday in Melbourne.

Blast shakes Taliban security base in Afghanistan with no casualties

A blast shook a Taliban military base near the airport in Faizabad, the capital of Afghanistan's northeastern Badakhshan province, but without causing casualties, officials said on Tuesday. A roadside IED exploded near the base but no one was killed or wounded. ****

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'Trump policy would not differ from the past on China, India'

 $\underline{\textbf{Former Trump administration official says there will be fierce U.S.-China competition, and the}\\$ continued building up of strategic alliances and partnerships with countries including India

INTERVIEW

Lisa Curtis

Suhasini Haidar

s the U.S. elections increasingly look like a Trump v/s Biden rematch from 2020. U.S. Foreign policy will diff-er on certain issues like er on certain issues like Russia and support to the UN depending on who wins, but there will be con-tinuity on issues like China and the Indo-Pacific, says former Trump administra-tion official Lisa Curtis. Speaking to The Hindu on the sidelines of a "Quad-Plus" conference in Mani-la, Ms. Curtis, who was ear-lier a Deputy Assistant to lier a Deputy Assistant to the U.S. President at the National Security Council (2017-21) and is now the Di-rector of the Indo-Pacific Security Program at the Center for a New American Security, said the presence of Indian-Americans in the fray is a "coming of age" for the Indian diaspora community in the US.

Do you think 2024 is going to see a 2020 election redux with a Biden versus Trump rematch?

I think that's the way it's looking, even though I think the American electo-



rate is not thrilled about these two choices. You these two choices. You hear people talk about President Biden's age, you hear people talk about January 6th (2021) when it comes to President Trump and all of the charges and indictments against him. This might mean a lower voter turnout this year. So that is a concern. that is a concern.

You were a part of the earlier Trump administration. Would a possible Trump 2.0 be significantly different from what we saw then?

I don't think I see a tremen I don't think I see a tremen-dously different foreign policy than what we saw in the first Trump administra-tion. And I think if you look at some of the accomplish-ments with the first Trump administration, there would be a continuation of that.

The Biden administra-tion continued with the Indo-Pacific strategic framework, which President Trump signed in 2018. And it drove the rest of the ad-ministration's policy to-ward China and toward the Indo-Pacific. There will be fierce U.S.-China competi-

Well, people don't really change their personalities overnight. So I think it probably would be a simi-lar style, a little bit of unpredictability and some surprises here and there.

To be sure many times there was a method to the madness, and many deci-sions [Mr. Trump took] had in fact been thought through even if they were announced suddenly and appeared from the outside to be totally off the cuff.

The election already has an Indian-American flavour. Vice President Kamala Harris, Vivek Ramaswamy, Nikki Haley have all been prominent. Does their presence affect ties with India?

I think what they signify is that it is not unusual to have an Indian-American nave an indian-American to vie for the top slot or to be the second any more, it's become quite common. That's a sign that the In-dian American community dian American community has really come of age in the U.S. When it comes to the bilateral relationship, there may be a tangible ad-ded comfort especially in people-to-people ties. But when it comes to the poli-cies of the Republicans or the Democrats, I don't think it matters as much. think it matters as much.

Imran's party to hold protests across Pak. against 'poll rigging'

Press Trust of India ISLAMABAD

Iailed former Prime Minis-Jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party on March 5 announced that it will launch nation-wide protests on March 10 against the "stealing" of the mandate, nearly a month after an inconclusive general election marred by allegations of

vote rigging. "We will unite all political forces and will launch a movement within the law and Constitution," senior and Constitution," senior PTI leader Asad Qaiser said while speaking to the me-dia here.

He said that they are planning to take to the streets in all provinces so their demands are met.

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In you're talking about a country like India, for example, I think that we would not see major changes. There's been bipartisan support over the last 20 years, whether it's Republican or Democrat, favouring building up the relationship with India, building up India's capability so that it can play a stronger role in the Indo-Pacific and help with that balancing with Chian. However on likraine, balancing with China.
However on Ukraine,
President Trump has made
some statements, which
are worrisome for Europeans – calling on NATO
partners to "pay their bills
or step up on their own defence" and that the U.S.
would give an open door to
Russia.

change in terms of foreign policy style- the surprise tweeting for

Business

INBRIDE



BYD India unveils luxury EV sedan SEAL at ₹41 lakh

Chinese auto major BYD India, a subsidiary of New Energy Vehicles (NEV), has entered the luxury, electric-sedan segment by introducing BYD SEAL with prices starting at ₹41 lakh. BYD said bookings were open for the vehicle which would be available in three variants. With a range of up to 650km per charge, BYD SEAL can accelerate to 100 km/h in 3.8 seconds. "We are accelerate to You State will play a significant role in accelerating the new energy vehicle revolution in India," said Sanjay Gopalakrishnan, Senior VP, Passenger Vehicle Business, BYD India.

Venture Center, BFI sign pact on biomedical innovation

Venture Center has tied up with Blockchain For Impact (BFI) under the BFI-Biome Virtual Network Program to expand initiatives aimed at nurturing innovation and driving advancements in healthcare. Venture Center is the first in nearincare. Venture Center is the first incubator across India to partner BFI for the initiative, the Pune-based firm said. Under this programme, BFI will allocate more than \$2 lakh over three years and leverage Venture Center's expertise for healthcare start-up programmes.

Ex-LIC chief Kumar joins BoI as Non-Executive Chairman

Bank of India (Bol) named M. R. Kumar as the Bank of India (801) halmed M. K. Rumar as the Non-Executive Chairman. He will be responsible for overseeing the overall growth trajectory of the public sector lender. He was the Chairman of LIC India from 2019 to March 2023. The bank named Rajiv Mishra as Executive Director. He will handle stressed-asset resolution and recovery, including policy matters.

Feb. services sector growth slows

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) signals fractional job creation that was weakest in 21 months; Services PMI contradicts the signals put out by the HSBC India Flash PMI for last month, which is based on early responses from surveyed firms

Vikas Dhoot

or India's services sector, growth in new orders and output slowed in February, denting business confidence levels and resulting in only a fractional uptick in employment that was the slowest in 21 months, as per the HSBC India Services Purchasing Manag ers' Index (PMI).

The seasonally-adjusted PMI print for services PMI print for services eased to 60.6 in February from 61.8 in January. A reading of over 50 on the index indicates growth in activity levels. Surveyed firms reported the secondLosing steam

ector output in India slips to 60.6



■ The seasonally-adjusted PMI print for the services sector eased to 60.6 in February, from 61.8 in January ■ Feb. Flash PMI had indicated services output rose at a seven-month high pace

The PMI ascertains business confidence levels on the basis of firms' outlook for the year ahead

The PMI ascertains business

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is based on early responses from surveyed firms. For

services, the Flash PMI had

weakest input cost pressures since August 2020 and raised prices at the mildest pace in two years.

The services PMI contradicts the signals put out by the HSBC India Flash PMI for last month, which

indicated that output rose at a seven-month high pace and fresh contracts surged at the fastest rate in a decade in February

"India's services PMI suggests... the pace of expansion in the services sector eased in February from January," HSBC economist Ines Lam wrote. "Due to a slowdown in growth in new orders and output, services companies," outservices companies' out-look for future business activity, while remaining strongly positive, wea-kened slightly," she added.

The index ascertains business confidence levels on the basis of firms' outlook for the year ahead. Around for the year ahead. Around 26% of companies foresee growth and 2% anticipate a fall, as of February. On the bright side, new business from abroad rose for the thirteenth month in

a row, and at a pace that was among the best in nine and a half years. Taken together with the manufacturing sector's performance last month, with its PMI rising to 56.9, from 56.5 in January, over-all private sector output in all private sector output in India decelerated in February. The HSBC India Com posite PMI Output Index slipped from a six-month high of 61.2 in January to 60.6, as per a note on last month's index. "Rates of expansion

"Rates of expansion were broadly similar at ma-nufacturers and services firms, though the former registered an acceleration and the latter a slowdown,"

MARKETS

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US Dollar	82.90	
Gold	65,000	1.25

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EXCHANGE RATES

RBI bars JMFPL from loans on IPO shares

The Hindu Bureau

The Reserve Bank of India has directed regulated entity JM Financial Products Ltd. (JMFPL) to cease and desist, with immediate effect, from doing any form of financing against shares and debentures, including sanction and disbursal of loans against Initial Public Offering (IPO) of shares or against subscription to debentures as the entity has been found violating regulations. been found violating regulatory guidelines. "It was observed that

the company repeatedly



helped a group of its cus-tomers to bid for various IPO and NCD offerings by using loaned funds. The using loaned funds. The credit underwriting was found to be perfunctory, and financing was done against meagre margins," the RBI said.

Bloomberg to add Indian bonds to EM indexes in Jan.

Bloomberg Index Services said on Tuesday it would include in its Emerging Market Local Currency In-

Market Local Currency Index from Jan. 31 next year 34 Indian government bonds eligible for investment via the country's fully accessible route (FAR). "The inclusion of these bonds will be phased in over a 10-month period starting on the rebalance date of January 31, 2025," it said in a statement. "The weight of India FAR bonds will be increased in increa will be increased in increments of 10% of their full market value every month over the 10-month period ending in October 2025."

Discussions from 2013

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The Indian government began discussing inclusion of
its securities in global indexes as far back as 2013,
but the move was held
back by its cuttos on foreign
investments in domestic
debt. In April 2020, the Reserve Bank of India introduced a clutch of securities
free of foreign investment free of foreign investment curbs under a "fully acces-sible route" (FAR), that made them eligible for in-

clusion in global indexes. JPMorgan was the first to announce India's inclu-

to announce India's inclusion in its widely tracked emerging market debt index in September, setting the stage for billions of dolars of inflows into India. Tuesday's inclusion by Bloomberg Index Services Ltd. was based on feedback invited in January on its plan to include eligible Indian bonds in the EM local currency indexes.

Cal currency indexes.

By January 31, 34 Indian
FAR bonds with a market
value of \$448 billion were
eligible for EM Local Cur-

Lubrizol names Bindra as MD of **IMEA region**

The Hindu Bureau

MUMBAI Speciality chemicals major Lubrizol has named Bhava-na Bindra as MD for India, Middle East & Africa (IMEA) Region. Well be responsible for leading the company's IMEA team to deliver re-gional growth for Lubrizol and its customers based on a local-for-local approach.

Settled 1-cr. claims in 18 years: Star Health

The Hindu Bureau

rance Co. Ltd. (Star Health Insurance), claimed to be the first standalone health insurer to settle more than 1 crore claims

since its inception in 2006. Star Health Insurance Star Health Insurance disbursed more than 444,000 crore in claim payments, covering cashless and reimbursement claims across India. Most claims were from Maharashtra, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Kamataka and Delhi, the insurer said in a statement.

About 14% claims were paid to senior citizens, 61% to adults and 25% for children. Fever and infectious



diseases were the promidiseases were the promi-nent reasons for claims, amounting to 20% of the total. General medicine, gastroenterology, and or-thopaedics also accounted for sizeable claims. As of January 2024, Star Health Insurance held 33% market share in the retail health insurance business in India, the company said.

