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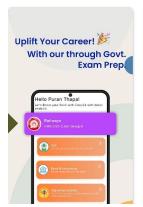
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Ex-PM Cameron in. Suella Braverman out in U.K. Cabinet rejig

Returning from Deepavali celebrations in his home-town of Southampton, U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak kicked off the week by reshuffling his Cabinet on Monday morning, sacking controversial Home Secretary Suella Braverman and resurrecting the political career of former U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron, whom he appoint-ed Foreign Secretary. Former (outgoing) Foreign Secretary James Cleverly

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Monday's moves, which were reminiscent of the political chaos last year, when the country saw three Prime Ministers in the span of a few months, was appointed Home Secretary. In the Span of a few monus, was appointed with the Secretary. Ms. Braverman's history of provocative statements, including her latest allegand and departures continued and operatures continued

> Mr. Cameron was made 'Lord Cameron', a life peer (member of the House of

Retail inflation eases to a four-month low of 4.87% in October

Vegetable price rise decelerates to 27%; overall consumer food price inflation remains unchanged; inflation faced by rural consumers is 5.1%

ndia's retail inflation pace eased to a four-month low of 4.87% in October from a tad over 5% in September, with the rise in vegetables prices easing to 2.7% from 3.4%, though overall consumer food price inflation remained virtually unchanged at 6.6%.

While base effects from last October, when retail prices surged 6.8%, helped cool the headline inflation rate, some deceleration was also seen in prices of non-food items such as services, clothing and foot-wear as well as fuel and light.

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Inflation eases

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der price cuts, fuel and light costs dropped 0.4% from last October's levels.

Rural, urban inflation Inflation faced by rural consumers eased from 5.33% in September to 5.1%, but urban house-holds saw a fractional in-

crease in inflation at 4.65%. On a month-on-month basis, consumer prices were up 0.65%, while food prices were up 1.06%, with ur-ban food prices rising 1.14%.

Nine dead in a fire in Hyderabad building

coming from the stilt level

of Balaii Residence in the

Bazaar Guard area, which has 16 flats. "The firefighters res-

Nine people were killed in a massive fire in a four-stoa massive me it al oliu-stor recy residential building at Nampally in Hyderabad on Monday morning. Fire De-partment officials suspect that sparks from bursting of firecrackers could have led to the fire.

Fire and rescue services personnel were pressed into service after a distress day," said Y. Nagi Reddy, Director-General of Telangators and State Fire Department. call was received at the fire control room at 9.34 a.m., stating that sparks were *PAGE 10



3 Indian cities among world's most polluted

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TMC leader shot dead; violence erupts in W.B.

Violence erupted in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas after a Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader was murdered on Monday. 39 PAGE 3

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Delhi most polluted city in world: Swiss survey

Mumbai and Kolkata were other Indian metropolises on the list of 10 most polluted cities after Deepavali; data show that pollution in parts of the capital was 30 times higher than safe limits

Jacob Koshy

NEW DELHI

n Monday, the day after Deepavali, three Indian metropolises figured on the list of the most polluted cities in the world compiled by the Swiss air purifier company IQAir.

Delhi was the most polluted city in the world with an air quality index (AQI) of 287 followed by Lahore, Pakistan, at 195. Mumbai, at 153, and Kolkata, 166, were among the top 10. The IQAir's AQI measures data from 109 countries, and the readings change hourly. It follows a U.S. methodology and varies slightly from the Indian



Smog screen: Vehicles move amid low visibility in New Delhi, where an increase in pollution levels was noted after Deepavali. PTI

day after Deepavali. Meanwhile, Bengaluru reported the lowest levels of PM 2.5 among 11 cities analysed and their figures were lower than last year's Deepavali (October 24), the report added.

'Phase out firecrackers'

"Already poor average PM 2.5 levels crossed limits due to firecrackers in several cities. Our analysis shows that widespread burning, in defiance of the Supreme Court orders, took away the gains (in reducing pollutants) that were made due to rain. The cracker industry must be phased out," Aarti Khosla, director, Climate Trends, said. "Delhi and

slightly from the Indian one.

The values are a measure of the quantities of PM [particulate matter] 2.5, considered most harmful for respiratory health. Though pollution from firecrackers are short-lived compared with those from persistent sources such as vehicle emission and waste and biomass burning, the spike in pollutants has a pronounced effect on health.

Air pollution in parts of Delhi was 30 times the safe limits prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO), contributed in part by the firecrackers lit on Sunday night, show figures from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. This is despite a ban on firecrackers in the city.

Continuing worry

The most updated readings from these cities, as of Monday, suggested that air quality is deteriorating, with several monitoring stations reporting a value of 400, classified as the "severe" category.

The air quality of Delhi is likely to be in the "severe" category on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to the Centre's Air Quality Early Warning System for

Delhi. Air pollution in the "severe" category "affects healthy people" and "seriously impacts those with existing diseases", says the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Another joint analysis by Climate Trends and Respirer Living Sciences, which analysed all-India pollution levels on Deepavali day in several cities, reported that the highest average PM 2.5 pollution was reported from Patna, Bihar, at 206 microgram per cubic metre. Just as the IQAir ranking, it too reports Delhi as being the most polluted city on the

Trends, said. "Delhi and other major cities must not continue to bear the burden of public health in the name of hollow support for traditions. We can look at community fireworks or lighting of lamps, as done in Ayodhya."

Last week, the hazar-dous air quality in Delhi, which the Centre attributed to stubble burning in Punjab, prompted emergency measures to be imposed, including plans to impose odd-even rules on the use of cars as well as experiments with artificial rain. An unexpected rain improved air quality by over 100 percentage points.

