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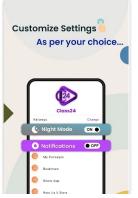


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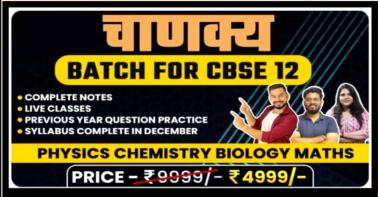


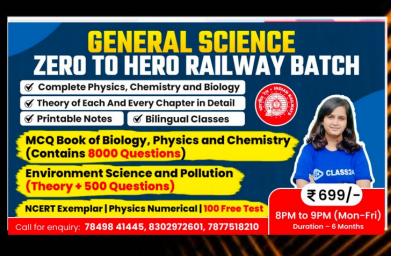




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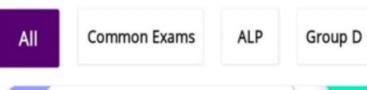
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#### RIP releases first list of candidates for Telangana

HYDERABAD
The first list of BJP candidates
for the Telangana Assembly
poll is finally out with 52
names, including Lok Sabha
member Bandi Sanjay Kumar. The BJP has also given ticket to its firebrand Hindutva lead T. Raja Singh after revoking his suspension. » Page 5

#### 'Mahua clarified her stance to TMC leadership'

NEW DELAIL NEW DELER TMC MP Derek O'Brien said the party would wait for the Lok Sabha panel to probe the 'cash for query' allegations against Mahua Moitra, and that she has clarified her stance to the party. 39 Page 10

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#### Israel pounds Gaza as a humanitarian crisis unfolds in hospitals

Though trucks with fuel enter Palestinian enclave from Egypt, lives of 120 babies on incubators at risk as power generators run dry, says UNICEF; 80 killed, 30 houses destroyed in air strikes; Hamas

17-truck aid convoy entered Gaza from Egypt on Sunday even as Israeli warplanes struck targets across the Palestinian enclave over-night and into Sunday, and Palestinian enclave over two airports in Syria and a mosque in the occupied by militants, triggering fears of an escalation of conflict. Hamas said over-conflict. Hamas said over-sion of the second of the more than 30 houses. It power generators at two hospitals crossed from hospitals crossed from agency for Palestinian re-rigees said. warned that the lives of at least 120 hewborn babies on incu-bators in hospitals are at the as a second of the second of the risk as the stocks run out.



bombing campaign has killed more than 4,600 Palestinians, mainly civi-

#### India sends relief goods to civilian population

#### The Hindu Bureau

India on Sunday became the latest country to rush help to the civilian population of the Gaza Strip The relief material from the country was delivered

to the Egyptian Red Cres cent at the El-Arish airbase of Egypt, located close to the Gaza border.

of Egypt, located close to
"An IAF-C17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of
medical aid and 22 tonnes
for the people of Palestine
for the people of Palestine
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ygen into the Gaza Strip.

#### Using officials as govt's pracharaks wrong: Kharge

#### The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, objecting to a recent decision taken by the Union government to depute senior bureau-crats to all districts in the country as Rath Prabharis to propagate the govern-ment's development

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Mallikariun Kharge

and our Constitution, it is imperative that the above orders are withdrawn im-mediately," Mr. Kharge de-

'Clear violation'
The Congress president argued that the decision is a
tral Civil Services (Contral Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, which
directs that no governpart in any political activity. He also cited an order
by the Ministry of Defence,
directing soldiers on anon promoting government on promoting governmen schemes, making then

#### Canada's actions are in violation of Vienna Convention, says Jaishankar

Canada's inability to provide safety and security to Indian diplomats challenges the "most fundamental aspect" of the Vienna Con vention on Diplomatic Re-lations, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Sunday. Mr. Jaishankar's remarks at an event here remarks at an event here came two days after Cana-da withdrew 41 of its diplo-mats from India and "paused" walk-in services at its consulates in Mum-bai, Bengaluru, and Chan-digarh, affecting Canadian visa facilities for Indians. In the context of the



Ensuring safety and security of diplomats is the most fundamental aspect of the Vienna Convention. And right now, that is what has in many ways been challenged in Canada S. JAISHANKAR

withdrawal of Canadian diwithdrawal of Canadian di-plomats from India, Cana-dian Foreign Minister Me-lanie Joly had accused New Delhi of violating the Vien-na Convention. "A unilater-al revocation of diplomatic privileges and immunities is contrary to international law, including the Vienna

Convention on Diplomatic Relations," she said on Oc-tober 19. Her remarks were tober 19. Her remarks were followed up by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Tru-deau, who accused India of violating a "very basic principle of diplomacy". Indian missions in Cana-da stopped issuing visas in September, but Mr. Jaish-ankar said that India would like to resume visa services if the working condition for Indian diplomats im

proved in Canada.
"My hope, my expectation is that the situation would improve in the sense that our people would have greater confi-dence in being able to do their basic duty as diplo-

#### Whirl of joy



#### Manipur issue animates **Mizoram** contest



India keeps slate clean

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#### Soldier posted at Siachen glacier first Agniveer to be killed in the line of duty

#### The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

deployed at the Siachen glacier, the world's highest battlefield — has become the first Agniveer to be killed in the line of duty since the Agnipath scheme for the recruitment of sol-diers was introduced. "All ranks of Fire and Fury Corps salute the su-

Fury Corps salute the su-preme sacrifice of Agniveer (Operator) Gawate Akshay Laxman, in the line of duty, in the unforgiving heights of Siachen and off-er deepest condolences to the family," the Army's



Leh-based 14 Corps posted

on X on Sunday. The report of his death led to sharp criticism on social media from the veterans community, as many pointed out the disparity between Agniveers and between Agniveers and regular soldiers, whose families are entitled to pen-sions and other benefits if they die while on duty. As per the terms of en-gagement of Agniveers, in case of demise as a battle casualty, the next of kin re-ceive ₹48 lakh non-contrib-utory insurance, an ex erge.

tory insurance, an ex gra-tia of ₹44 lakh, and the 30% of the salary contri-buted by the Agniveer to the Seva Nidhi scheme, with equal matching con-tribution by the govern-ment, plus interest. They will also get the balance pay owed from the date of death till the com-pletion of their four years'

tenure (in this case, that

amounts to more than £3 lakh), and a contribution of £8 lakh from the Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund, Army sources said.

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#### PPF returns 41 bps behind formula rates

Returns on the Public Pro-vident Fund (PPF), frozen vident Fund (PPF), frozen at 7.1% since April 2020, should have been pegged at 7.51% for this quarter as per the formula-based rates regime for small sav-ings schemes adopted in 2016, Reserve Bank of In-dia (RBI) calculations showed The government has

raised the rates offered for most small savings instruments (SSIs) in the range of 40 basis points (bps) to 150 bps over the past five quarters. "With these revisions

#### most SSIs are now better aligned with the formula-based rates," the RBI noted in its monetary policy re-port for October.

port for October.

However, two small sav-ings schemes' returns are still out of sync with the formula. The PPF rate now trails the formula-based rate by 41 bps.

For recurring deposit (RD) accounts, whose re-turns were raised to 6.7% for this quarter, the formu-la-based rate is higher at

#### ticket fraud surfaces in Bengaluru

#### The Hindu Bureau KALABURAGI

Even before the BJP ticket fraud involving Hindutva activist Chaitra and others could fade away from pu-blic memory, a similar scam has come to light

scam has come to light from Hagaribommanahalli in Vijayanagara district. Following a complaint lodged by C. Shivamurthy, a retired Assistant Executive Engineer of Public Works Department, the Kottur volles home professed as police have registered an FIR against Revanasiddap-pa, 55, and Shekhar N.P., 45, under various sections of the IPC.

of the IPC.

As per the complaint,
Revanasiddappa, a BJP
leader, approached the
complainant at the latter's
residence in Kottur and ticket for Hagaribommana-halli seat to contest the Assembly Elections.

crore between October 9, 2022, and April 30, 2023, from him on the pro giving a BJP ticket.

#### Ousted. Ibrahim says he is still in JD(S), urges Gowda to rethink tie-up with BJP

Party's Kerala unit scrambles to shrug off stigma of its national leadership aligning with the BJP: Minister K. Krishnankutty says JD(S) State unit will operate independently of national leadership

#### The Hindu Bureau

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM usted Karnataka JD (S) president C.M. Ibrahim on Sunday asserted that he is in Janata Dal (Secular) both "technistill heads the party in the State, as his remova the post was wrong.

Appealing to JD(S) na-tional president H.D. Deve Gowda, and his son and former Chief Minister H.D. former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to recon-sider their decision on join-ing hands with the BJP, he said he will decide on the future course of action, in-cluding the legal fight against his removal as State

Following Mr. Ibrahim's ebellion against the JD(S)'s decision on allying with the BJP, Mr. Gowda on Thursday had dissolved the party's Karnataka unit, essentially removing the former as the State presi-dent, and had appointed



appointed son Kumaraswamy (left) as the 'ad-hoc chief'. FILE РНОТО

hoc president". Meanwhile, the Janata stigma" of its national leadership throwing in its lot with the BJP in Karnataka even as the party's Kerala unit holds a Cabinet port-folio under the CPI(M)-led LDF government.

Embarrassingly for the ID(S) State unit, the Congress-led UDF had sought to exploit Mr. Gowda's as-

Mr. Kumaraswamy as "ad-sertion that his lurch to the sertion that his lurch to the BJP had the tacit approval of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The Con-gress leaned on the state-ment to try to hobble the CPI(M)'s strong pivot to the minority communities ahead of Lok Sabha polls.

> Making amends JD(S) leader and Electricity Minister K. Krishnankutty strived to make amends for the situation under criticism from the Congress and, purportedly, from

Mr. Krishnankutty told a television news channel that JD(S) State president Mathew T. Thomas had met with the national lea-dership and rebuffed its as-sociation with the BJP. He said Mr. Thomas had unequivocally told the par-ty's national leadership that its alliance with the BJP was unacceptable.

Severed relation

Mr. Krishnankutty said Mr. Thomas told the national leadership of the ID(S) that the party in Kerala had se-vered its relationship with vered its relationship with the party. The JD(S) State unit would operate inde-pendently of the national leadership, Mr. Krishnan-kutty said. However, the JD (S) State leaders were am-biguous on whether the Kerala unit would split from the party anytime from the party anytime soon, change its nomencla ture, and petition the Cen-tral Election Commission for the status of an inde-

#### Post-NCP split, Pawar clan comes together for first time at Baramati event

Members of the Pawar family on Sunday came to-gether publicly for a programme in Pune's Baramati taluk for the first Pawar. The 82-year-old Mr. Sha-

rad was present alongside his nephew and daughter, NCP MP from Baramati, Supriya Sule. Also present were other members of the Pawar family. The occasion was the inauguration of the Anantrao Pawar English Anantrao Pawar English Medium School in Daund (which is part of Baramati), named in memory of Mr. Ajit's late father Anantrao Pawar, who was Mr. Sha-rad's older brother. Mr. Sharad cut the rib-ben to even the webed Mr.

bon to open the school. Mr. Ajit conspicuously avoided speaking to his uncle, though he was seen talking with his cousin Ms. Sule.