MRF cuts price of 'Steel Muscle' truck tvres by ₹350

The Hindu Bureau

MRF Ltd. reduced the price of its mainline truck tyres by ₹350 apiece begin-

ning March 4. MRF said this was to meet market requirements of its most popular truck tyre - Steel Muscle, which tyre - Steel Muscle, which is currently sold at 225,250 apiece. After the price reduction, it is expected to sell at 224,900 apiece, the leading tyre manufacturer said in a statement.

MRF said Steel Muscle tyres are ideal for heavy duty use. They have even tread wear, better abrasion, lower heat build-up and cut resistance.

The longest war in human history was not waged between countries.

History tells us that animals used to share a home with us. We hunted them for a living. So did they when they were attacked or hungry. But even back then, we were not a threat to their hungry. But even back then, we were not a threat to their very existence. We consumed what was essential from our shared home. Eventually, we upgraded ourselves to better homes better survival better homes, better survival plans, better food habits, plans, better food habits, better everything. With their sole enemy out of their hair, life should have gotten easier for the animals. Not really. Their enemy left the jungle and built their cities only to expand them right back into the jungle. We cut trees, killed ecosystems and took

tracks, electrified fences, highways, power lines and the works. Inventions that simplified human lives and complicated animal lives. Now, every time an animal ventures out in search of food or water, they stand the risk of getting killed. Sounds like a battlefield of

away sand from the rivers.

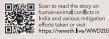
Their watering holes have all on one wants to take over anyone's territory and yet global warming we escalated into existence.

The need being theirs, they world would be a different miles to find water but that is where the catch lay. Wo for making technological was the catch and a bid to survive. Progress must serve everyone. The world would be a different place if animals were capable of making technological progress. Sadly for them and fortunately for us, they cannot. As the 'superior being' on the planet, can we not use our intellect to find better ways to co-exist rather than sadder ways to ensure their doom?

This World Wildlife Day, let to stop making this planet a battlefield for animals.







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Singapore gives nod for Vistara-AI merger

Jagriti Chandra

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS) has granted conditional approval for Vistara's merger with Air India along with Singapore International Airline's 25.1% stake in the latter.

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25.1% stake in the latter.

The approval was granted following commitments
from all three airlines that
the merged entity would
"maintain" capacity, or
passenger seats, at pre-COVID-19 level (calendar year

VID-19 level (calendar year 2019) for flights between Singapore and Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Thiruvananthpuram. This followed competi-tion concerns identified by CCCS as the three entities hold majority of the mar-

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Approval subject to merged entity maintaining capacity at pre-COVID level on four key routes

ket shares among various airlines offering direct flights on the four routes.

'Price coordination'"CCCS also found that the price and capacity coordi-nation between the parties arising from the con-fluence of the transactions fluence of the transactions would significantly restrict competition on the affected routes," it said in a statement on Tuesday.

The merger is now expected to conclude in 2025 first half, according to Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan.

India sugar crop woes create opportunity for Dubai's Al Khaleej unit

Dubai's Al Khaleej Sugar aims to lift output at its su-gar refinery this year, with competition from India curtailed by bad weather in the South Asian country, its MD said on Tuesday

its MD said on Tuesday.

Jamal Al Ghurair said on
the sidelines of the annual Dubai sugar conference that its refinery at Jebel Ali that its refinery at Jebel Ali in Dubai was operating at 40% capacity last year with output of about 6,00,000 metric tons, but was aiming if possible to produce up to 1.5 million tons this year. The refinery's normal capacity is 1.5 million tons although it can produce more refined sugar if de-



mand is strong. In 2017 i produced a record 1.87 mil-lion tons.

Mr. Al Ghurair said India

wif. At Ghildan said findia had stopped exporting be-cause of bad weather and this had created more de-mand, at least temporarily.

mand, at least temporarily.
The International Sugar
Organization last month
forecast that Indian sugar
output would fall to 31.7
million tons in 2023/24.

LION ALERT

Captain Dhoni lands in Chennai ahead of the IPL season



Chennai Super Kings skipper M.S. Dhoni landed in Chennai on Tuesday ahead of the IPL season. CSK posted a picture of Dhoni who led the team to its fifth title last season, exiting a vehicle on social media, captioning it "#THA7A Dharisanam!" Speculation is son will be Dhoni's final one as a plave

TOUCH OF HUMOUR

Not sure I've insurance: Perry jokes after breaking car window



Ellyse Perry played an instrumental role during RCB's 23-run triumph over UP Warriorz at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. In the 19th over, she smashed the window of the display car in Deepti Sharma's over. After the game, she talked about her window breaking six and said, "Not sure I have insurance here to cover that."

Domestic tourneys give chance to rediscover basics: Tendulkar



The legendary Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday said, "When India players turn up for their domestic teams, it raises the quality of play for youngsters and sometimes new talent is identified. It also gives the national players a chance to sometimes rediscover the basics,"

I AM BACK!

Halep wins doping case on appeal, cleared to resume tennis at once



Two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep was cleared for an immediate return to tennis on Tuesday after the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) said its judges partially upheld Halep's appeal and reduced her four-year ban to just nine months. It was applied retroactively and expired last July

Ashwin and Bairstow all set for a century of Tests

The duo will share the rare milestone of playing the 100th match in the longest format of the game when India takes on England in the final game of the engrossing series

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao DHARAMSHALA

or R. Ashwin and Jonny Bairstow, this week at the foothills of the imposing Dhaulad-har mountain ranges

or me imposing unaular-har mountain ranges would coincide with their scaling Peak 100' in Tests. When the fifth and final India-England Test opens here on Thursday, the duo would share the milestone of playing the 100th Test. No doubt, Ashwiri sjour-ney has been more glo-rious and comes days after he took the 500th Test wicket in a winning cause. In contrast, Bairstow still has not been in the best of has not been in the best of forms with the bat in the

As Ashwin said, "A lot of things need to go your way when you have to get a breakthrough and also continue playing for so many vears."

Long journey Indeed. Since his debut against the West Indies in Delhi in 2011, the off-spin-ner has come a long way. Looking back, Ashwin chose to mention the 2012





England's tour to India during which he learnt lessons that were to stand him in good stead

good stead.
"One of the turning points of my life was the England series when (Alastair) Cook came here and made all those runs along with (Kevin) Pietersen, who had a great game in Mumbai. It has been spoken about a lot. Leading in-

to the next series against Australia at home, there was a lot of noise about me being left out of the team

"And that is a wonderful lesson I have still kept with lesson I have still kept with me all these years. Whatev-er happens, we can hold a lot of complaints against somebody external or blame it on another indivi-dual. But for me, if you look internally, you can im-

prove at least by another

five per cent. "Until and unless there is something wrong with you, people aren't going to throw punches at you or point fingers at you..." Ashwin graciously ack-

Ashwin graciously ack-nowledged the role played by S. Badrinath, Mithun Manhas, and Rajat Bhatia during the days before he made it big. "These are

some of the greatest batters of spin who I would have not wanted to encounter in international cricket. They were my finishing school before I went on to play in-ternational cricket."

ternational cricket."
On his part, Bairstow de-clared, "Playing 100 Tests means a hell of a lot. It will be an emotional week for me."
Bairstow, like Ashwin,

Series won, but **Indians surprisingly** caught in spin-web

Rakesh Rao DHARAMSHALA

A dead rubber in a Test se-A dead rubber in a Test series is no longer an oppor-tunity to experiment with the bench-strength. Thanks to the World Test Championship, no team risks the points earned. Teams in contention for a spot in the final do not get influenced by the outcome of an onzoine series.

of an ongoing series. When the fifth and final Test between India and England begins here at the picturesque HPCA Stadi-um on Thursday, there will be no let up in the intensity in both camps. The current 3-1 scoreline could have looked a lot different, but credit to India for seizing

credit to India for seizing the big moments after squandering them in the first Test.

From India's point of view, it is a good time to reflect on what this series has thrown up instead of being

satisfied with the much-anticipated series-win. This series has exposed the vulnerability of the Indian batters even against debutant spinners in home conditions. In contrast, some English batters gave a much better account of facing quality spinners.

Barring the exception of the first Test, where England commendably satisfied with the much-an

gland commendably fought back from a 190-run first-innings deficit to turn things around, Indian bat ters battled tough phases and the bowlers - and not iust the spinners - struck when needed.

But the larger question remains. How could En-gland, despite losing the services of its most-expeservices of its most-experienced spinner, left-armer Jack Leach (36 Tests) after the first Test, keep the Indian batters on tenterhooks for the next three Tests with their grossly in-experienced spin attack?

After Lanning and Jemimah pilot DC to big total, Jonassen takes over

WPL SEASON 2

Jemimah Rodrigues is an entertainer. She knows how to turn up on a big stage. Delhi Capitals' 29-run win over Mumbai In-dians in its first ever home fixture in the Women's Prefixture in the Women's Pre-mier League (WPL) saw the batter at her explosive best as she made a match-win ning 33-ball 69 at the Arun Stadium

Thesday.

A 48-run opening stands et the tone for Capitals, put in to bat on a slow surface. After promising starts, Shafali and Alice Capsey fell in quick succession. Meg Lanning slowly sunk her teeth into the MI bowling stock pile. Even a 132kmph ripper from Shabnim Ismail couldn't stop the Australian from cruising to a half-century. When she fell soon after, courtesy a brilliant catch by Amelia Kerr at deep midwicket, the onus fell on midwicket, the onus fell on Jemimah.

A rare off-day with the ball didn't help MI's case, with Jemimah finding enough time to walk across

the stumps most times and send the ball to the ropes. The over in which she hit Nat Sciver-Brunt for a four and two sixes was parfour and two sixes was par-ticularly delightful. It saw



her fist-pumping her way up and down the field as her team's score inflated. With 192 on the board, Marizanne Kapp and Shik-ha Pandey cleaned up Yas-tika Bhatia and Sciver-Brunt, Jess Jonassen did not allow Hayley Matthews to capitalise on a botched catch by Taniya Bhatia be-hind the stumps as Capsey snapped up another mis-snapped up another mis-

nind the stumps as Capsey snapped up another mis-timed hit at midwicket. Pooja Vastrakar and Amanjot Kaur's 48-run partnership gave MI some hope before the latter fell to Jonassen. Capitals fielded four pacers but it was the wily left-arm spinner who sealed the game in the

who sealed the game in the host's favour. Pooja and S. Sajana's big hitting only reduced the margin of defeat for the de-fending champion.