Breathing toxic air is equivalent to smoking at least 10 cigarettes a day' +

AIIMS doctor says there are studies which show that air pollution raises chances of a heart attack

INTERVIEW

Vijay Hadda

Nikhil M Babu

he condition of many people with existing respiratory issues worsens every time air pollution spikes in the city, said Vijay Hadda, additional professor of Pulmonary Medicine at AIIMS, Delhi. Dr. Hadda told *The Hindu* that he would not stay here during October-November, if given a choice. Edited excerpts:

How does air pollution affect health?

Data from multiple studies



Several studies have linked air pollution with cognitive impairment, said Vijay Hadda. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

have shown an association between stroke and air pollution. There is also a corelation between air pollution and cognitive impairment. Air pollution can also lead to COPD [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease] and cancer.

It can also worsen existing diseases such as asth-

ma, or ILDs [interstitial lung diseases].

There are studies which show that air pollution also increases the chances of a heart attack. Name any organ, it is affected by air pollution.

What have you observed in patients over the years?

During months when air pollution levels are very high, we see an increase of over 10% in the number of patients who come with respiratory problems.

The number of people coming with severe symptoms is also higher compared to the rest of the year.

How is a person affected when the air quality

turns 'severe'?

For any person, including babies and children, it is equivalent to smoking at least 10 cigarettes a day.

What precautions would you suggest?

Avoid exercising early in the morning and late in the evening.

Try to use N95 masks. Air purifiers are also helpful.

Would you advise your patients to move out of Delhi during these months?

If somebody can afford to do it, [then] absolutely. But most patients cannot afford that. Given a choice, I wouldn't stay in Delhi.



- Seven villages in the <u>Erode district of Tamil</u>
 <u>Nadu</u>, celebrated Diwali without firecrackers to protect the <u>avian population at a nearby</u> <u>bird sanctuary</u>.
- Over 900 families committed to a quieter celebration during the breeding season, recognizing the sensitivity of the period. For 22 years, these communities have opted for a conservation-minded approach to
 <u>Diwali</u>, limiting festivities to sparklers and new clothes for children.

Pakistan opens three new border crossings to deport Afghans



Pakistan opened three new border crossings to expectity of deportation of Afghans living in the country illegally. Nearly 3,00,000 Afghans have left Pakistan in recent weeks since authorities started arresting and deporting foreign nationals after the Oct. 31 deadline for migrants without legal status to leave the country voluntarily. *P

South Korea, U.S. revise deterrence agreement to counter North Korea



decade as they hailed their "stronger than ever" alliance. U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin is in Seoul for an annual security meeting with his South Korean counterpart Shin Won-sik. AFP

Philippine court grants bail to jailed 'drug war' critic of Duterte



Leila de Lima jailed more than six years ago on drug charges she said were fabricated to muzzle her investigation of then-President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal crackdown on illegal drugs. Human rights experts across the world have long demanded her release. AP

Nepal to ban China's TikTok, alleges damaging social impact



Nepal is set to ban China's TikTok, saying that social harmony ar goodwill were being disturbed by "misuse" of the popular video app. TikTok has already been either partially or completely banned by other countries. More than 1,600 TikTok-related cybercrime case: have been registered over the past four years in Nepal. REUTERS

fighters dead in U.S. strikes in Syria

Agence France-Presse

ponse to attacks on American forces. The toll is "eight pro-Iran fighters dead, includ-ing at least one Syrian, and Iraqi nationals", the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, following the strikes late on Sunday near

It was the third time in less than three weeks that the U.S. military has targeted locations in Syria it said were tied to Iran, which groups that Washington blames for a spike in at-tacks on its forces in West

The surge is linked to the war between Israel and

Battles around hospitals in Gaza force Palestinians to flee

Critically wounded patients, including newborn babies and their caregivers, are left stranded in

attles around hos-pitals forced thou-nians to flee from some of the last shelters in north-ern Gaza, stranding critically wounded patients, in-cluding newborns, and

their caregivers with dwin-dling supplies and no elec-tricity, health officials said Monday. The Israeli military has urged Palestinians to flee south on foot through what it calls safe corridors. But its purported drive to sepa-rate civilians from Hamas militants has come at a heavy cost, with more than two-thirds of the territory's population of 2.3 million having already fled their

homes.
Thousands fled Gaza's



weekend as Israeli troops weekend as israeli troops encircled it, but hundreds of patients and displaced people remained, accord-ing to officials. Shifa "is not ing to officials. Shifa "is not functioning as a hospital anymore," World Health Organization Director-Gen-eral Tedros Adhanom Ghe-breyesus said. A second Gaza City hospital faces out of fuel. For Palestinians, Shifa

evokes the suffering of civi-lians. For weeks, staff runlians. For weeks, staff run-ning low on supplies have performed surgery there on war-wounded patients, including children, with-out anesthesia. Up until days ago, tens of thousands

of people driven from their homes by airstrikes lived in and around the complex, hoping it would be safe. Israel says Hamas shields itself among civi-lians, and that the hospital, Gaza's largest, is a prima cants have a command centants have a command cen-ter in and beneath the medical compound. Israel has released maps and dia-grams showing what it says are bunkers and other Ha mas installations in and around Shifa, but has not

rovided any evidence. Israeli officials recently released photos and foot-age showing what they described as the opening of a tunnel next to another hostunnel next to another hos-pital, as well as gunmen fir-ing from inside the build-ing.

Both Hamas and Shifa hospital staff deny the Is-raeli allegations.

Days before new Maldives President assumes office, Nasheed quits as Speaker

Agence France-Presse

The Maldives Speaker of Parliament, Mohamed Nasheed, resigned on Monding-in of a new President following a fiercely contested election in the Indian Ocean archipelago. Parliamentary between the second quarter of next year,

are not due until the se-cond quarter of next year, meaning that President-elect Mohamed Muizzu – who takes power on Friday after winning September polls – will have to work with an Opposition-con-

trolled parliament. Mr. Nasheed, who is also a former President, decided to quit from the number wo position in the country to head off a no-confidence motion by ruling party le-gislators, a close aide told

AFP.
"He didn't want a no-



trust vote against him and decided to resign," the aide said. Nasheed caught international attention for holding a 2009 Cabinet meeting underwater to highlight the threat of global warming, signing docubal warming, signing docubal warming with coral reefs in a near with coral reefs in ba gear with coral reefs in the background.