Praise heaped Despite the tension bet-ween the uncle and the ne-



phew, Mr. Sharad lauded the management of Mr. Ajit's Pune District Educa-tion Association (PDEA) in

his speech. "Under Mr. Ajit's leadership, the Pune Zilla Shiksh-an Sansthan (PDEA) has an Sansthan (PDEA) has emerged as an exemplary educational body. One lakh students are learning there," said the NCP pa-triarch, while listing the achievements of the edu-cational bodies chaired by him, his daughter Ms. Sule and his nephew.

and his nephew. Mr. Sharad recalled Anantrao Pawar's inspiring and selfless personality. He made special mention of his older brother's contri bution in helping him be

Thackeray camp had ar-gued that staging the Dasa-

ra rally was the right of Se-

Beginning of a change The Rajya Sabha MP furth

The Rajya Sabba MP further claimed that Mr. Thackeray's speech at the rally will be the "beginning of a change" in the State as well as the national level in 2024. "Uddhav Thackeray's Dasara rally has been

a tradition and is a legacy of over five decades. First it was [Sena founder] Balasa-heb and later Uddhavji," Mr. Raut said.

not seated together, with Mr. Sharad's wife, Pratib-ha, and Mr. Ajit's mother Ashatai Pawar, being seat ed between them.

On July 2 this year. Aiit Pawar, in a startling move, joined the Shiv Sena-BIP

schism, the Pawar family has insisted that politics and personal relations were separate. Before the school's inauguration, Ms Sule stressed that the event should not be given any

#### **INBRIBE**



#### Adityanath flags off 51 buses under 'Mission Mahila Sarathi'

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#### SP leader Azam Khan, son shifted to different jails in U.P.

Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Azam were moved to different jalis early Sunday, officials said. A Rampur court on Wednesday convicted Mr. Khan, his wife Tazeen Fatima and son in a 2019 fake birth certificate case, and sentenced them to seven years in jail. While Mr. Khan has been shifted to Sitapur district jail, his son was taken to Hardoi district jail, they said. #1

#### Will come out soon and lead fight against YSRCP's 'draconian rule', says Naidu

#### The Hindu Bureau

Tehuru Desam Party (TDP) Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president and former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu wrote an open letter on Sunday to the people from the cen-tral prison in Rajamahen-dravaram, exuding confi-dence that he would soon come, out without any come out without any blemish and lead the fight against the "draconian rule" of the YSR Congress

Party (YSRCP). Mr. Naidu has been in the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison for more Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Court in Vijayawada extended Mr. Naidu's reextended Mr. Naigu's re-mand till November 1, while the Supreme Court reserved its judgment on a separate petition in the

case. Mr. Naidu said in the let-ter that the YSRCP could not destroy his credibility and reputation by putting



crime he had not commit-ted, and insisted that truth would prevail sooner than

later. The TDP chief said he The TDP chief said he would strive for development of the State and the people's well-being with greater vigour once he comes out of the prison. Mr. Naidu alleged that it was the fear of losing the 2024 election that prompt-ed the YSRCP to implicate him in false cases. Mr. Naidu said he ad-vised his wife Bhuvaneswari to reach out to the peo-ple in his absence and fight on their behalf against the VSRCP's mismale

YSRCP's misrule.
Asserting that the pre-sent crisis in the TDP was only a temporary setback, Mr. Naidu said he was grateful to all those who ex-pressed solidarity with him, and exhorted the party leaders to continue the fight against the YSRCP in a peaceful manner.

Bhuvaneswari's vatra Meanwhile, Ms. Bhuvanes-wari is all set to embark on Nilam Gelavali (truth Nijam Gelavali (truth should triumph) Yatra from Naravaripalle in Chandragiri Assembly con-stituency of Tirupati dis-trict on October 25, prot-esting against the Mr. Naidri arrest. Jeneral se-cretary Nara Lokesh su-cretary Nara Lokesh su-

pended his Yuva Galam Pa-dayatra in the wake of his father's arrest on September 9 and had to postpone its resumption.

#### Sparks continue to fly over Dasara rally as Raut targets Shinde

#### Press Trust of India

ter CM Eknath Shinde's rul-ing Sena faction backed down from staking claim to down from staking claim to hold the rally at Mumbai's iconic Shivaji Park. While the Shinde faction hailed the Chief Minister's "mag-nanimity" in taking a step back and defusing a poten-tial flashpoint, the Uddhav Thackeray camp taunted Shiy Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Sunday said the annual Dasara rally held at the Shivaji Park in Mumbai the Shivaji Park in Mumbai has been a tradition and is a legacy of more than five decades, and claimed it is only a Thackeray who gives the vision and road map for Thackeray camp taunted its rival by urging them to hold their Dasara rally a the party office of Mr. Shinde's ally - the BJP. The

Maharashtra. Talking to reporters, Mr. Raut termed the Dasara rally to be organised by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on October 24 as "duplicate", claiming it is acceptable on-ly to "duplicate people in he Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP)\*.

Sena (UBT) head Udd-hav Thackeray will address the rally at the iconic Shiva-ji Park in Dadar area while the CM Shinde-led Shiv Se-na has finalised the Azad Maidan in south Mumbai for holding its rally.

A potential showdown between the two rival fac-tions over the wenue for the

tions over the venue for the rally was earlier averted af-

#### W.B. Governor keeps heat on TMC at Durga Puja pandal

#### Press Trust of India

West Bengal Governor C.V. + Ananda Bose on Sunday said his fight against cor-ruption and violence will continue.

visiting a community puja pandal in north Kolkata's Sukiya Street, the main or-ganiser of which is TMC leader Kunal Ghosh.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "Our fight against corruption will continue and our struggle agains violence will also continue Corruption is a blood seed and violence is a demoniac and violence is a demoniac force, Just as Goddess Dur-ga killed Mahishasura, and Goddess Kali killed Rakta-beej, we will also kill cor-ruption and violence," he

aid. Mr. Ghosh, however, downplayed the Gover-nor's statement, maintain-ing that it was made in the context of the world at large.

#### Months after community added to ST list, Himachal asks Delhi to define Hattees

#### Abhinay Lakshman

was included in the Sche-duled Tribes (ST) list of the State, there is confusion in the Tribal Development Department about who the "Hattees" actually are and whether people already classified as Scheduled Castes should be included

community. The Tribal Development Department has now writ-ten to the Tribal Affairs Mi-nistry in Delhi, seeking

the ST list just says "Hattee of Trans-Giri area of Sir-mour District". The Bharatiya Janata Party-led Union govern-ment had last year pushed hard for the inclusion of the Hattees in the ST list, announcing the decision months before the State went to the polls. The Congress, however, came to power in the State. Of the power in the State. Of the five seats in Sirmour dis-trict, the BJP had lost three. The Presidential as-sent for the addition was granted in August.

'Does not exclude' In a letter sent to Delhi last month, the State govern-ment has said the matter

(Law Department). The de-partment had suggested that the entry added to the ST list does not specifically hence the amendment must be construed

the Bill to add the community, the statement of objects and reasons specifically said the intent was to communities that had al-ready been designated as

SC.

A senior official in the Himachal Pradesh govern-ment told *The Hindu* that the confusion was over how to interpret the entry introduced in Parliament regarding who the Hattees are was referred to the (SC), the entry added to State Advisory Department According to past obser-



Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda speaks in the Rajya Sabha on July 26, when the House passed a Bill to accord ST status to the Hattee community in Sirmour district, Himachal Pradesh. FILE PHOTO

vations of the Office of the Registrar-General of India (RGI), people who are referred to as Hattees in the region also include those Koli, Badhai, Lohar, Dhaki, around 5 lakh, as per the 2011 Census, of which close According to past obser- already designated as SCs.

Last year, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda had estimated that about 1.6 lakh people in Sirmour would benefit from Hattees being added to the ST list. The district's population is around 5 lakh, as per the

to one-third are Scheduled Castes, with the district al-ready having two Assemb-ly seats reserved for SCs. The only other ST in the re-gion are the Guijars. The Hattee community in Himachal Pradesh has

always argued that they de-serve to be in the ST list because they share ethnic ties with the people of the Jaunsar-Bawar region, who were declared as ST in

Uttarakhand.

But while the Union government had pushed through approvals for adding the Hattees to the ST list in the last two years, the office of the RGI has on previous recognition relies. previous occasions reject-ed the proposal to add the community as ST - most recently in 2017. State had caused a massive uproar in the region. The SC community and the community as ST - most recently in 2017.

information available at the time that "Hattee" was a term used to refer to the communities have insisted that atrocities against them trated by people from Bhat and Khas-Khanet castes – Bhat (Brahmin) castes and people from Scheduled Caste communities like the and that adding them to the ST list would only em-bolden them. Further, the Guijars, as

#### ones mentioned above. Reversed opinion

inhabitants of Trans-Giri area and that this included people from "upper status

social groups" like the Khash-Khanet (Rajput) and

Reversed opinion However, the office of the RGI reversed its opinion on Hattees after a fresh ethno-graphic report was submit-ted by the State govern-ment, paving the way for their inclusion. The decision and Hat-ter and the state of the State had caused a massive

the only other ST con the only other ST com-munity in the area, had op-posed the move noting that they were historically a no-madic and pastoral com-munity. The Gujjars held that once Hattees are ad-ded to the ST list, their community members would be crowded out of the benefits meant for tribespeople because they were relatively more back-



# Adityanath flags off 51 buses under 'Mission Mahila Sarathi'

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## Yogi flags off 51 buses to be operated by women drivers, conductors

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

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UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday launched the 'Mission Mahila Sarathi' initiative under the state's Mission Shakti Abhiyan and flagged 51 buses that will be operated exclusively by women as drivers and conductors.

During the programme in Ayodhya, the chief minister said, "There could not be a more appropriate occasion when the date of 'Maha Ashtami' is being linked with Mission Shakti along with the launch of Mission Mahila Sarathi. The initiative seeks to connect and empower women drivers and conductors."

"The Uttar Pradesh State RoadTransportCorporation(UP-

SRTC) is your companion in times of crisis. Now, daughters symbolising 'Mission Shakti' will drive these vehicles as drivers, fulfilling the role of companions." he added.

Adityanath said that the safety, respect, and self-reliance of women had always been a challenge for the state. "That is why Indian society has always believed that where women are respected, their dignity is protected. The UP government has consistently promoted this idea in the fourth phase of Mission Shakti." he said.

Adityanath said that so far, more than 1.5 lakh women have been employed on various posts in Uttar Pradesh Police and the state government. "But, the dream of having women as drivers and conductors in the UP-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flags off the buses in Ayodhya on Sunday. PTI

SRTC has also been realised. Now, daughters have become fighter pilots too," he said.

He said that the UPSRTC is considered the lifeline of transportation within the state. "India became independent on August 15, 1947, but the first bus of the corporation had started operations in May 1947. Since then, the transport corporation has been setting long-distance routes.