DELHI CAPITALS

Meg Lanning c Kerr b Pooja 53 (38b, 6x4, 2x6), Shafali Verma c (380, 6x4, 2x6), Shafali Verma c Yastika b Ismail 28 (12b, 3x4, 2x6), Alice Capsey b Matthews 19 (20b, 3x4), Jemimah Rodrigues (not out) 69 (33b, 8x4, 3x6), Marizanne Kapp b Saika 11 (12b, 1x4), Jess Jonassen (not out) 4 (5b); Extras (lb-1, w-7): 8; Total (for four wkts FALL OF WICKETS

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1-48 (Shafall, 4.3 overs), 2-79
(Capsey, 9.3), 3-114 (Lanning,
12.6), 4-151 (Kapp, 17.2).
MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Ismail 4-0-46-1, Salika 4-0-29-1,
Schere-Brunt 4-0-38-0, Pooja
4-0-20-1, Kerr 2-0-35-0, Matthews
2-0-23-1.
MUMBAI INDIANS

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Hayley Matthews c Capsey b Jonassen 29 (17b, 6x4), Yastika Bhatia b Kapp 6 (3b, 1x4), Nat Sciver-Brunt b Shikha 5 (3b, 1x4), Harmanpreet Kaur c Radha b Kapp 6 (6b, 1x4), Amelia Kerr c

Jemimah b Titas 17 (20b, 1x4, 1x6), Pooja Vastrakar st. Taniya b Radha 17 (22b, 1x6), Amanjot Kaur b Jonassen 42 (27b, 7x4), S. Sajana (not out) 24 (14b, 3x4, 1x6), Humaira Kazi b Jonassen 6 1x6), Humaira Kazi b Jonassen (8b); Extras (w-11): 11; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 163 FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Yastika, 0.4), 2-12 (Sciver-Brunt, 1.1), 3-29 (Sciver-Brunt, 1.1), 3-29 (Harmanpreet, 2.6), 4-54 (Matthews, 5.5), 5-68 (Kerr, 8.5), 6-116 (Amanjot, 15.1), 7-137 (Pooja, 17.4), 8-163 (Humaira, 19.6).

CAPITALS BOWLING Kapp 4-0-37-2, Shikha 3-0-27-1, Jonassen 4-0-21-3, Titas 3-0-23-1, Radha 3-0-23-1, Arundhati

Player-of-the-Match: Jemimah. Delhi Capitals won by 29 runs. Wednesday's match: Gujarat Giants vs. Royal Challengers, 7.30

hopes of a late fightback

RANJI TROPHY

Abhishek Saini

The promise of the second-wicket partnership bet-ween Yash Dubey (94, 212b, 10x4) and Harsh Gawali (67, 80b, 11x4) withered away in the wake of a meek middle-order display leaving Viorder display, leaving Vi-darbha within reach of a victory against Madhya Pra-desh in the first Ranji Trophy semifinal at the VCA Stadium here on Tuesday.

MP was still in conten tion under Dubey's watch but his fall in the penulti-mate over of the fourth day left the side at 228 for six, still 93 runs away from a

still 93 runs away from a victory.

The 106-run alliance between Dubey and Gawali was a course correction after Himanshu Mantri holed out at mid-on off Aditya Sarvate in the sixth over. While Dubey was content with the slap through point and the flick with which he flagged off the chase in Umesh Yadav's first over, Gawali set the side's coun-Gawali set the side's coun-Gawali set the side's coun-ter in motion with three boundaries in as many de-liveries off Yash Thakur. Ga-wali drew from his share of luck too, when his poke outside off against Thakur flew between second slip and gully, getting him to a 54-ball 50. But the bowler

had the last laugh, inducing



Dubey's dismissal gives Vidarbha

The rock: Dubey's knock arrested a batting collapse for MP in

made his debut against the

be going out there, chew

be going out there, chewing my gum, puffing my chest out and trying to have a good time with the other 10 blokes out there. Whatever the situation is, we'll be going out there with smiles on our faces, like we have done in the whole series."

"No matter what it is, I'll

West Indies but in 2012.

an edge to the wicketkeeper.
Akshay Wakhare was aided by purchase as he accounted for Sagar Solanki and captain Shubham Sharma before tea. Just when Venkatesh Jiver brought hope with an assault, Wakhare's delivery jumped from a length, took the shoulder of Venkatesh's bat, and went to first slip. bat, and went to first slip.

Dubey, who brought up a fifty in 84 balls, was des-perate for support when Saransh Jain arrived. Their Saransh Jam arrived. Their 32 runs for the sixth wicket came at a trickle but were steering the side closer. However, an inside edge popped up for silly point

off Dubey's pad and turned

off Dubey's pad and turned the plot again.

Earlier in the day, Yash
Rathod's burst helped Vi-darbha set a fighting target.
He took two deliveries in the morning to breach the fence and register his mai-den First-Class century off

167 deliveries. Rathod then latched on when Kulwant Kheiroliva offered width, picking two more boundaries through

Rathod remained a thorn for MP even as his side slipped from 377 for six to 385 for nine.

Rathod pummelled Anubhav for back-to-back sixes over midwicket to

swell his team's total past 400 runs. It was a slowe one from Khejroliya that foxed him on 141, taking his inside edge and ricocheting onto the stumps.

The scores: Vidarbha — 1st innings: 170.

Vidarbha — 1st innings: 170. MP — 1st innings: 252. Vidarbha — 2nd innings: Atharva Taide Ibw b Avesh 2, Dhruv Shorey c Mantri b Kartike 40, Akshay Wakhare c Gawali b 40, Akshay Wakhare c Gawali b Anubhav 1, Aman Mokhaide lbw b Kartikeya 59, Karun Nair b Khejroliya 38, Yash Rathod b Khejroliya 141, Akshay Wadkar c (sub) Kushwah b Anubhav 77, Aditya Sarwate c Venkatesh b Anubhav 21, Yash Thakur c Gawali b Anubhav 2, Umesh Yadav b Anubhav A, Akhay Wakhare (not out) 1; Extras (b-5, lb-14, nb-1): 20; Total (in 101.3 overs): 402. Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-17, 3-90, 4-137, 5-161, 6-319, 7-377, 8-385, 9-385.

MP bowling: Avesh 19-3-73-1, Venkatesh 3-0-20-0, Anubhav

Venkatesh 3-0-20-0, Anubhav 18-1-92-5, Khejroliya 15.3-1-64-2, Kartikeya 30-4-76-2, Saransh 7-1-28-0, Sagar 9-1-30-0. MP — 2nd innings: Yash Dubey c Mokhade b Sarvate 94, Himanshu Mantri c Thakare b Sarvate 8, Harsh Gawali c Wadkar b Thakur Harsh Gawali C Wadkar D Thakur 67, Sagar Solanki Ibw b Wakhare 12, Shubham Sharma c (sub) Kale b Wakhare 6, Venkatesh Iyer c Karun D Wakhare 19, Saransh Jain (batting) 16, Kumar Kartikeya (batting) 0; Extras (b-4, lb-2): 6; Total (for six wkts. in 71 overs): 278

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-128. Vidarbha bowling: Umesh 11-1-47-0, Sarvate 23-5-51-2

INBRIEF



Shahbaz Nadeem retires from international cricket

Jharkhand left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem, 34 who featured in two Tests for India, has announced his retirement from international cricket to try his luck in franchise-based leagues as he does not foresee opportunities in the national team. "I realise I can't feature for Team India anymore, as there is a pool of talented youngsters waiting for their chance," Nadeem youngsets wanting for the chainer, Nateeni said. "I would have continued playing if there were opportunities for me in Team India. I don't foresee any chances in near future."

Delhi Toofans rally to beat Kochi Blue Spikers

Delhi Toofans came from two sets down to register a 9-15, 15-17, 15-10, 15-8, 15-8 win over Kochi Blue Spikers in the third RuPay Prime Volleyball League in Chennai on Monday. While Delhi secured its fifth win in seven outings Kochi remains winless after seven games.

People will criticise if I miss, I'll focus on scoring: Haaland

Erling Haaland admits he will "keep on missing chances" but insists he will shut out the critics as the targets perfection. "I will sill score goals so I'll probably miss a big chance in the future and people are going to criticise me. I should focus on scoring more goals and helping the team."

Prajwal Dev crashes out in the first round in Kigali

S.D. Praiwal Dev lost to Thomas Fancutt in the first round of the Challenger in Kigali, Rwanda.

The results: \$41,000 Challenger, Kigali, Rwandar First round: Thomas Fancut bt Is.O. Prajival Dev 6.2, 7.5. \$45,000 IFF men, Kish Island, Iran: First round: Ishaque Edpab It Savelly Iwanov 7.5, 6.3. \$13,000 IFF men, Sharm El Shelkh: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinials: Symon Kieldan & Volodymry Uzhylovskyi bt George Gregoriou & Aryan Lakshmanan 7.5, 6.3.

Chahar bows out in World Olympic boxing qualifier

Lakshya Chahar (80kg) was the fourth Indian boxer to bow out of the first World Olympic boxing qualifier at Busto Arsizio (Italy) late on Monday. Up against Iranian Meysam Gheshlaghi, Chahar, who lost the first round 3-2 and fought back to win the second 3-2, was knocked out with 20 seconds to go in the final period.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: (semifinal), Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m. Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m. PVL: Sony Sports Ten I (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.

WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m. Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Ruthless Arsenal shoots six past Sheffield United

Arteta's side is third with 61 points after 27 games, just one behind Manchester City, but with a much better goal difference than its title rival

rsenal matched its biggest Premier League away win with the 6-0 pummelling of Sheffield United on Monday after scoring five times in the first half when it tore

in the first half when it tore the home side apart. The win helped Arsenal stay within two points of leader Liverpool.

Mikel Arteta's team is third with 61 points after 27 games, a point behind Manchester City but with a much better goal diffe-rence than its title rival. The Blades remain rooted to the bottom on 13 points, to the bottom on 13 points, 11 adrift of the safety zone.

Arsenal was ruthless as it sliced through Sheffield's defence with ease from the start. Martin Odegaard opened the floodgates with his fifth-minute goal, firing home from the middle of the box after a cute cut-back from Declan Rice.

to come for United goal-



ne form: Arsenal matched its record Premier League away victory set in the 6-0 rout o West Ham on February 11. A

keeper Ivo Grbic on a night that saw six different names on the scoresheet.

Jayden Bogle put through his own goal in the 13th before Gabriel Marti-nelli struck two minutes later, sending scores of we-ary United fans to the Bramall Lane exits, while Kai Havertz (25th minute),

Rice (39), and Ben White

(58) also netted.

The early fireworks from the Gunners had the 9-0 Premier League scoring record looking in jeo-pardy, but Blades fans were spared partly door pardy, but Blades fans were spared partly due to Arteta's substitutions in-cluding forward Bukayo Saka heading to the bench after 45 minutes.

The results: emeir League: Sheffield United 0 lost to Arsenal 6 (Odegaard 5, Bogle 13-og, Martinelli 15, Havertz 25, Rice 39, White 58). LaLiga: Osasuna 1 (Budimir 76) bt Alaws 0. Serie A: Inter Milan 2 (Asllani 30, Alexis Sanchez 38-pen) bt Genoa 1 (Vasquez 54).

Pragg to face Firouzja; **Gukesh meets Vidit**

CANDIDATES CHESS

Sports Bureau

R. Praggnanandhaa will take on Alireza Firouzja of France, while D. Gukesh will meet Vidit Gujrathi in an all-India encounter in the opening round of the Candidates chess tourna-ment, to be held in Toron-to from Anyil 4 to from April 4.

Humpy vs Vaishali Women's Candidates

tournament too, the two Indians - Koneru Humpy and R. Vaishali - will come face to face in the opening

Both the open and wo-

men's events feature eight players each. They will play one another twice.

The winners will earn the right to challenge the reigning World champions
- Ding Liren (open) and Ju
Wenjun (women), both of
China.

The field: Open: Fabiano Caruana (USA).

Open: Fabiano Caruana (USA), Hikaru Nakamur (USA), Njiat Abasov (Aze), Ian Nepomiachtchi (Rus), Alireza Firouzja (Fra), R. Praggananadhaa, D. Gukesh, and Vidit Gujrathi. Women: Koneru Humpy, Aleksandra Goryachkina (Rus), Kateryna Lapon (Rus), Anna Muzychuk (Ukr), Nurgyul Sailmova (Bul, Lei Tingjie (Chn), Tan Zhengyi (Chn), and R. Vaishall.