He was toppled in a mil-itary-backed coup in 2012, convicted on a terrorism charge and jailed for 13 medical leave and sought refuge in Britain, returning

refuge in Britain, returning to the Maldives after President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the presidency in 12019, Mr. Nasheed became Speaker after his Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) won parliamenty (MDP) won parliamenthe party in June over differences with Mr. Solih.

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spending five months in Germany for treatment after a bomb blast.

There has been no claim of responsibility, but the MDP has blamed religious lamic republic of 3,80,000 Sunni Muslims, which practises a liberal form of the religion and is known

Ranil presents Budget aimed at aiding economic recovery in Sri Lanka

Ranil Wickremesinghe

Meera Srinivasan

Sri Lankan President Ranil

Terming the task of economic revival following bankruptcy a "formidable" who is also the Finance Minister, told Parliament: Our country situation is was a year ago, I am not saying that the economy has recovered completely. It has become comparatively better."
The largest component

said, went towards three areas – public sector salaries, pensions and public ies, pensions and public welfare, and payment of interest on the govern-ment's debt. According to figures published in the Budget document, the among those will be in-curred on second among those will be in-curred on servicing the country's debt and paying the interest. On the other the paying the content mestinghe acknowledged the government had "failed to generate" the tar-trillion for 2023, his Budget set an even higher target of LRR 4.1 trillion for 2024. In Commonster, which is the proposals, Umesh Mora-companies of the content of the con-tent of the con-tent of the content of the con-tent of the co

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Wickremesinghe on Mon-day unveiled the country's Budget for the fiscal year of Budget for the fiscal year of 2024, outlining a signifi-cant increase in expendi-tions revenue targets as he attempts to steer the island nation out of last year's de-bilitation openies exists.

mudali, an economist at the University of Colombo, said that although the Bud-get was largely focused on continuing the exercise of "stabilising" the economy, with revenue-based como-cally popular" expenditure proposals such as the pro-proposals such as the proproposals such as the pro-mised hike for public sec-tor workers. "The government says they want to make cash transfers to 2 of government expendi-ture, Mr. Wickremesinghe million people, but 183 bil-lion rupees [LKR] does not seem sufficient for that," he contended.

Overlooked problems The Feminist Collective for

Economic Justice, an is-land-wide group of re-searchers and activists stuand white agreement of the crisis on women and the working people, said that its concerns over the gomany of the poor, remain. Further, the Budget does policy intervention or budgets challenges such as increasing mainurition address challenges such as increasing mainurition as security, while many Sri and "selling state assets".

dren, continue to survive on just one meal a day, ob-served Niyanthini Kadirgamar, a member of the Collective.

side, we see a considerable chank of the Budget going side, we see a considerable chank of the Budget going the seed of the se "On the expenditure

ted that "we still could not correspondingly increase salaries and income match the high cost of liv ing which increased due to this severe crisis. The increase in prices of fuel and electricity adversely im pacted all households."

Authorities frequently point to the drop in the rate of inflation – 1.5 % in

Pakistan and China Navies to carry out joint sea patrol

Dinakar Peri

China and Pakistan are conducting the third edi-tion of the Sea Guardian-3 bilateral naval exercise in the northern Arabian Sea with Chinese media re-porting that the two sides will also hold their maiden

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Other ammunitions In addition to the conven-tional submarine, the PLA Navy has deployed guided-missile destroyer Zibo, guided-missile frigates

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Jingzhou and Linyi along with two shipborne helicopters and supply ship Qiandaohu, lead ship of the Type 903 replenish-ment ships. Pakistani Navy has deployed nine vessels China's People's Liberaalong with three shipborne helicopters, four fighter jets and one mariti trol aircraft.

Iran hangs three over 2019 bombing attacks

Agence France-Presse

Iran hanged on Monday three men who were convicted of carrying out the 2019 bombing attacks in the restive southeastern province of Sistan-Balu-chistan, the judiciary said.

The three men were sentenced to death after they were found guilty of bombing attacks targeting a police station and a paa police station and a pa-trol vehicle in Zahedan, the capital of Sistan-Balu-chistan province. The defendants were al-so convicted over "receiv-

so convicted over "receiv-ing millitary training, trans-ferring and hiding bomb-making materials". They were also found guilty of being part of the Sunni jihadist Jaish al-Adi (Arm) of justice) group, (Arm) of justice) group, and is blacklisted by Iran as a "terrorist" organisation, a "terrorist" organisation, the judiciary's Mizan web-site said. Iran executes more people per year than any other nation except China, according to human rights groups including Amnesty International.

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Pakistan and China Navies to carry out joint sea patrol

<u>Dinakar Peri</u> NEW DELHI

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Other ammunitions

In addition to the conventional submarine, the PLA Navy has deployed guidedmissile destroyer Zibo, guided-missile frigates Jingzhou and Linyi along with two shipborne helicopters and supply ship Qiandaohu, lead ship of the Type 903 replenishment ships. Pakistani Navy has deployed nine vessels along with three shipborne helicopters, four fighter jets and one maritime patrol aircraft.