Now, UPSRTC is making progress and expanding its operations. Bus stations in the state will now be like airports, for which work has already begun," the chief minister said.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, around 40 lakh people from Uttar Pradesh working in different parts of the country became jobless and returned home. UPSRTC rose to this challenge. Around 11,000-12,000 buses with drivers and conductors converged at the borders, where they helped UP citizens return home, and people from other states reach the UP border," he said.

"Now, the focus is shifting from buses running on diesel towards electric buses. There will be a significant increase in the number of electric buses in the UPSRTC fleet and contracts. These buses will not cause pollution, noise, and have better speed," he said. The CM said that the state government will provide incentives worth Rs 20 lakh to individuals buying electric buses. "We have allocated Rs 400 crore in this regard," he added.

Adityanath also said that the government needed to buy several buses as part of preparations for the 2025 Kumbh Mela. "For better connectivity, the UP government has formulated an Electric Vehicles (EV) policy. Electric buses do not use diesel, petrol, or CNG; they will be charged with electricity. They can travel up to 300 km on a single charge," the CM said.

Meanwhile, earlier during the day, Adityanath offered prayers at Chhoti Devkali temple on Ashtami and met the saints there. 6th Atal Bihari Vajpayee National Award at 9th Global Literary Festive

Women's participation in Uttar Pradesh labour force up by 17.9%

UP govt to provide pink scooters to 1100 women beat constables

UP CM Yogi Adityanath unveils freedom fighter Raja Rao statue in Unnao

Bareilly first district to grant access to Smart Classes in schools

CM Yogi to open first Mission Shakti Café in Gonda

**Construction of Veterinary Science College to start in Gorakhpur** 

UP government to organize three-day 'Sri Anna Mahotsav'

Secretary, MeitY inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Lab

#### In first list, BJP confirms Eatala vs KCR contest in Gajwel constituency

Prominence given to Backward Classes candidates with 19 of them included in the 52-member list; a total of 12 women candidates find a place; the party has fielded eight Scheduled Caste and six Scheduled Tribe candidates

he first list of Bha-ratiya Janata Party candidates for the Telangana Assembly elec-tion is finally out with 52 names cleared by the Cen-tral Election Committee chaired by party president J.P. Nadda and also attend-ed by Prime Minister Naed by Prime Minister Na-rendra Modi, Defence Mi-nister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah the Committee on Sunday. As was expected, form-er State party president and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar will be con-testing from the Karimna-

gar constituency and form-er Minister and election campaign coordination committee chairman Eata-la Rajender will be taking on Chief Minister K. Chan drasekhar Rao at Gajwel besides his own consti-tuency of Huzurabad, Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Aravind will be contesting from Koratla and Adilabad MP Soyam Babu Rao from

Other names Dubbak MLA M. Raghu-nandan Rao, who won a byelection, will be contest-ing from the same consti-tuency, while former MLA Chintala Ramchandra Red-dunill be concerning trains dy will be once again trying his luck from the Khairatabad constituency. Another noted candidate is the el-der brother of BRS Minister Erraballi Davakar Rao.

ting ticket for Warangal East.

the Central committee are Palvai Harish Rabu (Sir. (Bellampalli), Ramesh Rathod (Khanapur), Payal Shankar (Adilabad), Aleti Maheshwar Reddy (Nir-mal), Ramarao Patel (Mud-hole), Paidi Rakesh Reddy hole), Paidi Rakesh Reddy (Armur), T. Aruna Tara (Jukkal), K. Venkata Rama-na Reddy (Kamareddy), Dhanpal Suryanaryana Gupta (Nizamabad Urban), Annapurnamma Aleti (Bal-konda), Boga Sravani (Jag-tial), S. Kumar (Dharmapu-ri), Kandula Sandhya Rami Shobha (Choppadandi) Rani Rudrama Reddy (Sir cilla), Arepalli Mohan (Ma-nakondur), Erragolla Mu-rali Yadav (Narsapur), T. Nandhishwar Goud (Pa-tancheru), Madavaneni Raghunandan Rao (Dub-bak), Kuna Srisailam Goud

bak), Kuna Srisailam Goud (Quthbullapur).
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12 belong to the dominant Reddy community. Among the forward castes, one seat was given to the Vysha community and another to the Agarwal community. The first list also had eight Scheduled Caste and six Scheduled Tribe candi-dates. Over all, 12 women candidates found a place in





Core discussion: Narendra Modi with BJP president J.P. Nadda during the party's Central Election

#### Raja Singh's suspension lifted; party set to field him again

The BIP's central disciplin The BJP's central disciplinary committee has decided to revoke the suspension of Goshamahai MLA. T. Rajastion of his explanation in tion of his explanation in response to the show cause notice served by the party. Om Pathak, member secretary of the committee, said in a communication to Mr. Singh that the panel had considered his reply before taking the decision.

This clears the path for him to be renominated



T. Raja Singh

angana, said party sources on Sunday. The controversial leader was suspended 2022 for making provoca

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particular religion when the Telangana government allowed a stand-up comic to conduct his show in the telange of telange of the telange of te

#### Telangana CEO not satisfied with election arrangements

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Vikas Raj has ex-pressed dissatisfaction over the gaps in the arrange onduct of the Assembly

election. The CEO, who took drew the attention of the returning officers and oth-er officials concerned about the gaps that were the concerned of the con-structions given by the election authority. He was particular about the com-plaints received from the people as well as the politi-cal parties and asked the officials to convene meet-ings of the district grievances committees on sei-

Fast resolution The committees should ensure that genuine cases are resolved immediately after

resolved immediately after taking all the parameters into consideration. There was a need to relating to the seizures and the Acts under which they were made. Receipts the Acts under which they were made. Receipts seizure and the aggrieved party should be educated about to whom their ap-peal should be referred. Police stressed the need

Police stressed the need for confidence-building measures and insisted that there should be visibility of the police like flag

#### Man welcomes his daughter with band. baaia after divorce

Amit Bhelari

On October 15, the first day of Navratri, Prem Gupta Bajra-Sarweshwari Nagar area with a musical band and fireworks.

usual: Mr. Gupta had come to bring Ms. Sakshi back to his home in Ranchi's Kumhartoli after she filed for di vorce over her in-laws and her husband allegedly harassing her.
A real estate business-

A real estate business-man by profession, Mr. Gupta had recovered from cancer only six months earlier. And six days ago, media a video of the fan-fare with which he wel-comed his daughter. "When a daughter's marriage is done with

great pomp and show, she must also be brought back home with respect and ho-nour if things go wrong, because daughters are ve-ry precious," he had said.

Harassed by in-laws Ms. Sakshi had in April last year got married to Sachin Kumar, an assistant engi-neer in Jharkhand Bijli Vineer in Jharkhand Bijli Vi-tran Nigam Ltd. Some time after the wedding, Mr. Gupta came to know that his daughter was being ha-rassed by Mr. Kumar and his family. There had even been times when Ms Some had been did thrown her out of the house.



Prem Gupta with his daughter

vered that her husband had already been married twice. After the Gupta fa-mily's attempts to resolve

mily's attempts to resolve the issue failed, Ms. Saleshi filed a divorce petition which is currently pending by the control of the time Mr. Gupta told The Hin-du over phone that he had given Mr. Kumar's family It'l lakh during the wed-tition filed, they have pro-mised to return this money as alimony, he added.

No decision right now Asked about his daughter's future, he said, "We have not decided anything right now, but if my dau now, but it my daugnter wants to start a new life with a new partner, we will be more than happy. The couple has now mutually agreed for the divorce and the family court of Ranchi will pronounce the decision soon.

sion soon."

With her mother Veena
and brother Ujjwal also
backing her decision, Ms.
Sakshi told *The Hindu* that
she was lucky to have such
a supportise family.

a supportive family.

Attempts to reach out to
Ms. Sakshi's in-laws elicited no response.

#### Tourists flow into Mysuru as the heritage city prepares for grand Dasara finale tomorrow

Mysuru is all set for the grand Dasara finale amidst scores of tourists descend-ing on the city to witness the spectacle that unfolds on Tuesday. The celebra-tions began on October 15 atop the Chamundi Hills in Karnataka, and the city is now gearing up for the conclusion of the 10-day

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Dhwaja puja at the Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple. This will be followed by the display of the State's cultu-ral diversity.

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The Dasara air show will be held on Monday at 4

#### Tej now extremely severe cyclone over the Arabian Sea; yellow alert issued for eight districts in Kerala

The very sewere cyclone, Tej, that formed over the Arabian Sea on Sunday in-tensified into an extremely-clone, which is moving north-westwards, is likely to cross the Yemen coast close to Al Ghaidah in the early hours of Tuesday as a very severe cyclonic storm with wind speed of 125-135

kmph gusting to 150 kmph. Kerala is likely to receive isolated heavy rainfall trig-gered by the weather sys-tems over the Arabian Sea Kerala is likely to receive isolated heavy rainfall weather system

warning of isolated heavy rains on Monday. However, the typical northeast monsoon rain will be absent at least for the next few days in the State as the present weather system over the Bay of Bengal is likely to upset the flow of north-easterlies.

Meanwhile, the depres sion formed over the Bay sion formed over the Bay of Bengal is likely to inten-sify into a deep depression in 24 hours and subse-quently a cyclonic storm

wards the Andhra coast during the next 12 hours and then recurve and move north-eastwards to wards Bangladesh and ad-joining the West Bengal coast during the subse-quent three days.

Fishermen are advised to not venture into the to not venture into the southwest and west-cen-tral Arabian Sea till Wed-nesday as gale wind speed is likely to reach up to 150-160 kmph gusting to 175 km in the west-central Ara-bian Sea on Monday.

#### Sensitive ecosystem in Cauvery's birthplace cries for attention amid deficit rainfall

B.S. Satish Kumar

The dwindling storage in Karnataka's Cauvery basin reservoirs owing to drought prevailing in the n the downstream areas in the downstream areas, besides typically escalating the legal tussle over inter-State sharing of the river water. But the plight of the sensitive ecosystem of Ko-

sensitive ecosystem of Ko-dagu, which is the main catchment area as well as place of origin of the river, is yet to get due attention, is yet to get due attention, cated in the pristine West-eric Ghats region should re-ceive good rains if the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) re-servoir, located in the

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mand areas and drinking water needs of towns and cities in the basin, including Bengaluru. Also, the State's experience has shown that the inter-State sharing of Cauvery water does not get complicated when there are good rains

Rainfall pattern
This year, Kodagu district
has reported a cumulative
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ing southwest monsoon
that ended on September
30 as against the State's average defect of 25%
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high
as 80% in June and 82% in
August in this district. This
deficit would not just impact the ecosystem of the

sin that transcends State boundaries. While legal experts are

worried about dwindling storage in KRS, naturalists ersed with the Kodawell-versed with the Koda-gu landscape are con-cerned about decline in rain-fed paddy cultivation in Kodagu which they say is a micro reservoir system that sustains the ecosystem

that sustains the ecosystem of Kodagu and the Cauvery river.