Sports Ministry revokes PCI's suspension

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

The Sports Ministry on Tuesday revoked the sus-pension on the Paralympic pension on the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) after the body initiated the process for its long-pend-ing elections in which mul-tiple Paralympic medallist Devendra Jhajharia is set to be elected president.

On February 2, the mi-nistry terminated PCI's re-cognition for "intentional delay to elect a new Executive Committee" as per the National Sports Code. The PCI had postponed the elections, which should have been held before January 31, to March 28 be-cause of the impending Pa-ra Shooting World Cup from March 6 to 15.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Abdul Harsheek is

Abdul Harsheek is Blitz FC's hero M.A. Abdul Harsheek scored an injury-time winner as Blitz FC edged out RWF FC 1-0 in the BDFA A-division league here on Tuesday.

The results:
Blitz FC 1 (M.A. Abdul Harsheek
80+4) bt RWF FC 0; Bangalore
Eagles FC 1 (Arvind Kumar 53) bt
Parikrma FC 0; BTM FC 1 (Rohan
Jonathan 49) bt Sree Gajanana

Bhanu Prakash stars for

Bangalore Star CA K.M. Bhanu Prakash's all-round effort (46 & 4/31) all-round effort (46 & 4/31) helped Bangalore Star CA pip Jaidur Cricketers by four runs and enter the last four of the KSCA (Group I) fifth division

(Group I) fifth division league. The scores (quarterfinals): Bangalore Star CA 207 in 464 overs (Chandan Lal 29, Rubesh Babu 27, K.L. Chethan 55, K.M. Bhanu Prakash 46, Rohit Artala 4/24) bt Jaidur Cricketers 203 in 372. overs (Chiranjiv Nagaraja Reddy 27, K. Somashekar 32, Jibin John 67, K.M. Bhanu Prakash 4/31). Ranji 47 in 16.5 overs (Arjun N. Gowda 4/26, V. Bharath Kumar 4/15) lost to Citizen Cultural CA

4/15) lost to Citizen Cultural CA 51/4 in 13.5 overs (Nikhil Sharma

n.o., Sacritti Shenoy Kurichau 25) bt Chamarajpet 121 in 24.5 overs (H.A. Punith 42, Suresh Krishnan 4/20).

Krishnan 4/20). Gandhinagar Cricketers 284/9 in 50 overs (Trupathi 25, Pranshu J. Patel 52 n.o., Y.G. Dhananjayalu 43, P. Ravikumar 4/42) lost to Karnataka Youth CA, Malur 237/5 in 42.1 overs (M.J. Sagar 81, M.N. Ashwin Kumar 128 n.o.).

Alchemy Internationals FA triumphs

FA trumphs
Alchemy Internationals FA
defeated Kickstart FC 3-1
to emerge the U-15 boys'
champion in the
Karnataka Youth Premier
League final held over the
weekend

Tisha on song for Bangalore Vanguards Tisha scored 22 points as Bangalore Vanguards BC defeated DYES Mysore 55-38 in the State SMN Memorial Women's Peacketball Loggue Basketball League Championship for Mathru Cup on Tuesday.

The results: SWR 79 (Sathva 31, Shobana 14)

The result (final): Alchemy

Shreya 13); Bangalore Vanguard BC 55 (Tisha 22, Priyanka 11) bt DYES Mysore 38 (Preethi 10, Aishwarya 10); Beagles BC 67 Aishwarya 10); Beagles BC 61 (Harshitha 20) bt MCHS BC 35

Devanga Union 42 (Sharlene 13,

Karnataka enters

Karnataka entered the final of the Col. C.K. Nayudu (u-23) Trophy with a 278-run victory over Vidarbha in Nagpur on

From an overnight 63 for three in its second innings, Karnataka folded for 141, setting the home side a setting the nome side a 535-run target. Then, Paras Gurbax Arya claimed a six-wicket haul

(6/108) – to go with his four-wicket effort in the first innings – to help Karnataka dismiss Vidarbha for 256 and emerge victorious. In the final that begins on March 10, Karnataka will

March 10, Karnataka will take on Uttar Pradesh or Mumbai. The scores: Karnataka 466 & 141 in 44.1 overs (Prakar Chaturvedi 26, Pravin Rokdea 5/32) bt Vidarbha 73 & 256 in 49 overs (Abhishek S. Agrawal 78, Satyam Bhoyar 34, Md. Faiz 33, Jagjot 33, Paras Gurbax Arya 6/108).

Kerala in sudden-death fore Suiith's blunder. The

Mizoram outlasts

SANTOSH TROPHY

Amitabha Das Sharma YUPIA (ARUNACHAL)

Mizoram outlasted Kerala 7-6 in sudden-death in the final quarterfinal action of the 77th National Football Championship for the San-tosh Trophy at the Golden Jubilee Stadium here on Tuesday.

Both teams were locked goalless in regulation and extra-time. The deadlock continued even in the tiebreaker, where the teams were tied 5-5 before Sujith V.R. lost his nerve and sent his attempt wide to give Mizoram the ticket to the last-four stage.

For Mizoram M.C. Mal-sawmzuala, Malsawmfela, F.C. Lalhmunmawia, E. Lalremthuanga, L. Toch-hawng, Lalremruata and Lalbiakthanga were suc-cessful in their attempts while for Kerala Sanju G, Arjun V, Mohamed Salim, Riswanali Edakkavil, Sa-rath Prasanth K, Jithin Go-palakrishnan scored be-For Mizoram M.C. Mal-

match saw box to box ac-tion, with both Kerala and tion, with both Kerala and Mizoram creating a lot of openings. But the goal-shy-ness of their attackers and some good goalkeeping at both ends kept the sides locked goalless. Earlier, former cham-pion Manipur gave a nice display of attacking foot-ball to score a resounding

ball to score a resounding 7-1 win over Assam in the third quarterfinal match.

third quarterfinal match. Sadamads Singh scored a hat-trick to have the biggest contribution in Manipur's massive win. While Phijam Sanathoi Meetel, Ngangbam Pacha Singh (penalty), Maibam Deny Singh and Imarson Metie scored one apiece for the winner, Joydeep Gogoi produced the lone reply.

The results:

The results: Quarterfinals: Manipur 7 (Phijam Sanathoi Meetei 4, Wangkheimayum Sadananda Singh 11, 16, 70, Ngangbam Pacha Singh 19-pen, Maibam Deny Singh 82, Imarson Meitei 88) bt Assam 1 (Joydeep Gogic 64) *****

Ashwin, a modern master with a positive mindset



There is something magi-cal about the figure '100' in cricket. In Dharamshala this week, R. Ashwin and Jonny Bairstow play their one hundredth Test match, while in Christchurch it is the turn of Kane William-son and Tim Southee to do so, each accompanied by so, each accompanied by loyal colleagues, suppor-tive families, enthralled media and figure-hugging statisticians

When Colin Cowdrey became the first to the mark in 1968, it had taken mark in 1908, it had taken him 14 years. There was lit-tle fanfare. He was cheered to the crease by the Edg-baston crowd, later played with an injury and with Ge-

achievement."

A player with 100 Tests behind him has an impressive CV when it comes to being selected for an all-time team to represent his country. Would Ashwin find a place in an all-time

off Boycott as his runner, remaining unbeaten on 95 at the end of the day's play. "Cowdrey, in spite of a hampering injury, played one of the most accomplished and felicitous innings of his career...," wrote John Arlott.
"It is not easy to play 100 Test matches;" Rahul Dravid, who has played 164, once said. "Test cricket is not easy. To be able to play 100 is a fantastic achievement."

India team? Such selections cannot be based on figures alone, although Ashwin would walk in as India's most suc-cessful off-spinner. They

are not based on averages either (although Ashwin has the best among Indian spinners with over 100 wickets) or strike rates (dit-to). There is also the conto). There is also the conviction that contemporary bowlers have more tricks up their sleeve than those of an earlier vintage, thus giving them an advantage. After all, contemporary engineers know more than those of the 19th century, and most undergraduates in philosophy are better trained than Plato was. By definition, therefore,

By definition, therefore, Ashwin brings to his craft a Ashwin brings to his craft a wider range, a greater understanding (thanks to analytics) and even the necessary experimentation than, for example, Billy Bates, the 19th century of faces, the 19th century of-fie who was the first En-glishman to take a Test hat-trick and one of few to claim 14 wickets in a Test. Knowledge is one thing, and modern bowlers are being constantly fed the data, but the skill to act on data, but the skill to act on the knowledge is another matter. That requires both something inherent and cricket intelligence, both nature and nurture. Ash-win has this by the bucket-ful

win has this by the bucket-ful.

Joe Root put his finger on 'Ashwinness' recently in a podcast saying Ashwin al-ways tries to take wickets, not merely wear down the batter. This positive ap-proach is special in the age of the T20.

It does not, of course, follow that a later generation automatically has the better players. This is no case for asserting that Bair-stow is superior to Len Hutton because he came later and can play the re-verse-sweep! Each is capa-ble of doing something the other cannot. But Bairstow has more access to information, has played more formats and is likely to borrow from one to succeed in another.

SWR 79 (Sathya 31, Shobana 14) bt Southern Blues BC 23 (Nidhi 12, Vyorna 10); K.S. Hegde BC Nitte 49 (Divya 16, Harshitha 12) bt Vivek's SC 20; Vimanapura SC 24 bt Yelahanka New Town BC 20; Mounts Club 63 (Hannah 14,

Nilaaya 12) bt HBR BC 31 (Aditi

another.

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Affined to Erapalil Prasanna and Srinivas Venkatraghavan to Harbhajan
Singh, Prasanna had this
combination of cricket intelligence and natural skill.
Roughly half his 189 wickets were claimed abroad,
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spinner in those matches.
Ravindra Jadeja bats leftRavindra Jadeja bats leftRavindra Jadeja bats left-Ravindra Jadeja bats left-handed and is a brilliant fielder and was thus pre-Ashwin, who has played

all 59 home Tests since making his debut, has mismaking his debut, has mis-sed 24 away Tests.

In many ways, Ashwin stands alone. He is con-stantly experimenting, constantly pushing himself, and always fighting two battles every time he

two battles every time he steps onto the field.

The first, to achieve vic-tory for his team, and the second to push the limits of his craft. Others have bowled a version of his car-middle finger, but few have been as keen on surprising himself and discovering greater depths. Only Muth-iah Muralitharan has claimed 500 wickets in fewer Test than Ashwin.

All this talk of statistics is a bit off-key, it is asi fAsh-y, it is asi fAsh-y.

is a bit off-key; it is as if Ash win does not exist beyond his numbers, as if his achievements have to be constantly buttressed by figures, with his away record making everybody uncom-fortable.

The fact is, Ashwin ought to be a certainty in an all-time India squad. Let us applaud a modern master of the craft.

Antim given relief to compete in one final trial

Sports Bureau KOLKATA

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Tuesday decided to give the country's lone Olympic quota place winner Antim Panghal (women's 53kg) the relief of competing in only one final bout in the upcoming selection trials for Asian championships.