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Joint air exercise COPE	India and USA	Kalaikunda, Panagarh, and Agra – India	
Ajeya Warriors – 23	India and United Kingdom	Salisbury Plains	
Vostok 2022	India and Russia	Eastern Military District, Russia	

The pitch will be different again'

Kiwi pacer Ferguson calls it the 'joy of cricket'; feels his team has to adapt as quickly as possible in the semifinal clash against India



ODI WORLD CUP

hree of the four 2023 World Cup matches at the Wankhede Stadium have seen a team batting first amass totals of 350-plus. And the only time a sub-300 score was registered, the chasing team tered, the chasing team won the game, thanks to Glenn Maxwell's brilliant

innings. With New Zealand yet to play a game at Wankhede in this edition, the 22-yard strip will certainly be in fo coach Rahul Dravid and his atting coach Vikram Rath-ur and bowling coach Pa-is Mhambrey — headed

bal hotel. Dravid, Rathour and Mhambrey took a long and hard look at the pitch while the rest of the squad solution of the pitch for the Kiwis reached the stadhum for a training ses-covered. After persisting with the ground authori-ties for a long time, assis-tant coach James Foster pitch.

that the surface for Australia's game against Afghanis tan will be used for the Inalso. It it likely to be slow as it has been used for a match only last week.

Lockie Ferguson, the Ki-wi pacer, didn't read too much into the pitch and

straight to the Wankhede Stadium after the team checked into a south Mum-bai hotel. Dravid, Rathour

but that's just the nature of one-day cricket in this part of the world. But from our point of view, it's trying to will be like and try to read what a good score on it is because of course those big overs, 10 runs here, 10 runs there can cost you at the back-end of the Innings," Ferguson said. "From a bowling point

of view, we are trying to I guess shut down those big overs, try to understand what we think is a good to-tal on the score. The pitch will be different again, that's the joy of cricket. We play on a different pitch each time, so it's hard to read two days out. We have got to adapt as quickly as possible come Wednes-

the conditions

"A lot of Indian grounds have been high scoring, but that's just the nature of

It will be a good challenge in the semifinal: Ferguson



Amol Karhadkar

No team has been able to take a game deep against India in the 2023 World

india in the 2022 World Cup league stage. If at all a discussion of Rohit Sharmas men, they are the two trails and New Zealand.

The lesser-fancied of those two has emerged as ICC tournaments, especially the knockouts, of late. ICC tournaments, especially the control of the c

ramshala three weeks ago.
"It was a hard-fought game. I thought that wenn extremely well, to get a great total on that. And, of course, with one-day crick et and playing against Inet and playing against In-dia, there is a lot of ebb and flow," said Lockie Fergu-son, the New Zealand pac-er, ahead of the team's first training session at the Wankhede Stadium on

20 Test centuries during

unstoppable, New Zealand has had a roller-coaster ride so far in the tourna-ment. After beginning with four wins, New Zealand lost the next four before

lost the next four before taking the fourth spot with a careful and the fourth spot with six Lanka even as Pakistan lost to Englandictated that the patchy form in the league stage will have no bearing on Wednesday, et and certainly World Oupcricket. Every team we one and have done their homework, done their homework, done their some and have done their homework and the stage of close games that didn't of close games that didn't of close games that didn't quite go away and a rain-affected one too," Ferguson

a. "That's the joy of tour bounce back in our last "From our point of

have got us to this position and we kind of all start

Pakistan bowling coach Morkel quits after WC flop

Agence France-Presse

Pakistan's bowling coach Morne Morkel on Monday unit me team's backroom staff following the former champlon's exit from the World Cup in India. Cicket Board (PCB) said the 39-year-old has tendered his resignation. "Morkel has expended to the Pakistan men's team," said a PCB re-lease. "He was given a six-

this year."
PCB said his replace-

ment will be announced before the team's three-Test tour of Australia start-

Enjoying the stint
Pakistan's team director
Pakistan's team di Morkel
had enjoyed his brief stay
in the job. "Morne was onby contracted until January
by contracted until January
to the leagues does not allow any more time unfortunately," said Arthur.
"He lowed his time with

can't continue." Skipper Babar Azam team which was ranked as the world's top ODI side before the tournament

kistan failed to reach the semifinals. Arthur's contract as head coach was not re-newed after Pakistan's failed campaign in 2019. He is back in a second spell, this time as team di-

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In her role as adminis-ator with Western Railtrator with Western Rail-ways, Edulji worked hard to increase employment opportunities for talented female cricketers in India, and helped shape the sports policy of Western and Indian Railways.

A destructive batter Sehwag, one of the most destructive batters of the modern era, donned India colours between 1999 and 2013. He scored 23 Test ween 1999 and 2013.

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centuries during his illus-trious career - the fifth most by an India men's most by an India men's player. His highest score of 319 against South Africa in Chennai in 2008 is the best ever by an Indian player. The batter from Delhi,

The batter from Delhi, now 45, totalled 8,273 runs for India in 50-over cricket at an average of 35,05 and dies in Indore in 2011 remains the third-highest score achieved by a male cricketer in ODI. He also had 96 wickets from the 251 ODIs he played bet-

Schwag also played a pi-votal role in helping India claim its second World Cup title in 2011. "I would like to for inducting me with this honour," Schwag said. "I feel extremely grateful for having spent a great part of my life doing what I lowed most, "hitting the cricket ball", he said.

Sri Lankan icon A key member of Sri Lan-ka's 1996 World Cup-win-ning side, de Silva is an icon in the island nation. The stylish batter scored

Jhulan Goswami paid tri-bute to Diana Edulji who has been inducted into the "It is an absolute ho-nour for you, but also a ve-ry proud moment for wo-men's cricket in our country and a proud mo-ment for India as a whole.

It is so well deserved, you have been a pioneer for women's cricket in our untry. Your contributions over

Your contributions over the years have been im-mense. It is not too much to say that the game would not be where it is in India without all your efforts. From a personal per-spective, one of the biggest regrets of my career was spective, one of the biggest regrets of my career was that I never got to play against you. Like many young cricketers in India, I had grown up reading about you in the record books. Women's cricket in India started in Mumbai in 1971 and you were there. 1971 and you were there from the start.