"We have an age-old practice of cultivaring paddy in the valleys with the thing of the control of the control



strengthen tributaries of Cauvery. But the cause of concern now is that cultiv-ation of paddy has reduced by nearly 50%, says C.G. Kushalappa, scientist and retired dean of College of Forestry in Ponnampet, who has studied the eco-

tem of Kodagu for over system of Kodagu for over 35 years. According to him, farmmunerative. The high la-bour cost and man-animal conflict near the Nagara-hole National Park are also

Another major reason r shunning the paddy cultivation is rapid com-mercialisation which is

making farmers to either

making farmers to either sell off or take up construction activities on paddy fields which are more suited the slopes, he observes. Expressing concern that shunning paddy cultivashunning paddy cultivastion by providing an in-The government, NGOs and corporates should join hands in this endeavour.

Cauvery even during sum-mer, then the need of the hour is to demonstrate sustainable development mo del involving paddy cultiv ation backed by incentive in a couple of villages so

Former member of Cof-fee Board of India and an fee Board of India and an expert on coffee industry as well as Kodagu ecosys-tem, Bose Mandanna too expresses concern over ra-pid commercialisation that pid commercialisation that is affecting the ecosystem in sensitive zones of Koda-gu. "People from outside invest in land here for com-mercial purposes. This has resulted in huge construc-tions coming up on ecolog-

ically sensitive areas. We saw its impact in 2019 when landslides in Kodagu when it rained 40 inches in

version of agricultural land dential purposes. But cor

dential purposes. But con-version of agricultural land for large constructions like and the large constructions and allowed. It is not wise to al-low such huge construc-tions stop hills," he says. Kodagu unit presiden Sangha, Manu Somalah, says "Kodagu beling a tou-pist destination, outsiders show a lot of interest in mercial purposes. Politi-mercial purposes. Politimercial purposes. Politi-cians too are buying lands here in others' names (be

nami ownership).\*

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Raja Marga.

This year, 49 tableaux will be part of the procession from across the State.

Among them is one on the guarantee schemes that were launched by the Congress government and another one on the Somanathapura temple, which recently bagged the world heritage tag. The tableaux portray the rich culture and tradition of the land, which will be showcased in the presence of lakhs of people who are eagerly awaiting the show.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will flag off the procession after the Nandi Dhwaja puja at the Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple. This will be followed by the display of the State's cultural diversity.

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#### **NEWS IN NUMBERS**

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The number of innings The number of power The vote secured by plants with critical coal stocks

> These power plants, including six imported dry fuel-based, are labelled as having a critical coal stock situation, as the dry fuel there is less than 25% of the

populist right party in Swiss elections

In percentage. The right-wing populist Swiss People's Party topped Switzerland's general election on Sunday, according to the first results projections for the lower house of parliament. APP

The fall in bilateral trade between the U.S. and India

in percentage. The bilateral trade between India and the U.S. declined by 11.3% to \$59.67 billion during April-September 2023 compared to the same period last year.

The number of newborns at risk as fuel runs out in Gaza

More than 1,750 children have been killed by Israeli strikes against Gaza in retaliation for the October 7 Hamas COMPRED BY THE HINDU DATA TEAM

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#### Have earnings grown post-pandemic?

While concerns regarding the forms of work have been extensively discussed, the aspect of earnings must also be examined to better understand the

#### ECONOMIC NOTES

#### Rahul Menon

ecent data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) of 2022-23 revealed a strengthening of the labour market, with unemployment rates falling and labour force participation rates (LFPRs) rising. Rural women's LFPRs -(LFPRs) rising. Rural women's LFPRs – for those aged 15 and above – rose from 19.7% in 2018-19 to 41.5% in 2022-23, a significant jump for a cohort that had long been on the margins of the labour market. These results were taken as

market. These results were taken as examples of a robust post-pandemic recovery for the Indian economy. Yet there are notes of caution. Much of the new employment generated for women has been in self-employment. the new empoyment generated for the new empoyment generated for the continuous and the continuous anumber and the continuous and the continuous and the continuous an

than earnings growth, real earnings reduce, reducing purchasing power.

The status of earnings Here we will examine the real earnings of the workforce between the quarters of April-June 2019 and April-June 2023, covering the period before the onset of the pandemic and the latest period for when data is available. The PLFS collects information on the earnings of regular wage workers, casual workers and the self-employed (regular wage workers hav fixed work hours and are paid on a employed on a daily basis on the availability of work and receive daily wages). We look at the monthly wage earnings of regular wage workers, and the gross earnings of the previous month for the self-employed. For casual workers, average daily wages are converted to monthly figures. The average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) across the months of April to June of 2019 and 2023 are taken to convert nominal figures into real terms. The earnings for urban and real terms. The earnings for urban and rural workers were deflated by the urban and rural CPI for those periods separately Between 2019 and 2023, only casual

and trust LOT for those portoos separately, workers – both men and women, across both rural and urban sectors – saw a net mcrease in their average real monthly experienced a 13% increase across the entire period, while male casual workers recoin to the property of the casual workers of the control of the

mane sear-employed workers awa a reduction in real earnings, while rural male self-employed workers saw real earnings increase by roughly 14.67% in 2023 compared to 2019. However, the figure for gross earnings of the



#### Has there been an increase in income?

TABLE 1: REAL EARNINGS IN		Rurat			Urban			AU	
APRIL-JUNE 2023 RELATIVE TO APRIL-JUNE 2019	Men	Women	Person	Men	Women	Person	Men	Women	Person
Regular wage workers	-0.92%	27.51%	2.95%	-1.75%	-2.34%	-2.30%	-3.00%	4.27%	-2.05%
Casual workers	10.82%	14.10%	10.03%	10.86%	8.11%	10.95%	10.33%	12.93%	9.64%
Self-employment	14,67%	-7.72%	5.08%	-1.62%	0.72%	-4.05%	6.90%	-9.27%	-0.76%
TABLE 2: THE RATE OF		Rural		Urban				All	
GROWTH OF REAL EARNINGS BETWEEN APRIL-JUNE 2022 AND APRIL-JUNE 2023	Men	Women	Person	Men	Women	Person	Men	Women	
Regular wage workers	2.97%	35.54%	6.73%	1.42%	2.66%	1.54%	1.92%	10.24%	3.08%
Casual workers	1.21%	3.55%	0.81%	1.85%	-4.48%	1.49%	1.22%	2.27%	0.59%
Self-employment	9.2796	2.14%	4.73%	8.8996	4.20%	6.74%	8.8696	1.46%	4.70%

self-employed do not include those who reported zero incomes, and hence these aggregate figures may not give a true picture of earnings for the entire

picture of earnings for the entire population of the self-employed. In the case of regular wage workers, urban women saw a reduction in 32.34% lesser than that in 2019. Rural women in regular wage employment earned the highest gains of all cohorts, etc. in the quarter of April-June 2023 as compared to April-June 2023 as compared to April-June 2023 as compared to April-June 2025 the trust of the transport of the same proportion of the aggregate workforce.

The impact of inflation
On the other hand, the biggest declines
were seen in the one cohort that showed
were than the one cohort that showed
women in self-employment. The share of
the rural female workforce in paid forms
of self-employment rose from 22% to 28%
between 2018-19 and 2022-23, yet their average monthly real gross earnings reduced by 7.72%, the largest reduction

for any cohort. Large numbers of rural women have entered low-paying, low-productive jobs, perhaps to supplement household incomes in the

low-productive jobs, perhaps to supplement household incomes a net complement household incomes a net indicate robustness of recovery. Note that this excludes women engaged as helpers definition, do not earn any income, and who form the largest proportion of rural working women.

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Between 2022 to 2023, all cohorts — except, surprisingly, urban women casual self-employed men enjoyed significant gains, with rural and urban men's respectively. Rural self-employed women saw real earnings gains of 2.14%, while their urban counterparts experienced a and regular — did not see extensive gains, with only rural women in regular wage with only rural women in regular wage in real partings. Urban men and women in regular wage with real earnings. Urban men and women in regular wage employment experienced

L gains of 1.42% and 2.66% respectively.

Conclusion
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cohort - barring rural cassal women
workers - saw an increase in real
earlier periods. However, there is another
problem. Real GDP growth between 2002
Only three cohorts experienced earnings
growth faster than this: urban and rural
male self-employed, and rural women in
forming a miniscule portion of the
aggregate workforce). Wage workers as a
sower than output, indicating a reduction
in the share of wages even though growth
remains healthy. This serves as further
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wake of the pandemic.

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Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University Conclusion While it is too soon to tell whether these

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### There has been a rise in the proportion of women working as unpaid family helpers, with the share of rural working women in this form of employment rising from 37.9% to 43% between 2018-19 and

2022-23

#### Between 2019 and 2023, only Between 2019 and 2023, only casual workers — both men and women, across both rural and urban sectors — saw a net increase in their average real monthly earnings.

Wage workers as a whole have seen real earnings grow slower than output, indicating a reduction in the share of wages even though growth remains healthy.

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### NEWS IN NUMBERS

# The number of innings Shubman Gill took to reach 2,000 ODI runs

Indian opener Shubman Gill on Sunday became the fastest player to score 2,000 runs in ODIs during India's World Cup match against New Zealand. He broke the record of South African Hashim Amla. PTI

#### From Page One

#### Israel pounds Gaza as a crisis unfolds in hospitals

Power is one of the main worries for the sever specialist wards across Gaza treating premature babies to help with breathing and provide critical support, for example when their organs are not developed enough. Sunday's aid delivery through the Rafah cross-

ing was the second such operation in two days af-ter 20 trucks arrived on Saturday. The United Nations has estimated about 100 trucks per day are needed to meet the needs of 2.4 million Gazans.

Iran's threat Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdolla-hian on Sunday said that if the U.S. and Israel "do not immediately stop the crime against humanity and genocide in Gasa, anything is possible at any U.S. Defence Secretary Luyd Austin said on Sa-turday that he had ordered the deployment of a second carrier strike group in the eastern Mediter-ter of the Company of the Company of the Company of the Second carrier strike group in the eastern Mediter-

ranean and additional Patriot battalions. The Pentagon said the move aimed to defend U.S. ally Israel amid what it called "escalations by

ran" and its proxies across the region.

#### India sends relief goods to civilian population

"People of Palestine will truly appreciate the In-dian assistance as they are in need of urgent help after nearly 15 days of Israeli blockade which atter nearly I5 days of Israeli blockade which stopped electricity, food, medicine and oxygen. India is sending us help even without us asking. This is a great initiative," said Ambassador Al Hai-ja. The Indian consignment landed in Egypt on Sunday where Ambassador Ajit V. Gupte handed over the supplies to the Egyptian Red Crescen "for onward transmission to Palestine", said Mi

eral countries such as Egypt, Turkey and

#### Canada's actions breach the Vienna Convention

"And right now, that is what has in many ways been challenged in Canada - that our people are not safe, our diplomats are not safe," Mr. Jaishankar said. "If we see progress there, I would like ve-ry much to resume the issue of visas," he added. He was speaking at the Kautilya Economic Con-

clave here.