Asian championships. The trials will be held at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi on March 10 and

As per a WFI circular, As per a WFI circular, the winner of the 53kg weight category will fight with World champion-ships and two-time World under-20 champion An-tim, who is reportedly nursing an injury, in a final trial which will be held in March end.

The wrestlers selected

in Olympic weight classes will represent the country in both the Asian championships (April II-16) and the Asian Olympic Games qualifier (April I9-2D to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. A case filed by the protesting wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, and Satyawart Kadian, challenging the trials is still pending in the Delhi High Court. in Olympic weight classes

SGM on March 29

Meanwhile, the WFI, which is still 'suspended' which is still 'suspended' by the Union Sports Minis-try even though the Unit-ed World Wrestling (UWW) has lifted the sus-pension, has decided to hold its special general meeting (SGM) in Noida on March 29.



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Tender Notification No.: 17/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/Tender/ AE-UGD/2260/2023-24 Date: 05-03-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under is inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Single Cover Bid System as per the Karnataka Transpernory in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 Standard Bid Document KW - 3 and KW - 4 for Water Supply Works under Varga-04 through e-procurement from PWD / PRED Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

J Max Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 133.74 Lakhs, EMD: Rs. 200 Lakhs, 2 Min Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 62.16 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 1.24 Lakhs. 3) Period of Contract: 06 Months. 4) Pre-Bid Meeting at Executive Engineer Office, Ramanagara, on 07-03-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 5) Labet for Submission of Tender: 11-03-2024 upto 5.30 p.m. 6) Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender: 12-03-2024 at 11.00 a.m. onwards. 7) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender: 14-03-2024 at 11.00 a.m. onwards.

For further particulars / details may avail from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours on all working days and may visi the Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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curement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 04.04.2024 up to 4.00 PM Name of the work

Name of the Work

Establishment of composite livestock farm and training centre. Aurad taluk, Bidar District under NABARD RIDF-28
Scheme for Veterinary Department
Tender reference Number. KHB/2023-24/OW/WORK_
INDENT 195 & IFT No.206/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024

Amount put to tender: Rs.25,42,58,151/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan Bengaluru, Telephone No: 080-22273511080-22100077, Websith https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Cone (gRAZ). The details of the tender and the bidding documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07.03.2024. Aspiring bidders need to register in the KPP portal. Further, Bidders can take assistance with KPPP help desk +91804601000, +918068949777 or e-mail to support@eprochelpdesk.com for any issue.

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DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TERRITORIAL DIVISON, KALABURAGI

PUBLICATION OF SHORT TERM TENDER

(Only through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Regional Forest Division, Kalaburagi has

nvited tenders 2nd time through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for civil wheel works under DMF projects during the year 2023-24.

Details are as follows.

I) Particulars: Tenders are invited separately in Kalaburagi Territorial Forest Division. 2) Tendered amount: Minimum 3390000, Maximum 5390000, 3) B. Head: Under the DMF scheme, 4) Last for submission of technical bids: Date: 11-03-2024 at 2.30 PM, 5) Last opening of technical bids: Date: 12-03-2024 at 4.40 PM, 7) Address to contact for more details: Deputy Conservator of Forest Territorial Division SB Temple Road Kalaburagi. 8) Internet site address: https://kppp.kamataka.gov.in

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ಕಹಾಮ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ, ಡಾ.ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್. ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560029 ಫೋನ್: 080- 25536625, 25536789, 26096834, 26096888 ಸಂಖೆ: ಕಪಾಮ/ಅಧಿ/ಎನ್ಪಎಫ್ಫ್-ಮೊಡ್ಫ್-ಮೋಜನೆ/ರಾಜಾಮಕುಂಚೆ/ಒಪಿಲ್ಕ್-ಆಸಗಳು/0832/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.03.2024

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ಜಾನುಕುಂಚೆ/ಸಿವಿಲ್ಕ್ಲಿಸಗಳು/01832/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.02.2024 ರಂತ ರಾಜಾಮಕಾರಟ್ಟಿ ಸಿಮರ್-ಕಲಸಗಳು, (1832/02)-24 (೨೧೦೦೮ - 00.02.004 ರಂತ 'ಸಾಜಾಮಕಾರಟೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಆರ್ಜಿಕ ಗಡುವುದಿ? ಮರುವುದಿ ಇತ್ತು ಸಂಕ್ಷೆಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಉಬ್ಬೇಕಿಸಿದುದೆ ನಡುವು (1000-100) ಮೆಟರ್ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಪೌರ್ಟ್ ತಿಲಂ ಘಟನೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು ಮರ್ವಾದು ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಸಿವರ್ ಕೆಂಡಗಳು – ರಾಜಾಮಕಾರುವೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು" ಸಂಬಂಧ, ಮೊದಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕೆಯಂತೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಂರಗಳುಂದಾಗಿ ಚೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಾಮಿಟಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ನೇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ, 1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿರುದ್ದ ಪ್ರತಿಚಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಚರುವರ್ ಪ್ರತಿಚಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ದೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಪೌರ್ಕಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಪರೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕಿಸಲ್ನೂ ದೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಪೌರಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಪರೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕಿಸಲ್ನೂ ದೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಪೌರಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಪರೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕಿಸಲ್ನೂ ದೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಪೌರಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಬಳಿಸುವುದಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪೂರ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಿಸ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ್ ಪ್ರಜೀಕರ

- 2. ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿವಾಂಕ: 19.04.2024 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
- 3. ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು (Part 1) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.04.2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ II:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

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Date: 28.02.202

TENDER NOTIFICATION Providing housekeeping services, gamaintenances, night shift security guservices to Bengaluru City University Central College Campus, Bengaluru. Rs. 5,50,000 Last Date For Queries 05.03.2024 Up to 12.00h 07.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs Registrar's Office, Central College Campi Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru re bid meeting dat ind place

Last date for submission of Tender
Opening of the Technical Bid
Ote: Payment of Tender processing fee and EMD amount as per E-p

Rarnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board

 Brainage Board
Olo The Chief Engineer, KUWS&D Board, Mysuru
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cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09
H No: 0821-2545894, Email: kwbcemye2014@gmail.com
FT no: 1613
Dated: 01.03.2024 IFT no: 1613 SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only) The tender for the work of "Providing Water Supply Distribution System to Someshwara Town (Tranche 1 & 2), Kotekar Town (Tranche 1 & 2) & Remodelling of Water Supply Distribution System in Ullala Town (Tranche 2) under AMRUT 2.0 including O&M for a period of 5 years (including 1 Year DLP), through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation)" amounting to Rs.123.62 Crores has been invited vide Karnataka Public Procurement Portal indent No: KUWSDB/2023 24/WS/WORK_INDENT149/CALL-2. Further detail: may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procur ment Portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Sd/-CHIEF ENGINEER, K.U.W.S. & D BOARD, MYSURU

(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT) Office of the Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division Bidar.
No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2023-24/ 2469 Date: 05-

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Divisio On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderists, for 02 works approved under KKRDB schemes as per KW-04 in Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 109,19,427.83 (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakhs Ninteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty seven and paise Eighty Three only) & Maximum Rs. 303,71,043,33 (Rupees Three Crore Three Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Forty three and paise thirty three only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt, of Kamataka Vizi. http://kpp.kamataka.govin. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on 05.03.2024 to or before 16.00 hours up to 18.03.2024 Febrical Bid will be opened on 19.03.2024 & Financial Bid will be opened on 22.03.2024 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

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BETWEEN : ICICI Bank Limited ICICI Bank Limited
Having its Registered office at
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Office at ICICI Bank Towers,
Bandra (East), Mumbai-400
O51 and its branch office at
Cord Index Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai-400
O51 and its branch office at
Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai-400
O51 and its branch office at
Bandra Card Hossur
Road, Bommanahali,
Bangalore-560 068
Represented by its POA
Holder
Sir Pramodh Gurumallappa
Sir Pramodh Gurumallappa
AND: __Plaintiff
AND: __Plaintiff

Golden Star Support Service Private Limited & Others Defendants SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 2 & 3

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1 claim made against you on 15/04/2024 at 11.00 a.m.

failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court or this: 28/02/2024.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR CITY CIVIL COURT MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF SA Associates.

ಲೋಕೋಪಯಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರ ಕಲೇರಿ. ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ

Person : 04_03_2024

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಘಾದೇಶ 1999 – 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಷ 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಥ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಟ್ರೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕ್ಲೆಡಬ್ಟ್ನೂ – 4 ನಿಯಮದವೊರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಕೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟಿ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ : 3873, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23–02–2024 ರಲ್ಲಿಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. : ಸಾಮಾನ್ತ : 9112, 9114, 9116, 9117, 9118, 9119, 9120, 9108, 9121, 5627, 9983, 9658, 10003

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ಅ) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ	: 14-03-2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಆ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	: 16-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಇ) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	: 18-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಈ) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	: 19-03-2024 ರಂದು ಸಂಚೆ 4.30 ಪಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿವರವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವೈಬ್ಸ್ಟೆಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority,
Mahadeswara Hils, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District,
Telephone No.: 0822272128 / Fax : 272123 Email : sec.mntemple@gmail.com

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SI. No.	Liability Details	Lease Period	Estimated Amount (In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (1% in Rupees)			
1.	Regarding acquisition of Mudi and Mudi contribution collection right obligation belonging to Sri Malai Mahadeswaraswamy Field Development Authority through e-tender for a period of 1 year from Date 01-04-2024 to Date: 31-03-2026.	2 year	300-00	3,00,000-00			

The details can be downloaded through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ and for details Chandrasekhar, Deputy Secretary's mobile no.: 9902593369. Information further details Chandrasekhar, Deputy Secretary's mobile no. 1990:2593369, Information can be obtained from during office hours. In case of clarification contact Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy, Kshethra Development Authority, Mahadeswara Hills, Mobile No.:8277682882.

The Tender schedule under KPPP Portal system is as follows.:

l	Amount Put to E-Tender EMD Amount		Rs. 3,00,00,000-00	(Three Crore Only)		
l			Rs. 3,00,000-00	(Three Lakh Only)		
l	3.	E-Tender Documents Uploaded Date	26-02-2024	Onwards		
l	4.	Last Date & Time for Receipt of E-Tender	15-03-2024	Upto 5.00 pm		
l	5.	Date & Time of Opening E-Tender	16-03-2024	After 5.00 pm		
Sd/- Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy DIPR : CHANAGAR:449:2023-24 Sd/- Secretary, Sri Malai Mahadeswara Swamy Kshethra Development Authority, Mahadeswara Hills						

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V.V. Subrahmanyam

t has been an inspiring journey for Sreeja Akula as she made it to the Paris Olympic Games from the by-lanes of Naveennagar in the City, where she once trained in the one-room Global Table Tennis Academy under the tutelage of Somnath Ghosh with just one table available!

The 25-year-old two-time National champion is part of the Indian v

team which made it to the Games and is also the first paddler from Telangana to achieve this feat.

"It's a testament of the dedication and synergy between a coach and an athlete. said Sreeja, expressing gratitude to Somnath for his unwavering support. Sreeja wants her coach Somnath to be

Sreeja wants ner coach somman to be present during her individual event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, underscoring the importance of his presence and guidance. Both Sreeja and Somnath are ready to

make their mark on the world stage thanks to the support of Dream Sports Foundation, Ctrl-s, Raheja and the UTT.