We would read about your exploits, how you led the team and were so imthe team and were so im-portant to that side. As a player, your performances for the Indian cricket team in the 1970s and 1980s

20 Test centuries during a 19-year international ca-reer (1984 to 2003) — the 1990 control of the control any Sri Lanka men's player — and was just as adept against the white-ball with-ing in SO-ower cricket. — "I am Riled with pro-tage of the control of the ring inducted into the Hall of Fame. This achievement tion, sacrifice, and love that have shaped my crick-long journey; said de Sil-ving induction; and the control of the theory of the control of the control of the theory of the control of the theory of the control of the control of the theory of the control of the control of the control of the theory of the control of the theory of the control of the control of the control of the control of the theory of the control of the control of the control of the control of the theory of the control of the in the 1970s and 1980s were legendary.
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Jhulan's tribute to Edulji, Jayawardena salutes Aravinda

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We all grew up watching you and were part of a gen-eration inspired by what you achieved. I remember the first time I met you, col-lective, your actorion lecting your autograph when I was nine or 10. You were the new kid in the Sri Lankan team then but before long, you were our best batter. As young kids, we all looked at how you went about playing and tried to model our games

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Djokovic sinks Rune, stays top of the world



Novak Djokovic will finish the year as World No. 1 for a record-extending eighth time after beating Holger Rune 7-6(4), 6-7(1), 6-3 in his opening Green Group match at the ATP Finals on Sunday

Sunday. The 24-time Grand Slam champion needed just one win or a defeat for young rival Carlos Alcaraz in or der to secure top spot in the ATP rankings for 2023 and prevailed in a three-hour Green Group clash with spirited debutant

Diokovic, on a run of 19 straight wins, has had an age-defying year, winning three Slams to become the all-time record winner of

all-time record winner of Major titles. The 36-year-old came into the Finals in Turin off the back of his seventh tri-umph at the Paris Masters, his 40th victory at a Mas-ters 100 event.

Seventh crown beckons Djokovic is also hunting a seventh Finals title which would take him one ahead of retired great Roger

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"It means a lot. You could see that there were a lot of emotions on the court," said I jolovoic. very eager to win the match and get that monkey off my back... Obviously a big objective, a big goal has been achieved, everything else now is a bonus. The post off to a near-perfect of the property of the

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Zverev bests Alcaraz

Zverev bests Alcaraz Meanwhile in the Red Group, Alexander Zverev got off to a winning start by battling back from a set down to beat Carlos Alcaraz 6-7(3), 6-3, 6-4.

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Virender Sehwag

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Diana Edulji

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ODIs	34	34	46	4/12	16.84	0	211 (30)

9 Indian Cricketers who are part of ICC Hall of Fame

- Sunil Gavaskar. Indian legend Sunil Gavaskar, who featured for the national team between 1971-87 was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2009. ...
- Bishan Singh Bedi. ...
- Kapil Dev. ...
- Anil Kumble....
- Rahul Dravid. ...
- Sachin Tendulkar. ...
- Vinoo Mankad....
- Diana Edulji.

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England	32	1877-present
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West Indies	21	1928-present
India	9	1932-present
C Pakistan	7	1952-present
South Africa	6	1889-present
Sri Lanka	4	1982-present
New Zealand	3	1930-present
Zimbabwe	1	1992-present
Total	112	

Canada wins its maiden Billie Jean King Cup

Agence France-Presse SEVILLE

Canada completed a teamtennis double on Sunday as the women took the Billie Jean King Cup for the first time, winning both singles rubbers to build an unassailable lead over Italy. Canada's men are the reigning Davis Cup champion after winning their first title in Malaga last November.

Marina Stakusic, an 18-year-old, opened the final in Seville with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Martina Trevisan, capping a stunning week for the rookie. Leylah Fernandez then beat Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-3, to spark jubilation from the Canadian team.

"I'm extremely happy, ecstatic," said Fernandez.

"Leylah played her role as leader and that made all



Happy bunch: The Canadian team is joy unbound after hoisting the Billie Jean Cup. GETTY IMAGES

the difference," said Canada's coach Nathalie Tauziat. "She prepares like a boxer, ready to enter the ring, to receive blows and to give them."

Canada, captained by Heidi El Tabakh, became the 13th nation to win the Billie Jean King Cup and the second consecutive new champion after Switzerland won in Glasgow 12 months ago.

Italy continued its 10-year drought in the competition, known as the Fed Cup until 2020, having won the last of its four titles in 2013.

Billie Jean King Cup

Current season, competition or edition:



BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

Sport Tennis

Founded 1963; 60 years ago

No. of teams 8 (World Group)

99 (total 2016)^[1]

Countries ITF member nations

Most recent Canada (1st title)

champion(s)

Most titles United States (18 titles)

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The 39-year-old will lead India in Round 2 of the

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Bhagat clinches gold at Hulic Daihatsu Japan

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Para Asian Games gold medallist shuttler Pramod Bha-gat continued his good run, bagging a gold medal in the SL3 singles category at the Hulic Daihatsu Japan para badminton international tournament in Tokyo. He defeated compatriot Manoj Sarkar 21-16, 21-19 in the title clash.

In mixed doubles, Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass went down to the Chinese pair of Yang Jianyuan and Yang Qiu Xia 14-21, 21-15, 16-21 while Sukant Kadam lost to Malaysia's Mohd Amin

We are well prepared for 2026 World Cup Qualifiers: Chhetri



nals to secure a bronze in nais to secure a bronze in the singles SLA category. India's Tarun won a bronze in the same category after going down in the sem-ifinal. Nehal Gupta and Naveen Sivakumar also se-cured a gold medal for India

in men's doubles SL3-SL4 category beating Deep Ran-jan Bisoyee and Manoj Sar-kar 21-19, 18-21, 21-17 in the fikar 21-19, 18-21, 21-17 in the fi-nal. Manasi Joshi won a bronze medal in women's SL3 category, while Hardik Makkar and Ruthick Ragu-pathi bagged bronze in men's doubles SUS division.