An informed source told *The Hindu* that India was reviewing the security situation that led to the suspension of visa services. Canada's position drew support from the U.S. and the U.K. A statedrew support from the U.S. and the U.K. A state-ment from the U.K.'s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on Friday said that India's move impacted the principles of the Vienna Con-vention, while the U.S. State Department said that the resolution of differences between the coun-

#### PPF returns 41 bps behind formula rates

With government bond yields hardening over the past month, economists say there may be some room for further hikes in the small savings rates in the penultimate quarter before the general elec-tion, that is, the January to March 2024 quarter. Small savings rates had been hiked ahead of the last Lok Sabha election in 2019, when the PPF rate was raised to 7.9%. In April 2020, these rates were cut across the board, and a further 40 to 110 bps reduction was announced for the April to June 2021 quarter, but was then withdrawn immediate

While correcting most schemes' returns gradually in each quarter since October 2022, the go-vernment has held back hikes for the PPF, with officials pointing to the tax-free returns they offer, unlike other SSIs. The rate offered on the Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme, which offers tax-free

Samirlodhi Account scheme, which offers tax-free returns as well, was raised to 8% this April. properties of the same state of the same force of the same state of the same Governor Shyamala Gopinath, links them to se-condary market yields on government securities of comparable maturities over a three-month pe-

of comparable maturities over a three-month period prior to each quarter these yields have started. The RBI has noted that these yields have started. The RBI has noted that these yields have started they have been considered to the properties of the prior that they have been supported by the prior they have been considered to the properties of the prior they have been considered to the prior they have bee

the start of this month.

For the January to March 2024 quarter, the formula-based rates for small savings will be linked to the government bond yields prevailing through "A lot of the catch-up that needed to happen with the backlog in small savings rates has been done. Of course, in the last one and a half months, we have seen a hardening of interest rates so that will have some incremental impact on the form will have some incremental at a training firm ICRA. Aditi Navar, chief economist at rating firm ICRA.

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#### To curb evasion, EU report calls for 2% global wealth tax on billionaires

It will generate \$250 bn from less than 3,000 individuals; report highlights success of automatic exchange of bank data in reducing offshore tax evasion: it raises concern over rise of preferential tax regimes targeting wealthy foreign individuals

financial wealth, but only 25% of it evades taxation. "This reduction in non-

compliance is a major suc-cess that shows that rapid

progress can be made against tax evasion if there is the political will to do

so," the report stated. Des

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escape being reported on because not all offshore fi-

#### The Hindu Bureau

ointing out that tax evasion is enabling of the population of the

stated.

The report justified the proposal by noting that while the number of tax-payers affected by it would be miniscule, the tax rate for them (2%) "would still be very modest" given that the wealth of billionaires has grown at 7% a year annually on average since 1995 (net of inflation).

Assessing the impact of international efforts made so far to curb tax evasion so far to curb tax evasion, the report highlighted the success of one measure – the automatic exchange of bank information – in re-



The report calls for expanding the range of assets brought under th

ducing offshore tax evasion by a factor of three ov-er the past 10 years. The report observed that be-fore this measure came in-to effect, "households owned the equivalent of 10% of world GDP in financial wealth in tax havens globally, the bulk of which was undeclared to tax authorities and belonged to high net worth indivi-duals".

But today, there is still the equivalent of 10% of world GDP in offshore household

automatic exchange of bank information – for fear of losing their customer base while facing no real threat or penalty from fo-reign tax authorities for

non-compliance.
Second, wealthy individuals who used to hide financial assets in offshore
banks have started shifting
their holdings to asset
classes not covered under
this agreement, especially
real estate.

real estate.

The report, therefore, calls for expanding the range of assets brought under the system of automatic exchange of informa-

Several loopholes The other major measure the global minimum tax of 15% on MNCs, adopted in 2012 by 140 countries and territories - has been a disappointment. While it was expected to increase global tax revenues by 10%, a growing list of loo-pholes has reduced ex-pected revenues by a fac-tor of two. The report red-flagged the trend of MNCs can use 'green' tax credits for low carbon tran-

credits for low carbon transition to reduce their tax rates way below the minimum of 15%. green-energy tax rules, green-energy tax coupeaint of about 15% of U.S. corporate tax," the report noted.

The report also flags emerging forms of aggressive tax competition that coupeaint revenues.

vernment revenues.

It notes with concern
the rise of preferential tax regimes targeting wealthy foreign individuals – their number having grown from five to 28 in the EU

Noting that "these re-gimes offer tax exemptions or reductions to incoming residents while preserving residents while preserving the general income tax schedule applied to dom-estic taxpayers", the report detailed the harm they caused, pointing out that "they weaken overall tax collection, because the collection, because the adopting governments vo-luntarily forego tax reve-nues and because they in-flict negative spillower effects to other countries".

#### Need to clear pending cases proactively, says top court

#### The Hindu Bureau

The Supreme Court has called for proactive steps to clear mounting pendento clear mounting penden-cy in courts, saying speedy justice is fast becoming a chimera for the 6% popula-tion involved in litigation. A Bench headed by Jus-

"There is an urgent need to take proactive steps to...clear the huge backlog of cases at all le-vels... It is imperative to note that about six per cent of the population in India is affected by litigation, in such a scenario the courts would play an important role in the life of a nation governed by the rule of law," the court observed.

The top court directed courts at district and talu ting of committees by the Chief Justices of the respective States to constanting

#### Bengaluru For Cong. it may be an 'alien | Mahua has clarified NIA team nabs concept', but public service key suspect in trafficking case

#### The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

The Absconder Tracking Team (ATT) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Bengaluru, arrested Mohamed Imran Khan aka Haja Najerbheeden, 30, in a Sri Lankan human

trafficking case.
Khan has been on the
run since June 2021. The
ATT monitored his movements over the past several
months, leading to his capture from an undisclosed
location in Theni district of

Amil Nadu.

During the preliminary

constitution, it was learns investigation, it was learnt by the NIA that the accused, a resident of Ramantapuram in Tamil Nadu, was a notorious lilegal activities in the region. He was a fugitive wanted by multiple law enforcement agencies. The case for which relates to when the Mangahur South police acted on

ru South police acted on credible intelligence and revealed that a group of Sr Lankan nationals had ar rived and taken shelter in Mangaluru without po-sessing valid documents This operation led to the arrest of 38 Sri Lankan na-tionals in June 2021.

An investigation re vealed that the Sri Lankar nationals were brought to Mangaluru via Tamil Nadu and Bengaluru. Recognis-ing the international di-mensions of the case, the

NIA intervened and re-re-gistered the case.

During the probe, it was revealed that Imran Khan, During the probe, it was no unique to the control of the control o

### delivery is govt. duty: Nadda

#### The Hindu Bureau

BJP president J.P. Nadda on Sunday said governance was an "alien concept" for the Congress. He was reacting to a letter by Con-gress president Mallikarjun Kharge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi objecting to a government order asking senior officers to be de-ployed as "Rath Prabharis" in various districts to show-

in various districts to show-case the achievements of the government.

"It baffles me to see the Congress party has an is-sue with public servants sue with public servants reaching the grassroots to ensure saturation of schemes," Mr. Nadda said on X, asking, "If this not the basic tenet of governance, what is?"

The BJP chief added that "it may be an align concent

"it may be an alien concept for the Congress, but pu-blic service delivery is the duty of a government". "If the (Narendra) Modi



government wants to en sure saturation of schemes and ensure all be neficiaries are reached, no-body who has the interest control of the control of the can have a problem," he said. "But, the Congress only has an interest in try and hence, their opposi-tion to the saturation to the saturation of the con-letting out at the Con-gress, BIP IT department head Anni Malvya wrote-ocrats in the government of India are not meant to talk

#### about the programmes

and schemes implemented?".
"Just because five States are going to polls and general elections are seven months away, should we abandon governance?" he Even as the Gujarat

Chief Minister, irrespective of elections, Mr. Modi ensured his bureaucrats went out in the field during June-July to ensure all school-go-ing children enrolled, he said. "It ensured universal education in Gujarat," he said. Similarly in the next six

Similarly in the next six months, Mr. Modi wants complete saturation of welfare schemes like the PM Awas Yojana (Grameen), National Rural Livelihood Mission, PM Kisan, Pasal yan, Ujiwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Janaush-adili Yojana, and PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, he added.

#### stance to Trinamool leadership: O'Brien

#### The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress made it clear on Sunday that it would not comment on the allegations of "cash for query" against Mahua Moitra, MP. The Trinamool Leader of the Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien, said the party would wait for the parliamentary panel to probe the allegations. Mr. O'Brien, in a state-

Mr. O'Brien, in a state-ment to a news agency, said the party had ob-served reports in the me-cerned has been advised by the party leadership to clarify her position regard to the party leadership to clarify her position regard against her. She has alrea-dy done that," he said, making it clear that the party had sought clarifica-tion from &s. Moitra.



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es, let the matter be inves-tigated by the right forum of Parliament – after which the party leadership will take an appropriate deci-sion," Mr. O'Brien said. The BJP has demanded a probe against Ms. Moitra for allegedly asking ques-tions in Parliament against the Adani Group to favour another company. Ms. Moi-

#### in Congress second list for Raiasthan poll

#### The Hindu Bureau

The ruling Congress on Sunday announced its second list of 43 candidates for the Raiasthan Assembly election. The party has re-peated 15 Ministers as well peated 15 Ministers as well as Deputy Chief Whip Ma-hendra Choudhary from their seats. It has fielded former Chief Secretary Ni-ranjan Arya from the re-served constituency of So-

jat.
The party has so far an-nounced 76 candidates for the Assembly election. The first list of 33 candidates, including Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, was re-

vernment during its politi cal crisis of 2020. The Ministers on the list include B.D. Kalla (Bikaner West), Pratap Singh Kha-

Westy, Pratap Singh Kha-charjyawas (Civil Lines, Jai-pur), Parsadi Lal Meema Meghwai (Knajuwala), Suk-Lisan Bishnoi (Sanchore), Udai Lal Anjana (Nimbuhe-Ganghai (Mana), Suk-lisan (Manasur), and Framod Jain (Bansur), and Framod Jain Bhaya (Anta). Among the Sand Manasur), and Pramod Jain only Brijendra Ola (Jhun)-humub is considered a loyal-tim of the constituencies, only Brijendra Ola (Jhun)-humub is considered a loyal-tam of the constituencies, and proposed the constituencies, the party has given ticket leased on Saturday. The se-cond list also includes five Independents who had supported the Gehlot go-meshwar Dudi. the party has given ticket from Nokha to Sushila Du-di, wife of former MLA Ra-

#### 15 Ministers find place | Cong. announces third and final list of 7 candidates for Chhattisgarh Assembly poll

The party has covered all 90

and has replaced 22 MLAs

The ruling Congress on Sunday released its third and final list of seven can-

and final list of seven candidates for the Chhattisgarh Assembly election scheduled for next month. However, the control of th Bath Assembly election
Having already announced 83 candidates in two lists of 30 and 53 series and followed by the series all 90 Assembly segments in the State. The party has replaced 22 MLAs in total state. Two of the seven seats for which the party named candidates on Sunday, the candidates on Sunday, the candidates on Sunday, the following the series of candidates who failed to of which the party named candidates on the series of candidates who failed to of which the party named candidates on the earlier lists had drawn the ire of candidates who failed to a series in the third list are considered to the series of the series of candidates who failed to a series in the third list are considered to the series of the series of candidates who failed to a series in the third list are considered to the series of the series of candidates who failed to a series in the third list are considered to the series of the seri

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candidates are from the minority communities.