"I am also lucky to have my parents, who went out of the way to support me and grateful to TTFI, Government of India

"But for them, it would have been very difficult," said the Commonwealth Games mixed gold medallist (partnering A. Sharath Kamal). Special thanks to my coach Somnath who has been working with me for 13 years now. I will try to play my best game and create a few upsets in the Olympics. "The focus will be on consistency and playing more international tournaments to improve my ranking and be ready for the bigg

ranking and be ready for the biggest challenge of my carery, "sreeja said, "It has always been a dream, not just for me but for every athlete, to participate in the Olympics." Reflecting on the journey so far, Somnath said: We've poured our hearts and souls into this journey, overcoming obstacles and challenges along the way."

Art deco style posters prop up Paris as it gets ready for the Games

Associated Press PARIS

Vibrant colours and striking

Vibrant colours and striking landmarks illuminate posters for the Paris Olympic Games in an art deco style inspired by the city's flamboyant past.

The posters were unveiled on Monday at the Musee d'Orsay – a former railway station transformed into an imposing museum stretching along the Seine River – in the presence of Paris 2024 director of design Joachim Roncin and the artist behind them, Ugo Gattoni.

Telling a story "I don't want it to be something dull like only a poster with only a logo and a date on it, which they usually are. I want to tell a story," Roncin

"I want it to be something very

"I want it to be something very happy, because it's going to a huge party. I want it to be very joyful. Hopefully people will be inspired by these posters." There are many eigendering the mages to absorb.

Among the most striking is the Eiffel Tower piercing through the Stade de France. As if forming a giant cake mixing together two crucial ingredients: Paris' most famed landmark and its national stadium.

stadium.

Spectators on the posters have expressions on their fresh faces that expressions on their fresh faces that are perfectly captured. It's like they are frozen in time, enjoying a giant and timeless party somewhere: On a balcony admiring ballroom dancers, or guests at a grandiose fête thrown by the Great Gatsby himself. "It's the art deco style," Roncin

It's the art deco style, koncin said. "I wanted something very flamboyant, very rich, very colourful. It's typical of Paris, when you look at various restaurant styles, you can see the art deco style. When



vou look at the entrance on the

No coincidence No coincidence that it has this feel, perhaps, since these Games mark the centenary of the 1924 Olympics

in Paris.

Everywhere you look, even amid a blur of colours, the details are intricate and precise.

In the background you can see the

Olympic flame arriving on a three-mast tall ship into the French port of Marseille, having sailed from Greece, and the high-rolling waves representing surfing events in Tahiti. Closer up, some of Paris' monuments which will be used during both Games

Les Invalides, which holds former French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte's tomb; the imperious Grand Palais; the Arc de Triomphe, and the Château de Versailles, whos resplendent gardens will host

equestrian and pentathlon events. The posters will also appear on billboards all over Paris from

billboards all over Paris from Tuesday. It will be a relief to purists that no Al (artificial intelligence) was used to design the posters, which is part of the reason why Roncin selected Gattoni. "It was very important to work with Ugo because he's a manual artist, he works with his hands. Nothing is digital assisted. Today we

Nothing is digital assisted. Today we live in the world where there is a lot of AI," Roncin said.

It took six months to decide which colours to use and Gattoni has spent more than 2,000 hours working on the posters. "It has this fresh feel ... an

atmosphere of good vibes," said Gattoni, whose work also included Gatton, whose work also included studying all the previous Olympic posters. Just like the 1924 poster, this poster has to work in 100 years' time. For me this is super important."

Smriti Mandhana hopes Delhi matches Bengaluru's 'crowd energy'

match the energy of the Bangalore

crowd. We have seen men's cricket

here, I had come in 2016 to watch a

match and the crowd was similar

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Smrift Mandhana on Tuesday said she is looking forward to seeing how the crowd in the national capital embraces the Women's Premier League, after playing in front of a packed stadium in Bengaluru during the tournament's first leg. The second season of the WPL is being held at two venues. The Bengaluru lee, comprising of II

Bengaluru leg, comprising of 11 matches, concluded with RCB defeating UP Warriorz by 23 runs at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday night. The caravan now rolls to New Delhi from Tuesday.

The fans in Bengaluru not only turned up in large numbers for RCB's matches but also for the other

"We'll see if the Delhi crowd can

match and the crowd was similar and the atmosphere was like this. The way people have supported me has been great to see,* Mandham told Jio Cimema.

Mandhama said looking at the reception in the first leg of WPL got and the massive turnouts at the Brabourne Stadium and DV. Paril Stadium in Mumbai which hosted the league last vear, it seems that

the league last year, it seems that "women's cricket is winning". "As a women's cricketer, at that moment, I think women's cricket has won. I am saying this not just about

Smriti Mandhana or RCB, I feel like women's cricket is winning "Last year, Mumbai had a good

turnout, Bangalore was crazy especially for our matches. It was great watching people come and

support not just the home team but also the others (teams).

"They call RCB the most loyal fanbase. We saw it this time. We ianioase. We saw it this time. We couldn't even step out in Bangalore for the last 15 days – it's that good. It's a win for women's cricket and the entire fraternity," Mandhana added.

added.

Mandhana also heaped praise on her opening partner Sabbhineni Meghana, whose 164 runs in five games at a strike rate of 120.58 places her second after the RCB skipper in the list of highest run-getters this season.

Mandhana said she cannot take

Mandhana said she cannot take the credit alone in Meghana's success. "I can't take any credit; the way she has come back is amazing. I discussed this with her after the auction and told her that I had full faith in her, after what she had done on the domestic circuit," she said.



AI has a big and growing carbon footprint, but algorithms can help

Training GPT-3, the precursor AI system to the current ChatGPT, generated 502 metric tonnes of carbon, which is equivalent to driving II2 petrol cars for a year. GPT-3 further emits 8.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually due to inference. The requirements of large language models which are behind ChatGPT have gone up by a factor of 300,000

iven the huge problem-solving potential of artificial intelligence (AI), it wouldn't be far-fetched to think that AI could also help us in tackling the climate crisis. However, when we consider the energy needs of AI models, it becomes

energy needs of Al models, it becomes clear that the technology is as much a part of the climate problem as a solution. The emissions come from the infrastructure associated with Al, such as building and running the data centres that handle the large amounts of information required to sustain these

systems.
But different technological approaches to how we build AI systems could help reduce its carbon footprint. Two technologies in particular hold promise for doing this: spiking neural networks and lifelong learning.
The lifetime of an AI system can be still into two phases: training and

split into two phases: training and inference. During training, a relevant dataset is used to build and tune -improve - the system. In inference, the trained system generates predictions on previously unseen data.

previously unseen data.
For example, training an AI that's to be used in self-driving cars would require a dataset of many different driving scenarios and decisions taken by human drivers.

drivers.

After the training phase, the AI system will predict effective manoeuvres for a self-driving car. Artificial neural networks (ANN), are an underlying technology used in most current AI systems.

in most current AI systems. They have many different elements to them, called parameters, whose values are adjusted during the training phase of the AI system. These parameters can run to more than 100 billion in total.

While large numbers of parameters wine ange runniers to parameters improve the capabilities of ANNs, they also make training and inference resource-intensive processes. To put things in perspective, training GPT3 (the precursor Al system to the current ChatGPT) generated 502 metric tonnes of carbon, which is equivalent to driving II2 petrol powered cars for a year. GPT3 further emits 84 tonnes of CO2 annually due to inference. Since the Al boom started in the early 2010s, the energy requirements of AI systems known as large language models – the type of technology that's behind ChatGPT – have gone up by a factor of 300,000.

With the increasing ubiquity and complexity of AI models, this trend is going to continue, potentially making AI a improve the capabilities of ANNs, they

going to continue, potentially making AI a significant contributor of CO₂ emissions. In fact, our current estimates could be



Al systems make huge demands on energy resources. NAT/UNSPLASE

lower than AI's actual carbon footprint due to a lack of standard and accurate techniques for measuring AI-related

Spiking neural networks

The previously mentioned new technologies, spiking neural networks (SNNs) and lifelong learning (L2), have the potential to lower AI's ever-increasing

potential to lower AI's ever-increasing carbon footprint, with SNNs acting as an energy-efficient alternative to ANNs.

ANNs work by processing and learning patterns from data, enabling them to make predictions. They work with decimal numbers. To make accurate calculations, especially when multiplying numbers with decimal points together, the computer needs to be very precise. It is because of these decimal numbers that is because of these decimal numbers that is because of these decimal numbers that ANNs require lots of computing power, memory and time.

This means ANNs become more

energy-intensive as the networks get larger and more complex. Both ANNs and SNNs are inspired by the brain, which contains billions of neurons (nerve cells)

connected to each other via synapses. Like the brain, ANNs and SNNs also Like the brain, ANNs and SNNs also have components which researchers call neurons, although these are artificial, not biological ones. The key difference between the two types of neural networks is in the way individual neurons transmit information to each other. Neurons in the human brain communicate with each other by transmitting intermittent electrical signals called spikes. The spikes themselves do not contain information. Instead, the information lies in the timing of these

information lies in the timing of these spikes. This binary, all-or-none characteristic of spikes (usually represented as 0 or 1) implies that

AI could also help us in tackling the climate crisis. However, when we consider energy needs it becomes clear that the technology is as much a part of the problem as a solution

neurons are active when they spike and inactive otherwise.

This is one of the reasons for energy efficient processing in the brain.

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Just as Morse code uses specific sequences of dots and dashes to convey messages, SNNs use patterns or timings of spikes to process and terms or timings of spikes to process and terms. spikes to process and transmit information. So, while the artificial neurons in ANNs are always active, SNNs consume energy only when a spike

Otherwise, they have closer to zero energy requirements. SNNs can be up to 280-times more energy efficient than

My colleagues and I are developing My colleagues and I are developing learning algorithms for SNNs that may bring them even closer to the energy efficiency exhibited by the brain. The lower computational requirements also imply that SNNs might be able to make decisions more quickly. These properties render SNNs useful for a broad range of applications, including space exploration, defence and self-driving cars because of the limited energy sources available in these scenarios.

L2 is another strategy for reducing the

THE GIST

An Al system's line can be split into two phases: training and inference. During training, a relevant dataset is used to build and tune the system. In inference, the trained system generates predictions on previously unseen data

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Advances in quantum computing will also enable faster training and inference using ANNs and SNNs. This could allow us to find energy-efficient solutions for Al at a much larger scale

Toralf Mjoen places an Arctic fox in a box for transport early this February. The fox will make a 500-km trip south, where it will be released into the wild in Oppdal, Norway. As part of a state-sponsored programme to restore Arctic foxes, Norway has been feeding the population for nearly 20 years, and the programme has helped to boost the fox population form as few as 40 in Norway, Finland, and Sweden to around 550 across Scandinavia. Rettype

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overall energy requirements of ANNs over

the course of their lifetime that we are also working on.

Training ANNs sequentially (where the systems learn from sequences of data) on new problems causes them to forget their

previous knowledge while learning new

ANNs require retraining from scratch when their operating environment changes, further increasing AI-related emissions

emissions.