Thulasimathi Murugesar secured a silver in wo secured a silver in women's SUS category and Manish Ramdass won the bronze. Manasi Joshi and Thulasi-mathi Murugesan then teamed up to win a gold medal in women's doubles SL3-SU5 category, beating the Indonesia's Leani Ratri Oktila. Khalimatus Sadivah 21

Balaji and Begemann win third Challenger title in four weeks

Sports Bureau

Sumit Nagal went down fighting 3-6, 6-3, 2-6 to Congning 3-6, 6-3, 2-6 to Co-rentin Moutet of France in the final of the €145,000 Challenger tennis tourna-ment in Helsinki on Sunday. It was the fourth Challenger final for the 26-year-old Sumit this season, and he had won two titles.

In the doubles final, Sriin the doubles final, Sri-ram Balaji and Andre Bege-mann beat the second seeds Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashant

It was the third Challenger title in four weeks for the Indo-German combina-

bles rank of 76, had also made four other doubles finals earlier in the season with different partners.

The champion doubles team won 125 ATP points and 8,420.

"I think it is just the mo-rale of the team, or what has happened in the last 6-8 months. A lot of boys have taken their places in the team. And that is why we are probably more pre-pared," Chietri told AlfF Other results: €145,000 Challenger, Helsiniki

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on Monday. "Also, the World Cup



Being clinical: Chhetri says the Indian team will need to carry over its dominance at home into away matches as well, FILE PHOTO

a decent amount of game time under our belts. All against Kuwait, Qatar and Afghanistan, and the cap-

"We played Kuwait twice a few months back, so we have better know-ledge of them. We have played Qatar at least thrice in the last three years. And we always know Afghanis-tan. Barring the away tie in Kuwait, we are aware of the atmosphere for the away matches against Afghanistan and Qatar," said Chhetri.

Chhetri also added that India will rely more on teamwork than individual flair to give a tough fight to

"I think we are at the right stage. This team prob-ably is a strong side. It's a team that has played to-gether for some time. And a lot of youngsters are

Chhetri, though, said that to translate home suc-cess on foreign soil, hard work and tweaks in meth-od would be an absolute

necessity.

"At home, we have done "At home, we have done decently well. In away games, we haven't. If we have to go to the next round and be among the 18 best teams in Asia, we have to rectify our method, Chhetri said.

India had beaten Kuwait 5-4 on penalties to clinch the ninth SAFF Championship title earlier this year but Chhetri warned that

playing the side in its home could be tougher.

"Now the local fans are probably going to be hos-tile against us. Kuwait will be different because all teams are different when

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Rahisuddin Malik S/o Sh. Mustakim Malik, R/o- H. No. D-186, 3rd Floor, Abdul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 397/22 U/s 406/420 I/C 85, New Friends Colony, New Delhi and it has been eturned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused tahisuddin Malik can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my attisfaction that the said Rahisuddin Malik has absconded (or is

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In Elite company: The Indian team of Sohini Mohanty, Rushil Khosla, Vikram Anand, Asmi Adkar, and Manas Dhamne with the legendary Rod Laver. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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THE ARMED Forces Trib

Amshipora village in July 2020. In its order on November 9

In its order on November 9, the tribunal also granted condi-tional bail to Captain Bhoopendra Singh and directed him to appear before its principal registrar at regular intervals starting from January next year. The tribunal however, made it clear that it would not stay his conviction. "As we have only

stayed the sentence of conviction to the extent of undergoing the jail sentence, all other punishments like cashiering etc shall continue

the pendency of the original ap plication (seeking stay on the find

2020 Amshipora

'encounter': Tribunal

suspends Captain's

life term, grants bail

day after Diwali, triggers AAP-BJP blame game



Firecrackers being burnt in Delhi during Diwali on Sunday night. On Monday, the 24-hour average Air Quality Index was 403 (severe category) by 10 pm. Amit Mehra MORE REPORTS, i

Sharpest spike in post-Diwali AQI since 2015, set to deteriorate further

WITH THE firecracker ban being flouted across the city on Sunday night, and the after-effect of the recent rainfall wearing off, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQS) deteriorated to 35S at 4 pm, with the 24-hour average hitting 403 ("severe" category) by 10 pm on Monday, worse than the post-Dwall AQI recorded lastyear.

is triggered a blame game en the AAP and BIP. While

reme Court order, the BIP a Supreme Court order, the bir accused the AAP government of failing to impose the ban. Last year, the AQI on the day after Diwali, which was in October, was 303.

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CHIEF MINISTER DHAMI VISITS SITE

Day later, rescue work on as 40 still trapped in Uttarkashi tunnel



persons were killed, File

court martial)," the tribunal said.
On July 18, 2020, three labourers from Jammu's Rajouri district — Imtiyaz Ahmed (20).
Abrar Ahmed (25) and Mohammed Ibtar (16) — were killed and labelled as "terrorists" by troops under the officer's

by troops under the officer's command in Shopian district. The J&K Police set up a Special Investigation Team, which filed a chargesheet against three per-sons, including Singh, for "stag-ing" the encounter. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

REOPENED OLD

Workers have access to oxygen, food, say officials; falling debris a challenge

AVANEESH MISHRA

continued through Monday af-ter an under-construction tun-nel to join the Gangotri and Yamunotri collapsed a day ear-lier, leaving 40 construction workers tranned inside.