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# To curb evasion, EU report calls for 2% global wealth tax on billionaires

It will generate \$250 bn from less than 3,000 individuals; report highlights success of automatic exchange of bank data in reducing offshore tax evasion; it raises concern over rise of preferential tax regimes targeting wealthy foreign individuals

#### The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

ointing out that tax evasion is enabling billionaires to enjoy effective tax rates equivalent to 0% to 0.5% of their wealth, the European Union Tax Observatory in its 'Global Tax Evasion Report 2024' has called for a global minimum tax on billionaires equal to 2% of their wealth. This would both address evasion and "generate nearly \$250 billion from less than 3,000 individuals", the report stated.

The report justified the proposal by noting that while the number of tax-payers affected by it would be miniscule, the tax rate for them (2%) "would still be very modest" given that the wealth of billionaires has grown at 7% a year annually on average since 1995 (net of inflation).

Assessing the impact of international efforts made so far to curb tax evasion, the report highlighted the success of one measure – the automatic exchange of bank information – in re-



The report calls for expanding the range of assets brought under the system of automatic exchange of information. GETTY IMAGES

ducing offshore tax evasion by a factor of three over the past 10 years. The report observed that before this measure came into effect, "households owned the equivalent of 10% of world GDP in financial wealth in tax havens globally, the bulk of which was undeclared to tax authorities and belonged to high net worth individuals".

#### Two reasons

But today, there is still the equivalent of 10% of world GDP in offshore household

financial wealth, but only 25% of it evades taxation. "This reduction in noncompliance is a major success that shows that rapid progress can be made against tax evasion if there is the political will to do so," the report stated. Despite this progress, offshore tax evasion continues, and the report identifies two reasons for it.

First, it is still possible to own financial assets that escape being reported on because not all offshore financial institutions comply with the requirement of automatic exchange of bank information – for fear of losing their customer base while facing no real threat or penalty from foreign tax authorities for non-compliance.

Second, wealthy individuals who used to hide financial assets in offshore banks have started shifting their holdings to asset classes not covered under this agreement, especially real estate.

The report, therefore, calls for expanding the range of assets brought under the system of automatic exchange of information.

#### Several loopholes

The other major measure – the global minimum tax of 15% on MNCs, adopted in 2012 by 140 countries and territories – has been a disappointment. While it was expected to increase global tax revenues by 10%, a growing list of loopholes has reduced expected revenues by a factor of two. The report red-flagged the trend of "greenwashing the global minimum tax" wherein

MNCs can use 'green' tax credits for low carbon transition to reduce their tax rates way below the minimum of 15%.

"U.S. green-energy tax credits will amount to the equivalent of about 15% of U.S. corporate tax," the report noted.

The report also flags emerging forms of aggressive tax competition that are severely affecting government revenues.

It notes with concern the rise of preferential tax regimes targeting wealthy foreign individuals – their number having grown from five to 28 in the EU and the U.K.

Noting that "these regimes offer tax exemptions or reductions to incoming residents while preserving the general income tax schedule applied to domestic taxpayers", the report detailed the harm they caused, pointing out that "they weaken overall tax collection, because the adopting governments voluntarily forego tax revenues and because they inflict negative spillover effects to other countries".

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#### South Korea, U.S., Japan hold joint air drills involving B-52 bomber



South Korea, the U.S. and Japan carried out their first joint aerial drills on Sunday, Seoul's military said. The exercise, which inv a U.S. nuclear-weapons-capable B-52 bomber, comes as Seoul, Washington and Tokyo beef up their defence cooperation again rowing missile and nuclear threats from North Korea. AFF

Argentina votes in polls under a shadow of economic crisis



reentines headed to the polls to vote in a general election under in two decades. The three frontrunners in the elections are ist Javier Milei, centrist Peronist Eco

Initial results show populist right leading Swiss elections with 29%



The right-wing populist Swiss People's Party topped Switzerland's reneral election on Sunday with 29% of the vote, according to the irst results projections for the lower house of Parliament. The party inished well ahead of the left-wing Social De

Russian strike on Ukraine mail depot kills six, injures 17 others



Aussian missile strikes killed at least six postal workers and wounded 17 others on Saturday when they hit a mail depot in Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region. Separate Russian attacks on villages near the war-battered Ukrainian city of Bakhmut killed at

#### Manila, Beijing trade blame over collisions in disputed sea

Two incidents, involving Chinese vessels, Philippine boats, occurred near Second Thomas Shoal in South China Sea; Beijing routinely deploys ships to assert its claims over almost the entire sea

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eijing and Manila traded blame on Sunday for two collisions between Chinese vessels and Philippine boats on a resupply mis sion to Filipino troops on a remote outpost in the disputed South China Sea.

near Second Thomas Shoal in the Spratly Islands, a hotly contested region where Beijing deploys ships to assert its claims over almost the entire sea.

A Philippine govern-ment task force said the dangerous blocking ma-noeuvres of China Coast Guard vessel 5203 caused t to collide with the Armed rces of the Philippine: contracted indigenous re-supply boat" about 25 km from Second Thomas

Shoal.

China said the "slight collision" happened after the resupply boat ignored "multiple warnings and deliberately passed through law enforcement in an un-



Point of contact: A Chinese militia vessel, top, and a Philippin Coast Guard vessel as they approach the Second Thomas Shoal. AP

professional and dangerous manner", state broad-caster CCTV reported, citing the Foreign Ministry.

Chinese militia vessel In another incident, a Philippine Coast Guard vessel escorting fine routine resupply mission was Philippine task force described as a "Chinese Maritime Militia vessel". China, however, accused the Philippine boat of the China, boat of the China, boat of the Philippine boat of the Philippine boat of the Philippine boat of the Philippine boat of "premedicated" manner." Chinese militia vessel

Nawaz Sharif

He was on bail in these cases when he left for the U.K. in 2019 on medical

VVIP treatment Meanwhile, jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf party has strongly criticised the 'VVIP proto-

col' given to Sharif upon his return to Pakistan, al-

leging that all federal and Punjab government re-

sources were used to man-

victed absconder".

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Secretary General
Omar Ayub Khan said Sharif was being unjustly and
unlawfully facilitated in

unlawfully facilitated in everything, claiming that the people will however hold the "convicted prisoner" accountable if no one else does, Dawn News reported.
"A convicted prisoner got VVIP protocol and the stateroom opened at Islamiahad Airport eccelebilm," Mr. Ayub Khan said.

was able to reach the grounded BRP Sierra Madre and "successfully resupply our troops and

'Irresponsible actions' "The National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea condemns in the strongest degree the latest danger-ous, irresponsible, and illegal actions of the CCG and the Chinese Maritime Militia done this morning," the task force said in a into a Chinese fishing

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, through which trillions of through which trillions of dollars in trade passes an-nually, and has ignored an international ruling that its assertion has no legal ba-sis. Second Thomas Shoal sis. Second Thomas Shoal is about 200 km from the western Philippine island of Palawan, and more than 1,000 km from China's nearest major landmass, Haiman island.

China said "responsibilible entirely with the Philippines" for Sunday's inci-

into a Chinese fishing vessel.
Video released by the Philippine military showed the property of the property o

#### Two Iran women journalists who covered Amini death get jail terms

announced lengthy jail sentences for two women journalists who were arrested after reporting on the death last year of Mahsa Amini, which sparked ationwide protests.

Elaheh Mohammadi,

36, and Niloufar Hamedi, 31, were both found guilty of collaboration with Iran's arch enemy the U.S., the iudiciary's Mizan Online In its ruling, the Revolu-

Ms. Mohammadi to six years in jail, and Ms. Hame-di was handed seven years in prison, said Mizan. The pair were also each given five-year sentences for conspiring against state security and one for propa-ganda against the Islamic



Mahsa Amini's death allegedly at the hand of Iran's morality police triggered protests in the country and across the world. REUTERS

republic, the website said. 2022. Their trials started in adding that the sentences would be served

May. Ms. Hamedi was arrest-Ms. Hamedi was arrested less than a week after
Amini's death when she
went to the hospital where
the young woman was being treated and posted a
photo of the grieving family on social media.

Ms. Mohammadi was arconcurrently.

Ms. Mohammadi, a re-Ms. Mohammadi, a re-porter for Ham Mihan newspaper, and Ms. Hame-di, a photographer for Shargh newspaper, have been held in Tehran's Evin prison since September

rested after going to Ami-ni's hometown of Saqez, in the western Iranian pro-vince of Kurdistan, to cov-er her funeral which turned into a demonstration. The verdicts against Ha-medi and Mohammadi,

who were tried separately, are subject to appeal, Mizan said. Their lawyer has yet to react to the rulings. In August, Iranian me-

dia reported that authori-ties had questioned or arrested more than 90 journalists since the prot-ests triggered by Amin's death in different cities erupted across the

country. Ms. Elaheh's sister, Ms. Ms. Elaheh's sister, Ms. Elnaz, also a journalist, was arrested and kept in Evin prison for a week in February and given a three-year suspended sen-tence in September.

#### Nawaz Sharif moves to restore appeals against convictions Press Trust of India

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif signed applica-tions on his return to Pakistions on his return to Pakis tan to restore pending appeals against his convic-tions in the Avenfield corruption cases. Sharif, 73, the three-time Prime Minister and supremo of Pakistan Mus-llm League-Nawaz (PML-Saturday after seending

No, returned to Paskstan on Saturday after spending four years in self-imposed exile in London. Sharif signed the appli-cations at Islamabad Inter-

national Airport on The applications, pre-

pared by his legal team, will be filed in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) Division Bench and are likely o be heard on October 24 a PML-N lawyer told Dawn newspaper. Sharif's legal team will

Sharif's legal team will also present a petition seeking protective bail. Be-posed to appear before an accountability court on the same day, the report said.

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#### Taiwan's Foxconn under tax and land use probe in China

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Taiwanese tech giant Fox-

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have committed. The investigation comes two-and-a-half months be-fore presidential elections in self-ruled Taiwan, which

billionaire Terry Gou, plans to contest in

become the opposition Ku-omintang (KMT) party's nominee in 2019.

leadership, although Mr. Gou says he can bring





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#### SEOUL

# South Korea, U.S., Japan hold joint air drills involving B-52 bomber



AP

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# In a first, South Korea, Japan and US perform joint aerial exercises

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SEOUL, OCTOBER 22

THE SOUTH Korean, US and Japanese militaries conducted their first-ever trilateral air drill Sunday in response to evolving North Korean nuclear threats, South Korea's air force said.