L2 is a collection of algorithms that enable AI models to be trained sequentially on multiple tasks with little

cqueriand of multiple tasks with little or no forgetting. L2 enables models to learn throughout their lifetime by building on their existing knowledge without having to retrain them

from scratch.

The field of AI is growing fast and other potential advancements are emerging that

can mitigate the energy demands of this technology. For instance, building smaller

AI models that exhibit the same predictive capabilities as that of a larger model.

capabilities as that of a larger model.

Advances in quantum computing – a different approach to building computers that harnesses phenomena from the world of quantum physics – would also enable faster training and inference using ANNs and SNNs.

The superior computing capabilities offered by quantum computing could allow us to find energy-efficient solutions for Al at a much larger scale.

The climate change challenge requires that we try to find solutions for rapidly advancing areas such as Al before their carbon footprint becomes too large.

carbon footprint becomes too large. (Shirin Dora is lecturer, computer science, Loughborough University. This article is republished from The

Transparent yet impenetrable



Conversation.)

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A textile bulletproof vest is A textile bulletproof vest is fashioned of 16-24 layers of nylon cloth of heavy weave. The layers are stitched together like a quilt. Such vests, also known as full-torso protectors, can be worn undetected under seales debties. worn undetected under regular clothing. A vest of 16 layers will stop regular handgun and submachine-gun bullets, while those of 24 layers will stop the move powerful stop the move powerful magnum bullets from the



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The decline in India's unemployment rate in 2023, as per the NSSO

in percentage.
Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years or above declined in 2023 and was the lowest in the last three years, as per a report of National Sample Survey Organisation.

India's coal output from April to February in FY24

880.7 in million tonne. India is now just 119.28 MT away from its one billion tonne coal production target for FY24. In 2022-23, India's total coal output was 893 MT. PT

Worth of order bagged Number of companies by BHEL from NTPC for thermal project

9,500 in ₹crore. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) said it was given the order from the NTPC to set up a 1,600 MW Singrauli thermal power project (Stage-II) in U.P. pn

in the northeast to opt for the NPS

companies. There are over 17,000 registered companies in the northeastern region, of which only a few opted to enrol their employees under the National Pension System (NPS). rn

The decline in the borrowing cost of States in India

in percentage. Amid continuing lower supplies, the borrowing cost for States fell to a 32-week low, down by 4 bps from the previous week's auctions.

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Maharashtra's latest Maratha quota law

What have commissions said about the law? What is the legislative history of the Bill and will it pass judicial scrutiny, unlike its predecessors? What is the current reservation pool of the State? Why was the earlier Bill struck down by the Supreme Court?

EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far: n February 20, the Maharashtra Assembly unanimously passed a Bill granting 10% reservation in education and government jobs to the Maratha community. However, activists have claimed that the new legislation is a "betrayal" of the community and instead seek a Maratha quota carved out from the existing reservation for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category.

What does the new Bill entail? The Bill does not disturb the existing OBC quota and is distinct from the Maharashtra government's earlier notification on the issuance of Kunbi caste certificates to eligible Marathas for inclusion within the OBC category. Thus inclusion within the OBC category. Thus, non-Kunbi Marathas will continue to be covered under the new law, making the Maratha community eligible for reservations under two separate categories for the first time. However, those who fall within the "creamy layer"

bracket will not be entitled to the benefit. The law has been formulated based on a report by the Justice (retired) Sunil B Shukre-led Maharashtra State Backward Shukre-led Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission that claims to have surveyed 1,58,20,264 families across the State. It opined that "exceptional circumstances and extraordinary situations" justify granting reservation to the community beyond the Supreme Court-approved 50% limit. While concluding that the Marathas constitute 28% of the State's population, with 84% of them qualifying as not advanced, it pointed out that such a large backward class cannot be added to the existing reserved categories. The Commission also reserved categories. The Commission also attributed extreme poverty, decline in agricultural income, and partitions in land holdings as reasons for the declining status of the Marathas.



Maharashtra already has 52% reservations, split into Scheduled Castes (13%), Scheduled Tribes (7%), OBC (19%), (13%), Scheduled Tribes (7%), OBC (19%), Vimukta Jati (3%), Nomadic Tribe B (2.5%), Nomadic Tribe C (3.5%), Nomadic Tribe D (2%), and Special Backward Classes (2%). The 10% Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation is also applicable to the State – making the total reservation pool 72% with the inclusion of the new quota.

When was the demand first raised? The first-ever bid for implementing a law to extend reservation to the Marathas was in 2014 when a non-statutory committee headed by veteran leader Narayan Rane submitted a report to the then Prithviraj Chavan-led Congress-NCP Democratic Front government, stipulating that the Marathas constitute 32% of the population in the State and needed economic

upliftment in the form of a special quota. Accordingly, the government passed an ordinance reserving 16% of government jobs and seats in educational institutions for Marathas and 5% for Muslims. For Marahas and 5% for Muslims.

However, the Bombay High Court passed an interim order staying the ordinance, pointing out that findings of previous committees such as that of the National Commission for Backward Classes have shown that the Marathas cannot be regarded as a backward class. Referring to the apex court's landmark verdict in Indra Sawlney versus Union of India (1992), the Court underscored that the 50% cap for reservations cannot be breached except "in extraordinary situations and for extraordinary reasons." extraordinary reasons.

What has the Supreme Court said? Following its failed attempt, the government constituted an 11-member

statutory commission – the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission headed by Justice (retired) N.G. Gaikwad to conduct a survey. In its report submitted on November 15, 2018, the Commission recommended granting Marathas 12% reservation in higher advaction and 12% reservation in higher education and 13% reservation in public employment. Based on this, the government on November 30, 2018, implemented the Maharashtra State Reservation for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018, which provided the Marathas 16% quota overall

in education and government jobs. However, in May 2021, a five-judge However, in May 2021, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in Jaishri Laxmanrao Pattil versus Chief Minister, Maharashtra struck it down and held that there were no "exceptional circumstances" that merit the government breaching the 50% ceiling limit to bestow quota benefits on the Maratha community. Declining to revisit its Indira Sawhney verdict, the Court said that the 50% can is now constitutionally. that the 50% cap is now constitutionally recognised. Dismissing the findings of th Gaikwad Commission, the Court observed that the Marathas are a "dominant forward class and are in the mainstream of national life."

Will it pass judicial muster? Asccording to Alok Prasanna Kumar, Asccording to Alok Prasanna Kumar, Co-Founder and Lead at the Vidh Centre for Legal Policy, the legislation is unlikely to pass judicial scrutiny. "The Court refused to recognise the Marathas as a socially and educationally backward class. The criteria for granting such a reservation should be based on data which shows that the community suffers from social backwardness. For instance, were they denied access to education and social facilities?" he highlight 50% reservation cap, exceptional

reservation cap, exceptional circumstances need to be shown, which is absent in this case. Marathas are politically dominant, and have land holdings – by no metric can they be said to be socially and educationally oppressed," Mr. Kumar adds.

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Why did Google delist some **Indian apps from Play Store?**

 $\underline{\text{What is the platform fee issue that has brought Indian tech firms and the tech giant at crossroads?}$

Aroon Deep

The story so far:

that it was pulling the apps of almost a dozen firms out of its marketplace for Android apps. While the announcement seemed While the announcement seemed sudden, it was preceded by years of wrangling between the search giant and Indian companies, with proceedings in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court. After the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology intervened, the apps were restored on Monday, but the issue remains unresolved.

What is the problem? At the heart of the issue is Google's platform fees. For all in-app purchases that involve a purely digital service – such as an ebook purchase or an OTT streaming subscription – Google collects a fee of anywhere between 11 to 30% per transaction. This fee, Google argues, helps the company pay for Google Play

and develop the Android ecosystem. The exact fee paid by each developer varies. If a developer is using Google's own billing product, and is offering a recurring subscription service, or if they make less than \$1 million a year in revenue from in-app payments, the company charges 15%. For app purchases for bigger firms, the amount is 30%. In India and South the amount is 30%. In India and South
Korea, where regulatory scrutiny on these
fees has been among the most intense,
Google collects 11% or 26% in fees if
developers choose to use a different
payment method. However, Indian
developers - like many global
counterparts - see these fees as a high
price to pay. Some, including Bharat
Matrimony and Disney+ Hotstar,
approached the courts at different stages
to avoid paying the fee altogether.
"While Google should definitely be able
to charge a fee for creating and

to charge a fee for creating and maintaining the app store ecosystem, the main contention is the size of the fee. Rohit Kumar, founder of the public policy firm The Quantum Hub explained.

What about other marketplaces? Apple has not faced similar pushback in India, as relatively fewer Indians use its products. Android, however, dominates the smartphone market, and Google Play is widely seen as the best bet for developers who want to be discovered by consumers. However, both Apple and Google have faced serious international Google have faced serious infernational resistance to these fees, and both firms have pushed back strongly against developers' resistance. The music streaming firm Spotify filed a complaint with the European Commission, after Apple stopped Spotify from telling its users how to pay for its service using a browser to avoid the App Store's fees. Additionally, Spotify said this was anti-competitive because Apple Music was not subjected to the 30% barrier that was erected for Spotify, Following the complaint, Apple was hit with a £1.84 complaint, Apple was hit with a €1.84 billion fine by the European Commission, which ruled that it had fined the company over unfair trading conditions. Similarly, in the U.S., Epic Games, the developer of

the popular Fortnite franchise, sued the popular Fortnite franchise, sued Apple as well as Google over the 30% fee. Unlike Apple, Google allows third party app stores around the world, something that gives app developers a little more leeway in avoiding these fees. But Google Play comes installed by default on most Android phones.

How have regulators responded? The Competition Commission of India (CCI) had in 2022 fined Google ₹936.44 crore for its Play Store policies. The company is in the process of appealing that fine, as well as orders by the CCI that it give developers comprehensive choices that me, as wen as orders by the Cut that it give developers comprehensive choices for in-payments. An appeal by Google against this fine is pending at the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. Meanwhile, the Indian apps that went to the Court are back on the platform for now. In-app payments are not yet a major part of the digital economy in India, as purely digital services for which Indian consumers have been willing to pay have been limited to content streaming, dating and matrimonial services – the very segment that is largely up in arms against Google's fees. "What we really need is regulation to increase competition in the app store market," Mr. Kumar said. "This should involve removing barriers to the adoption of other app stores (by placing restrictions on arrangements that Google restrictions on arrangements that Google makes with phone manufactures to set defaults and give primacy to its own apps) and allowing sideloading (for apps to be downloaded via websites)."

THE GIST

On March 1, Google announced that it was pulling the apps of marketplace for Android apps

Google's platform fees. For all in-app purchases that involve a purely digital service, Google collects anywhere between 11 to 30% per transaction. However, Indian developers — like many global counterparts — see these fees as a high price to pay.

ABSTRACT

Have India's health centres really 'collapsed'?