The first step, officials said, is establishing communication with the trapped men to

Rescue operations at the tunnel in Uttarkashi district on Monday, PIT RELATED REPORT, PS

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Talks on in Armed Forces on possible entry of transgenders, study group formed

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA

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Delhi officer defends Chief Secv, takes aim at AAP: 'Dirty politics'

Targeted for ordering probes in CM house, excise cases: Divisional Commissioner

GAYATHRIMANI

IN A move that shows a widen-ingrift between the bureaucracy and the AAP government in Delhi, a senior official on Monday came out in defence of Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar. who is facing allegations of cor-ruption related to land acquisition for the Dwarka Expressway ming the charges against hin



Dismissing allegations that the Chief Secretary benefited his son's company to the tune of Rs 315 crore in the land deal, the 315 crore in the land deal, the Divisional Commissioner indi-rectly targeted the AAP govern-ment, which has ordered a probe into the allegations. He said the Chief Secretary's image was be-ing tarnished as he ordered in-quiries in several cases such as

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Amid cash-for-query row, Trinamool gives party post to Mahua

'Grateful to party for reposing faith, BJP spread speculation it had deserted me'

ATRIMITRA ATRIMITRA, RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & LIZ MATHEW KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

AMID THE cash-for-query con-troversy in Parliament that has seen the Lok Sabha Ethics TMC) on Monday tasked its



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Adani Green advisor in hydel appraisal committee of MoEF

Abstained from discussions on AGEL project, says advisor On September 27, the Union

JAY MAZOOMDAAR

A KEY ADVISOR to Adami Green A KEY ADVISOR to Adam Green Energy Limited is now a mem-ber of one of the Centre's Expert Appraisal Committees (EAC) be-fore which the company's hydro project proposals come up for clearance. The Indian Express has

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members when it reconstituted the EAK for hydroelectricity and river valley projects on September 27. The first meeting of the re-constituted EAC (hydel) was held on October 17-18. Records show Chaudhary attended the meeton October 17, the day AGEL's

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For father who chanted 'Saachin, Saachin', it's time for 'Raachin, Raachin'

VENKATA KRISHNA B

et archit out of his head since we time he returned to his home Wellington after the short trip o India to watch his son Rachin avindra play the World Cup. The software engineer, who nigrated to New Zealand in the

90s, was at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru when Rachin, playing Pakistan, smashed his third century of the tournament. Shouts of "Raachin, mand wandered to the tamous "Saachin", Saachin" cheer he would be part of when his hero, Sachin Tendulkar, would walk in to bat at the same venue. Speaking to The Indian Express from Wellington, Krishnamurthy calls it a "truly Krishnamurthy calls it a "truly

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WORLD DIABETES DAY

2023

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The initiative is in keeping with the theme for World Diabetes Day 2023 – "Access to diabetes care"



Diabetes: Type 1 vs. Type 2

Diabetes is on the climb — but there is a difference between Type 1 and Type 2. Do you know it?

Type 1 Diabetes

Type 2 Diabetes

Your body is no longer able to produce insulin



Your body still produces insulin, but it doesn't make enough of it or it doesn't use it efficiently

Usually develops during childhood, but can develop at any age



Can develop at any age but is most common in adults over 45

Family history



- Overweight and/or inactive
 Family history
 - High blood pressure

- Bedwetting Blurry vision
 - Frequent urination
- Increased appetite and thirst
- Mood changes and irritability
 - Tiredness and weakness
 - Unexplained weight loss



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- Dark patches on armpits/neck
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 - Blurry vision
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 - Unexplained weight loss

No known prevention methods



Healthy lifestyle

Insulin injections



Healthy living, possible insulin support

 14th November marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who codiscovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.



The burden of disease:

- More than 420 million people worldwide affected by diabetes.
- China has the highest number of patients (11.43 cr.) followed by India (7.29 cr.) in 2017.

Issues related to treatment:

- High costs of insulin
- Insufficient essential medicines and technologies

Diabetes affects the five major organs namely, Kidney, Heart, Blood vessels, Nervous System, and Eyes (retina).

The factors responsible for the increase in diabetes are an unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity, harmful use of alcohol, overweight/obesity, tobacco use, etc.

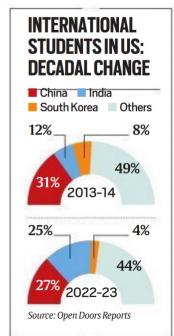
Indian PG students in US up 63% in '22-23, overtake China: Report

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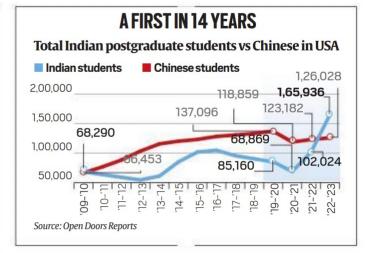
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE NUMBER of Indians pursuing postgraduate studies in the United States (US) increased 63 per cent to 1.65 lakh in academic year 2022-23 — surpassing China for the first time in 14 years to become the largest source of international graduate students in America. There were 1.26 lakh Chinese graduate students in the US during the same period.

According to the latest Open Doors Report released on Monday, 2.68 lakh Indian students were studying in the US last year at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including those enrolled in Optional Practical Training programmes, which allow foreign graduates with F-1 or student visa to en-



gage in paid or voluntary work for up to three years. This is 35



per cent more than the 1.99 lakh students recorded in 2021-22, and represents the largest single-year jump in at least 23 years, data analysed by *The Indian Express* shows.

China and India together account for 52 per cent of the to-

tal international student cohort in America.

This milestone also represents a significant shift in the demographic composition of international students in the US. India's share has doubled over the past decade, rising from 12

per cent in 2012-13 to 25 per cent in 2022-23 — just two percentage points shy of the current Chinese share, which stands at 27 per cent. A decade ago, China's share was 31 per cent.

Students from India now outnumber those from China in 24 US states, including Illinois, Texas, and Michigan, which are among the top destinations for international students.

The Open Doors Report, an annual survey examining international student exchange activity in the United States, is funded by the US Department of State and conducted by the non-profit Institute of International Education (IIE).

The latest edition shows India has left behind the slump that had set in the year before the pandemic.

For two successive years, between 2018-19 and 2019-20, as

well as 2019-20 and 2020-21, there was a decline of 4.4 per cent and 13.2 per cent, respectively, in the number of Indian students enrolled in US universities.

In a continuing trend, engineering is no longer the most popular choice for Indians pursuing higher education in the US. Programmes in mathematics and computer sciences have seen a significant increase in popularity, with 41.2 per cent of total Indian students in the US now studying these subjects, up from 26 per cent a decade ago. In fact, mathematics and computer science are steadily eroding the share of engineering disciplines, which has decreased from 38 per cent a decade ago to 26.9 per cent in 2022-23.