The training held near the Korean Peninsula was to implement the three countries' earlier agreement to increase defense cooperation and boost their joint response capabilities against North Korean threats, the air force said in a statement.

The drill involved a nuclearcapable B-52 bomber from the United States and fighter jets from South Korea and Japan, the statement said. South Korea and Japan are both key US allies in Asia, which together host about 80,000 American troops.

The three countries have occasionally held trilateral maritime drills, such as anti-subma-



**During the trilateral air drill.** Reuters

rine or missile defense exercises, but Sunday's training marked the first time for them to perform a trilateral aerial drill.

In South Korea, expanding military drills with Japan is a sensitive issue, because many still harbor strong resentment against Japan's brutal 1910-45 colonial rule over the Korean Peninsula.

But the North's advancing nu-

clear program has pushed South Korea's conservative president, YoonSuk Yeol, to move beyond historical disputes with Japan and beef up a trilateral security cooperation.

In August, Yoon, US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida met at Camp David in their countries' first stand-alone trilateral summit and agreed to bolster their defense cooperation to deal with North Korea's nuclear threats.

The three leaders decided to hold annual trilateral exercises and put into operation by year's end the sharing of real-time missile warning data on North Korea. North Korea has long bristled at US training exercises with South Korea, calling them an invasion rehearsal and responding with missile tests.

North Korea slammed the Camp David agreement, accusing the US, South Korean and Japanese leaders of plotting nuclear war provocations on the Korean Peninsula. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called Yoon, Biden and Kishida "the gang bosses" of the three countries.

Worries about North Korea's nuclear program deepened after it enacted a law that allows preemptive use of nuclear weapons last year and has since openly threatened to use them in potential conflicts with US and South Korea.

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Shubman Gill became the fastest batter to reach 2000 ODI runs. achieving the feat in 38 innings during his knock against New Zealand at Dharamshala on Sunday. He eclipsed Hashim Amla's ecord (40 innings). Incidentally, Gill had made his ODI debut

#### MAKING HISTORY

Shami becomes first Indian to scalp two five-fors in World Cup



the first Indian to scalp two five-fors in the World Cup. He had finished with five for 69 against England at Birmingham in 2019, Kapil Dev, Venkatesh Prasad, Robin Singh, Ashish Nehra and Yuvraj Singh

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fog stops play in Dharamshala during India's chase



ince, dense fog interrupted the World Cup match between India and New Zealand during the home team's chase on Sunday, India was 100 for two in 15.4 overs when fog descended at the ground, resulting in poor visibility and forcing the umpires to the match for a brief period.

#### DESCRIPTION ASSESSMENT

Topley ruled out of World Cup after fracturing finger



the World Cup after fracturing his left index finger, the ECB said on Sunday. It added a replacer ent would be anno but coach Matthew Mott said Jofra Archer, who is among the

#### Kohli masterminds India's chase after Shami burst

Mitchell's resourceful century goes in vain for New Zealand as the Men in Blue romp home with four wickets and two overs remaining to record their fifth win in five matches

#### K.C. Vijaya Kumar

ike the endearing warmth of the fire-place in a cold Himalayan cottage, India too found its comfort zone up in the hills. Virat Kohli (95, 104b, 8x4, 2x6) played the shepherd guiding his flock, and chasing New Zealand's 273, the Men in Blue coasted home with a four-wicket victory. India finished with 274 for six in 48 overs in a key World Cup game at the HPCA Stadium here on

Sunday.

The pursuit shimmered bright in the beginning as skipper Rohit Sharma whipped and lofted Trent Boult, and hoisted and scooped Matt Henry. Shubman Gill, meanwhile, down with elen and India. drove with elan, and India moved to 63 for no loss in 10 overs. A false note occurred when Rohit (46) chopped Lockie Ferguson onto his stumps. Next man Kohli

Next man Kohli punched Ferguson for four but Gill failed to get past the waiting third-man fiel-der. The clouds then des-cended and the cricketers cended and the cricketers admired nature's tapestry. Despite the mist, Kohli and Shreyas Iyer got some runs but when visibility de-clined, a short break was

clined, a short break was imposed.

On resumption, Shreyas succumbed to Boult. Kohli watched K.L. Rahul tuck into Rachin Ravindra's spin. The last-named then felt the heat of Kohli's blade, an inside-out lofted strike flow into the skiec. strike flew into the skies and when Henry steamed



in, he was drilled away with disdain.

Mitchell Santner prised out Rahul and the worryryakumar Yadav got run out. India was delicately placed at 191 for five but Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja ensured that there were no A garland of muscular hits against Boulf found

hits against Boult found Kohli nearly galloping to-

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two changes as Mo-hammed Shami and Surya-kumar replaced Hardik

and when that happens I should be ready. More than all that I enjoyed the suc-

cess of my teammates,

Pandya and Shardul Thakun Conway, watch-tul against Jaspitt Bumrah, flicked Mohammed Siraj to a diving Shreyas. Bernam Siraj to for nought and Shami's first hall in the current World Cup forcing Will watch Cup forcing will stumps, New Zealand needed an alliance. The situation could have

become worse but in a rare episode of Ravindra drop-ping Ravindra, Jadeja grassed Rachin, when the latter was on 12 while Sha-mi rued his bad luck. A partnership emerged between Ravindra and Da-ryl Mitchell with the high-light being their massive

ryi Mitchen with the high-light being their massive sixes off Kuldeep Yadav. The pair survived vocifer-ous appeals and bonded for more than 20 overs.

Mitchell, had his lucky break on 69 with Bumrah dropping him off an ag-grieved Kuldeep. Substantial of the con-lance concluded when Ravindra (75) holed out in the deep off Shami. Kul-deep then trapped New Zealand skipper Tom Lati-towards his hundred. towards his hundred. The centurion watched fickle companions leave as

NEW ZEALAND
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(Phillips, 44.2), 6-257 (Chapman,
46.6), 7-269 (Santner, 47.4), 8-260
(Henry, 47.5), 9-273 (Mitchell,

INDIA BOWLING Burnrah 10-1-45-1, Siraj 10-1-45-1, Shami 10-0-54-5, Jadeja 10-0-48-0, Kulideep 10-0-73-2.

INDIA Rohit Sharma b Ferguson 46 (40b, 4v4, 4v6), Shubman Gill c

ditchell b Ferguson 26 (31b, 5x4)

Virat Kohli c Phillips b Henry 95 (2046, 8x4, 2x6), Shreyas Iyer c Conway b Boult 33 (296, 6x4), K.L. Rahul Ibw b Santner 27 (356, Rahut Ibw b Santner 27 (35b, 3xd), Suryakumar Yaɗav run out 2 (4b), Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 39 (44b, 3xd, 2x6), Mohammed Shami (not out) 1 (2b); Estras (b-1, w-4): 5; Total (for six wkts. in 48 overs); 274.

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33.5), 6-269 (Kohli, 47.4).
NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

Boult 10-0-60-1, Henry 9-0-55-1, Santner 10-0-37-1, Ferguson

ndia won by four wickets with two overs to spare.

Next assignment NEW ZEALAND: October 28 vs. Australia, Dharomsholo, 10.30 a.m.

#### Points table

	34	W	L	PTS	NRR
India	5	5	0	10	1.353
New Zealand	5	4	1	. 8	1.481
South Africa	4	3	1	- 6	2.212
Australia	4	2	2	- 4	-0.193
Pakistan	4	2	2	- 4	-0.456
Bangladesh	4	1	3	2	-0.784
Netherlands	4	1	3	2	-0.790
Sri Lanka	- 4	1	3	2	-1.048
England	- 4	1	3	2	-1.248
Afghanistan	- 4	1	3	2	-1.250

Shami clattered stumps. Mitchell (130, 127b, 9x4, 5x6) became Shami's fifth victim (five for 54) as India

300. It proved within reach as Kohli played the lead star.

#### All dismissals are my favourites. difficult to pick one: Shami

#### K.C. Vijaya Kumar

The seasoned fast bowler was equally quick on the draw while addressing the

Fresh from a five for 54 yield against New Zealand, India seamer Mohammed Shami spoke with remarka-ble candour at the HPCA Stadium here on Sunday night. "I bowled a good line and length and took whatever came my way," he quipped.

#### Every brick matters Every brick matters When asked about his favourite dismissal, Shami replied: "All dismissals are to pick one, it is like making a building, every brick matters and so is the case with every wicket, they all matter a lot." The state of the

bit difficult to be on the ery about him being benched in the previous games and Shami handled it with grace: "Yes it was a guad and I was sure I will get a game, if not tomor-SK C



there is no space for jealou-sy here."
And about the whispers.
And about the whispers.
And about ourfield. Shami was diplomacy personi-fied: "Listen yaar, the ground is the same for us and New Zealand, I don't want to complain and all, plus this involves groundstaff doing their work. In India the weather can change, there could be moisture, some places it can be dry and it gets diffi-cult. All I would say is that the better the outfield, better it is for the game but yes, no complaints."

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When a surprise guest —
Mohammed Siraj —
stepped in, Shami acknowledged the camaraderie
within the fast-bowling

within the fast-bowling club.
"We work out plans and are happy when each of us do well. Siraj here has done well and he keeps egovers.
"The way India bowled was pretty special. Shami got the rewards, but also Bumrah. The way the two, and Siraj, took wickets and those 30 overs held us back a bit," said Mitchell. ging you on, plus we also get to win medals in the dressing room, it is all good fun."

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stage and we knew that In-dia had a world-class death-bowling unit. For us,

it was trying to cash in a the end," said Mitchell who

scored his fourth ODI cen

scored his fourth ODI cen-tury this year.

Shami (five for 54) was adjudged Player-of-the-Match after combining with pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj to give away just 144 in 30

#### Lalith Kalidas

New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell lauded India's death-bowling masterclass in its four-wicket win at the Skipper Rohit Sharma be-came the first Indian batter to smash 50 sixes in a ca-HPCA Stadium on Sunday. "I think we set the plat-form at the 35-over mark. I think it was very similar to what India was at that

ments (50-over World Cup, T20 World Cup and Champions Trophy). Kohli recorded his 67th fifty-plus score in run-chases in his 152nd innings. On-ly Sachin Tendulkar has

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50 wickets).

#### **MAKING HISTORY**

# Shami becomes first Indian to scalp two five-fors in World Cup



K.R. DEEPAK

Mohammed Shami's five-wicket haul against New Zealand made him the first Indian to scalp two five-fors in the World Cup. He had finished with five for 69 against England at Birmingham in 2019. Kapil Dev, Venkatesh Prasad, Robin Singh, Ashish Nehra and Yuvraj Singh are the other Indians who have taken five-fors in the World Cup.

# Rohit the first Indian to hit 50 sixes in ODIs in a year

#### **Lalith Kalidas**

**DHARAMSHALA** 

Skipper Rohit Sharma became the first Indian batter to smash 50 sixes in a calendar year in One-Day Internationals.