In this paper, the authors counter and complicate the prevailing narrative of 'collapse'. They present a portrait of the healthcare centres in five north Indian States, documenting their strengths and struggles alike

Jean Drèze, Reetika Khera, Rishabh Malhotra, 'The Changing State of Health Centres in North India', Economic & Political Weekly (2024)

here is a well-documented infamy around public health centres. Some have likened it to a chasm, others to a systemic rot representing the "greatest systems for representing the greatest failure of the Indian state." There is proven dilapidation and disrepute—there are no doctors, no diagnostics, no drugs. There are no buildings either sometimes, and people walk for miles to get substandard treatment. These centres, as reflections of the vast network of public healthcare, stoke the fear that India's health system has either collapsed or is disintegrating rapidly. In this paper, the authors counter and complicate the prevailing narrative of 'collapse'. They present a portrait of the healthcare centres in five north Indian States, documenting their strengths and struggles alike. Their survey shows a pattern of 'improving quality and failure of the Indian state". There is

struggles alike. Their survey shows a pattern of "improving quality and utilisation [of services] over time", but the nature of progress is "largely cosmetic", and "the pace of improvement" remains "far from adequate". Still, there is scope and strength in redeeming health centres' potential, they say. Against all odds, health centres "are mostly functional" and show "a demonstrated capacity to improve".

Why do health centres matter?
Health centres are the lowest rung of India's public health system, charged with offering accessible and affordable primary care. Almost two lakh in number, they are conceptualised as a three-tier system: sub-centres (later renamed as health and wellness centres), public health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs). 94% of these centres are located in rural areas, but reports show that less than 20% of them function effectively, pushing disadvantaged communities to rely on expensive, exploitative private health care. "Torn between the two, many patients end up risking their health or their wealth, if not both". Last year's

or their wealth, if not both". Last year's Economic Survey showed that in the absence of proper insurance and affordable services, almost half of all health spending in India is still paid by patients themselves, pushing many households into poverty.

The answer to social and health inequity may lie in accelerating the expansion and improvement of health centres. Localised healthcare "is a much better way of dealing with most health problems than to let patients loose on larger public hospitals or the private sector".

'Unsurprising' improvements The researchers studied the performance of 241 health centres – 26 CHCs, 65 PHCs and 150 sub-centres, spread across Bihar and 150 sub-centres, spread across Bhar (23), Chhattisgarh (36), Himchal Pradesh (45), Jharkhand (37) and Rajasthan (00). They referred to data from two studies from two different decades, one in 2002 and one in 2013, conducted in Udaipur and parts of Bihar, Jharkhand, and Himachal Pradesh. Centres from the 2013



entre in Saran, Bihar in 2021, PT

survey were revisited in 2022, with

survey were revisited in 2022, with Chhartisgarh added to the mix. Himachal Pradesh was always a "trailblazer" with functional centres serving 83% of its population, but States like Chhartisgarh and Rajasthan have introduced "valuable initatives". "Health centres today have better facilities, dispense more medicines, serve more patients, and provide a wider range of services than they did 10 or 20 years ago", the researchers found. This perception of progress was shared by health workers too, who found that "the work environment and the work culture seem to improve hand in hand".

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Two case studies stand out. Chhattisgarh was a pleasant surprise: by 2022, it illustrated a "radical expansion in public provision of healthcare". Local health worker seported running water, functional toilets, better facilities (for cold storage, vaccines, comtraceptives, etc.), more medicines, a supportive role of ASHAs and open centres with staff

present most of the time. There also has been a surge in public healthcare utilisation. On the other hand, the "twin States" of Bihar and Jharkhand presented a contrasting narrative, with Bihar the apparent laggard. The quality of health centres was "dismal", some local sub-centres were dormant and others were non-existent.

On average, contrary to popular belief, there is "evidence of functionality" across PHGs: "The centres are generally open during working hours, patients are being treated, basic facilities (not more) are in place, and healthcare is more or less free except in Bihar." present most of the time. There also has

place, and healthcare is more or less free except in Bihar."
What changed between 2002 and 2022? The share of health expenditure in the Union Budget increased drastically, coupled with the introduction of the National Rural Health Mission. India's flagship Ayushmann Bharat programme, launched with the vision of achieving universal health coverage, in 2018 introduced a health insurance component

(PMJAY) and a public provision component through health and wellness centres (HWCs). State-specific schemes launched by Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh boosted their performance. The survey noted that COVID-19 contributed to a stained increase in patient utilisation". with people placing greater trust in public health facilities.

The flip side
Progress is rarely ever linear or logical.
The study contextualises these signs of life as "modest improvements" only. The centres are still "grossly underutilised": there is high staff absenteeism, the number of patients per day is low, services are limited and "quite likely, of poor quality". Bihar's sub-centres "are still trapped in the old pattern where Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANMs) focus mainly on family planning targets and mainly on family planning targets and 'motivating' people-mainly women-for

sterilisation". The health workers interviewed listed challenges that remain neglected: lack of staff; irregular flow of funds; lack of toilet static legislate flow of funds; lack of tollet facilities; no transport or residential facilities; no transport or residential facilities; no trugs or functional testing equipment; and the growing burden of both online and on-field work. The study also documented social discrimination in health centres: some upper-caste doctors had "disparaging attitudes towards marginalised communities"; and upper-caste families routinely disrespected Dalit AMMs. Care isn't offered in a vacuum devoid of social realities; identity markers like caste, class, gender, and religion have historically shaped Indians' access to health services. Researchers also made a rare mention of the critical role women play in rural

health settings. The study found female nurses and staff members ran district hospitals and did "the bulk of the effort", hospitals and did "the bulk of the effort", while men in senior positions tended "to take advantage of their seniority". ANMs and ASHAs worked in grim environments with centres lacking running water and toilets. Still, they "tend to perform much better than the system in which they work". The researchers echoed demands made by frontline health workers: to enhance investment in this "veritable army of valuable health workers" so that women can reap the recognition or rewards of their work.

The pursuit of development

Investment in healthcare increased, but the "improvements are patchy" and allocations prioritise material development in tertiary healthcare. Take the composition of the healthcare budget the allocation in 2022-23 (1.9%) was almost the same as a decade ago in 2013-14 (1.7%). The National Health Mission share shrank from 69% to 44%. In comparison, the government spent IO times as much money on PMJAY and new regional AIIMS hospitals than on public welfare arms like the HWG. The researchers poked holes in the claim that lakhs of HCMs were 'created' – these were "minor upgrade[s]" of existing centres. The HWG. 'Talvae relatively attractive look" but were only "marginally better" than sub-centres, with improvements only "cosmetic" in nature. The study sketches India's health centres as sites of hope, debunking Mission share shrank from 69% to 44%. In

centres as sites of hope, debunking cynicism surrounding its failures and cynicism surrounding its failures and dissects claims of progress. These struggles "cannot be regarded as successful, but nor is it hopeless", because "hope lies in the experiences of States that have shown how decent standards of healthcare can be achieved in the public sector". The researchers conclude by noting that "beyond the current tokenism of Ayushmann Bharat", "major support from the centre...would make it much easier for the poorer states to emulate these initiatives".



Know your **English**

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"Mr. A. Shankar, Kallai Road, Kozhikode, ints to know the contexts in which the

own. A. Shainkar, Kailia Rodal, Rozimode, wants to know the contexts in which the following words are used: (a) excuse (b) forgive (c) pardon."
"Please excuse me for losing my temper. The sentence means that the person concerned is sorry for losing his temper and wants to apologise for it. He always has a ready excuse for not doing his homework.

Here 'excuse' means 'some reason, whether true or untrue, given when asking to be forgiven for absence, bad behaviour, etc.' Excuse' also means 'reason, justification.'
She always has an excuse for entertaining people. It is either her birthday or her husband's salary day or her mother's recovery from a bad cold!

entertaining people. It is either her birthday or her hisband's salarly day or her mother's recovery from a bad cold! Please make my excuses to her for not attending her party. Here 'to make one's excuses' means 'to explain why someone is not doing something or for absence.' 'By way of excuse' or 'in excuse' is used when you want to justify your action. I am sorry! I did not attend the meeting. I can only say by way of excuse that I was unwell on that day.

"To excuse oneself for something' means 'to set someone free from a duty, requirement, punishment, etc.' In this sense, it is used in the passing. He was excused from attending classes. She may be excused from attending classes. She may be excused from T classes.

"Excuse me' is used 'as an apology when one interrupts, disagrees, disapproves or has to behave impolitely.'

disapproves or has to behave impolitely.

Excuse me, can you tell me the way to

the station? Excuse me,' he said, 'as he pushed his

way through the crowd.'

Excuse my interruption.

He stepped on my foot and said, 'Excuse

me.'
When you did not hear what someone had said and would like him to repeat it, you say, 'Excuse me?' This is used more in American English than in British English. In British English, in such contexts, you say 'Pardon' or 'I beg your pardon'. You also say 'Sorry?' These are polite ways of asking another person to repeat what he had said. 'Pardon' also means' an action of a court or rules forgiving a person for an illeeal act and drying freedom from of a court or rules forgiving a person for an illegal act and giving freedom from punishment. 'Pardon' in this sense is a formal word. 'Forgive' also means 'to pardon.' When you forgive osmeone, you do not want to punish him; also you have no resentment against him. In 'forgive' there is an element of compassion.' Pardon,' 'excuse' and 'forgive' are also used to convey one's apologies for causing some inconvenience to another. I beg your pardon.

Excuse my interruption.

"Ms. Meera Chatterjee, Calcutta, wants to know the meaning of 'She danced like crazy."

craxy."

"Like crazy', 'like mad' are idioms
which mean 'to an extreme degree,' 'very
intensely.' 'She danced like crazy' means
that she danced with great enthusiasm.
She talks like crazy.
The mobile like crazy.

She spoke like mad.

These are used in informal contexts.

'She laughed like crazy' means she laughed and laughed and laughed as if she

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Word of the day

Emote: give expression or emotion to, in a stage or movie role

Synonyms: play, represent, act

Usage: The ease with which he was able to

Pronunciation: bit.ly/emotepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪˈməʊt/



THE DAILY QUIZ

a quiz on one of the most significant authors of the 20th century Sindhu Nagaraj

founders of this newscast.

Upon García Márquez's death

in April 2014, Juan Manuel Santos, then president of Colombia, called him something. What is it? having been based on a variety of real-life leaders

QUESTION 3

QUESTION 2

one of his most celebrated novels of all time, One Hundred Years of Solitude. The town is often supposed to draw from Márquez's

QUESTION 1
Let's start with a simple one: in which year Did Márquez win the Nobel Prize in

QUESTION 4

What was the name of the Colombian newscast that aired between 1992 and 1997 Márquez was one of the

QUESTION 5

This 1975 novel by Márquez is termed a 'dictator novel',

OUESTION 6

QUESTION 6
What is the title of the speech
given by Márquez upon being
awarded the Nobel Prize? This
theme also runs through
much of Márquez's works.



Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez was born on this day in 1927. Here is

Name these two authors. How were they related to Márquez?

stions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason Antonio Vivaldi was nicknamed 'Red Priest' Ans: He had red hair and was trained as a priest. 2. The reason Vivaldi did not function as a riest was because of this ailment. Ans:

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Asthma
3. The composer spent 37 years of his life at
the Pio Ospedale della Pietà asylum which
housed these inmates. Ans: Orphaned girls
4. The most recognised of his compositions
was this group of four concerti written for this
instrument. Ans: The Four Seasons (*Le
quattro stagion!*) for the violin
5. Vivaldi's compositions are identified by these
two letters. Ans: RV (Ryom-Verzeichnis), a
number created by Danish musicolepist

number created by Danish musicologist Peter Ryom Visual: Name this famous composer. Ans: Johann Sebastian Bach

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