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Kohli recorded his 67th fifty-plus score in run-chases in his 152nd innings. Only Sachin Tendulkar has more such scores in ODIs – 69 in 232 innings.

Mitchell's hundred is just the second by a New Zealand batter against India at the World Cup after 49 years. The first was struck by Glenn Turner in the inaugural World Cup in 1975 at Old Trafford.

Mitchell also tied the Kiwi record for most ODI hundreds in a single calendar year with his fourth



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India fielded Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami for the first time in an ODI on Sunday against New Zealand. Incidentally, the trio also rank among the top-three Indian bowlers ever in terms of averages (min. 50 wickets).

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#### India sends medical supplies, disaster relief aid to war-torn Gaza via Egypt Looking for India's

political support for ending Gaza siege, says envoy



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SHUBHAJIT ROY JERUSALEM OCTOBER 22

DAYS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to convey condolences over the loss of civilian lives at the Al Ahil Hospital in Gaza City, India on Sunday sent its first humani-tarian aid for the beleaguered section of the sends humanitarian "India sends humanitarian" "India sends humanitarian



**HUMANITARIAN AID INDIA'S INITIATIVE: PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR** 

An Indian Air Force aircraft carrying humanitarian aid arrives in Egypt on Sunday. PII

aid to the people of Palestine. An Itomes of disaster relief material IAFC-17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 parts for El-Arish airport in Arindam Bagchi, posted on 'X'

EC says it needs up to a year's 'lead time'

#### RITIKACHOPRA

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(formerly Twitter).
"The material includes es-sential life-saving medicines, surgical items, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitary utili-

EVENAS the Law Commission is EVENAS the Law Commission is now close to finalising its report on the conduct of simultaneous polls, the Election Commission polls, the Election Commission bers of the law panel earlier this year, is learnt to have underlined the need for a "definite lead time" of up to a year before im-plementation, citing "Steep" lo-gistical challenges in manufac-

ties, water purification tablets among other necessary items," turing voting machines.
As first reported by The among offier necessary necess, he posted. Responding to the aid, the Palestinian Ambassador to India, Adnan Abu Alhaija, told The Indian Express: "I would like to thank the Government of India for this indiative. Vesterday, only for this initiative, Yesterday, only 20 trucks entered Gaza, Before the siege, there were nearly 500 trucks carrying goods to Gaza CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 likely to suggest tentative time-lines for 2024 to set the ball rolling by holding some state assembly elections with the Lok Sabha elections, and build that

Rath prabharis: Kharge writes to PM on 'politicising of bureaucracy, forces'



up to full-fledged simultaneity in 2029. Sources told The Indian

law panel earlier this year re-garding the feasibility o CONTINUEDON PAGE 2

#### Can be more patient to bring down inflation

#### to 4%: RBI HITESH VYAS& GEORGE MATHEW

RBI'S MONETARY Policy Committee member Jayanth R Varma is of the view that there is a need to be more patient when it comes to gliding inflation to the 4 per cent target, and this is the price to pay for avoiding a growth shock.

panel member

ent now and an enviror reater economic stability, how ast should the Reserve Bank of ast should the reserve balls of ndia go in reining in inflation? There are differences of opinion in the Monetary Policy Committee of the central bank. "I have been saying for quite ome time now that while there

me time now that while there great urgency for bringing in-ation well below the upper tol-ance band, we can be more paent when it comes to glidin flation to the target. A more pid pace of reduction could npose an intolerable growth continued on PAGE 2

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AYANTH R VARMA

#### DEVENDRA PANDEY

five runs required to chase down New Zealand's 274, he flicked Matt Henry straight to Glenn Phillips. As he saw the catch, Kohli smiled sheepishly and walked ing his bat at them, acknowledg-



Kohli's 95 helped India beat New Zealand in Dharam

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### interference: Jaishankar

soon; security situation being reviewed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), a company set up re-cently with cooperative societies

#### Kohli carries Team India on his shoulders, like Tendulkar in 2011

VIRAT KOHLI was just a few me

ing his but at them, acknowedg-ing their support.

Though he missed the three-figure on Sunday, it could not be too long before he equals and then breaks the record of his idol. But more importantly for his team, he is playing the Tendulkar

RAJA SINGH IN RJP'S FIRST LIST FOR TELANGANA POLLS U.P. FORMS TEAM TO PROBE MADRASA FOREIGN FUNDS P7

Public service delivery duty of Govt, in interest of poor: Nadda **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** A GOVERNMENT order on rop-ing in senior bureaucrats as "dis-trict rath prabharis" (special offi-cers) for a 'yatra' to showcase the BJP government's achievements triespered a political firestrons

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Says looking at resuming visa services

DAYS AFTEX Canada atmounced the withdrawal of 41 diplomats from India, External Affairs Minister 5 Jaishankar said on SandaythatIndia invoked diplo-matic parity due to concerns over "continuous interference" in Its "internal affairs" by

Canadian personnel. While he said the India-Canada relationship is going through "a difficult phase", Jaishankar added that India is STEP AND THE STATE OF THE STATE

Arindam Bagchi had alleged "in-terference in internal affairs" by Canadian diplomats earlier, this

#### of non-basmati white rice to II nations via NCEL

#### HARIKISHAN SHARMA

AMID AN export ban, the gov ernment has decided to route the sale of 12 lakh metric tonnes

as its promoters. On July 20, the Directorate neral of Foreign Trade (DGFT) aned exports of non-basmati white rice following a surge in domestic prices. In three sepa-rate orders since, it invoked the

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#### Nawaz has many hoops to jump, takes leap with signal to India in first speech



AWAZ SHARIF may have several egal and electoral hoops to jump hrough before he gets to be 'alkistan's Prime Minister again. spation out of its polycrisis Vet n his address to a large gathering in Lahore Saturday night, he



served thrice before as Prime Minister, made a strong public case for renewed engagement

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# US emerges as India's biggest trading partner during Apr-Sep this fiscal

#### **PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE US has emerged as India's biggest trading partner during the first half of the current financial year despite global economic uncertainties and declining exports and imports, according to government data.

According to the provisional data of the commerce ministry, the bilateral trade between India

and the US has declined by 11.3 per cent to \$59.67 billion during April-September 2023 against \$67.28 billion in the same period last year. Exports to the US have come down to \$38.28 billion during April-September 2023 from \$41.49 billion a year ago.

Imports also declined to \$21.39 billion during the first six months of the current fiscal compared to \$25.79 billion in the same period last year. Similarly, the two-way trade between India and

China also dipped by 3.56 per cent to \$58.11 billion. Exports to China contracted marginally to \$7.74 billion during the first half of the current fiscal from \$7.84 billion in the year-ago period. Imports fell to \$50.47 billion from \$52.42 billion a year earlier.

Trade experts believe that though exports and imports are declining between India and the US due to global demand slowdown, the growth rate will enter a positive zone soon.

#### **VIENNA CONVENTION**

As India asks Canada to downsize its diplomatic staff, both countries have invoked the 1961 Vienna Convention. The US and UK have mentioned it too

#### **RISHIKA SINGH**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

AMID THE ongoing standoff between India and Canada, the Canadian government last week announced it had recalled 41 diplomats posted in India. Canada's Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said this was because they were "in danger of having immunity stripped on an arbitrary date" and that would have "put their personal safety at risk".

Earlier this month, India had sought parity with Canada, asking it to downsize its diplomatic staff here. India has about 20 diplomats in Canada and said there should be a similar number of Canadian diplomats in India as well.

The US and UK have backed Canadian diplomats' presence. Further, they spoke of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which has also been mentioned by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, S Jaishankar.



Jaishankar has justified India's demand for diplomatic parity. File

matic Relations (1961) is a United Nations treaty that set some common principles and terms on how countries must treat each other's diplomatic representatives, in order to ensure friendly relations and maintain proper communication channels between countries.

One prominent example of such principles is that of diplomatic immunity. It's the privilege of exemption from certain laws and taxes granted to diplomats by

#### What has India said?

India rejected Joly's contention, where she said that the "unilateral revocation of the diplomatic privilege and immunity is contrary to international law" and a violation of the Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

In a press release, the MEA said, "The state of our bilateral relations, the much higher number of Canadian diplomats in India, and their continued interference in our internal affairs warrant a parity in mutual diplomatic presence in New Delhi and Ottawa." It added, "Our actions in implementing this parity are fully consistent with Article 11.1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations."

#### And what is the Vienna Convention?

The Vienna Convention on Diplo-

the country in which they are posted. It was framed so that diplomats could function without fear, threat or intimidation from the host country.

Diplomatic immunity flows from two conventions, popularly called the Vienna Conventions — the 1961 Convention and the Convention on Consular Relations, 1963.

The 1961 Convention says, "Article 29: The person of a diplomatic agent shall be inviolable. He shall not be liable to any form of arrest or detention. The receiving State shall treat him with due respect and shall take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on his person, freedom or dignity."

Today, 193 countries have ratified the convention, meaning they agree it should be legally binding on them.

# Daily 5 Vocab



CLOGGED: Adjective: the action of becoming or causing something to become obstructed or blocked.



Synonyms: Blocked, obstructed, congested



Antonyms: Unblocked, cleared, opened, freed.

CRAMMED: Adjective: filled or packed tightly with an excessive or overcrowded amount of something.

**Synonyms:** squeezed, jammed, forced, wedged.

Antonyms: Emptied, cleared, unpacked.

 CHARADE: Noun: A situation in which someone is pretending or putting on a false appearance, often to deceive others.

• Synonyms: Pantomime, mime, acting, masquerade, facade

• Antonyms: Honesty, sincerity, transparency, truth.

 VOCIFEROUS: Adjective: loud, noisy, or characterized by vehement and persistent outcry or expression of opinions

• Synonyms: clamorous, boisterous, raucous

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Antonyms: muted, peaceful, meek

• -HARP: Verb: to talk or complain about it repeatedly, often in a tedious or annoying manner.

Synonyms: Dwell, obsess, nag, repeat

Antonyms: Move on, let go, forget





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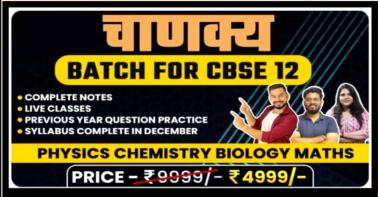
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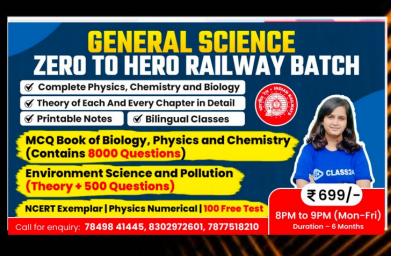


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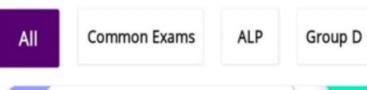
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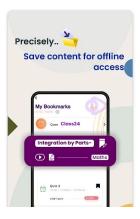
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