Commenting on the record number of Indian students in the US, American Ambassador Eric Garcetti said in a statement, "The decision to study abroad, and your choice of the United States, represents a valuable investment by you and your families...We also look forward to balancing these record numbers. We want to see equal numbers of women pursuing studies in the United States and see more US students coming to experience all that India has to offer."

Overall, international students make up just 5.6 per cent of all college students in the US in 2022-23, but they are a crucial source of revenue for American universities as they are usually charged much higher tuition rates than local students. After India and China, the countries that sent the most students were South Korea, Canada, Vietnam, Taiwan and Nigeria.

Bina Agarwal wins Kenneth Boulding Award



Prof Agarwal got the award for Ecological Economics

New Delhi: Development economist Bina Agarwal has won the prestigious Kenneth Boulding Award for Ecological Economics.

Agarwal, Professor of Development Economics and Environment at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, and ex-director of the Institute of Economic Growth (Delhi), was conferred the award jointly with David Barkin, a professor at the Metropolitan University in Mexico City. The International Society for Ecological Economics said Agarwal was recognised for her significant contributions to Ecological Economics, with focus on environmental governance, agrarian change, and social equity in developing countries. **ENS**

Why the DESH Bill is badly needed, and why it is delayed

With the Winter Session of Parliament being the only window for full-fledged legislative work before the general elections in 2024, it is now almost certain this government won't be able to get the Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs (DESH) Bill passed. *Mukesh Jagota* explains why the reform hasn't seen the light of day yet



16%

average annual growth in exports from SEZs between 2018-19 and 2022-23

9.6%

The average annual growth of merchandise exports from SEZs between FY19 and FY23

Services

exports growth averaged 11.6% between these years; services account for the chunk of SEZ exports

What SEZs want

THEY WANTTO be able to sell in the domestic market without paying duties, similar to dutyfree imports from countries with which we have Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).

If that's not feasible, they propose domestic sales should be allowed based on the duties not paid on the raw materials used. They also want to be unshackled from the net positive foreign exchange requirement—that is, SEZs should be able to accept payments in rupees. This will also help India's SEZ policy stay in the clear of WTO action for trade-distorting policies.

The current foreign exchange rules prevent SEZ units from making payment in Indian

rupee. The government is understood to have allowed this in the DESH Bill.

These proposals have been under discussion for over ten years. According to Global Trade Research Initiative's co-founder Ajay Srivastava, these demands will dilute the export focus of SEZs and put domestic industry at a disadvantage.

The idea of a levy to counter the advantages of being part of the DES Hub is reported to have been rejected by those who framed the Bill—this raises the question why enterprises outside the Hubs won't be treated on a par if the market targeted remains the same. It is seen by experts as a key factor behind the delay in the Bill getting passed.

The DESH Bill

THE DESH BILL, first announced in Budget FY23, was expected to replace the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Act and, after months of discussions, was listed for introduction and passing in this year's Budget Session. This, however, could not be achieved.

According to official sources, DESH will change the focus of SEZs from exports to exports and Make for India. Under the Bill, state governments will be made key partners to strengthen single-

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window clearances and usher in a simplified regulatory regime, with a focus on high-quality infrastructure.

The goal of the new Bill is lofty, but for the foreseeable future, the industry is stuck with the SEZ Act 2005. The Centre has sought suggestions from the industry, given certain provisions demanded by SEZs could queer the pitch for non-hub enterprises. Differences between the ministry of commerce and ministry of finance have also contributed to the delay.

The SEZ Act

INDIA WAS ARGUABLY the first country in Asia to have SEZs—the first was set up at Kandla in 1965. Between 1965 and 2005, only seven could be set up, till the Centre came up with the SEZ Act. The Act sought to treat SEZs as separate enclaves different from the Domestic Tariff Area. The units within SEZs and developers of those SEZs were extended income tax exemption up to 15 years. Later, in lieu of income tax, the Minimum Alternate Tax was imposed on them, which greatly reduced their attractiveness. The deluge of applications that were received when the Act was

operationalised were reduced to a trickle. Many of the entrepreneurs who had got approvals withdrew. Income tax benefits ceased to exist from April 1, 2017, for developers and units commencing production after April 1, 2020.

Beyond income tax, various other incentives and facilities are being offered to the units in SEZs like duty-free import and domestic procurement of goods, exemption of Integrated Good and Services Tax, central Goods and Services Tax, and customs or excise duties for authorised operations in SEZ units.

• Performance of Indian SEZs so far

AT PRESENT, 425 SEZs have been formally approved by the government, amongst which 376 have been notified and only 272 are operational. (China, in comparison, accounts for more than half of the world's ~6,000 SEZs.) Total investments in India's SEZs have crossed ₹6.45 trillion. They employ 281 million persons.

SEZs have emerged as a rather seminal contributor for India's exports and export growth. Total exports from SEZs stood at \$155.8 billion in FY23. These included \$61.6 billion of merchandise and \$94.2 billion of services exports.

In 2005-06, when the SEZ Act became operational, the exports from these special zones was \$5.08 billion.

A total of 270 SEZs are exporting at present. Out of this, 163 are IT/ITES, 25 Multiproduct and 82 other sector specific SEZs. Around 5,620 units have been set up in the SEZs till date.

New Delhi







PM to unveil welfare schemes for vulnerable tribal groups

PRASANTA SAHU New Delhi, November 13

TO IMPROVE SOCIO-ECO-NOMIC conditions of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs), Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil PM PVTG Development Mission on November 15 with an outlay of ₹24,000 crore over the next few years, a government source said.

In the budget of 2023-24, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the launch of PM PVTG Development Mission with an estimated budget outlay of ₹15,000 crore over three years. The allocation has now been enhanced to ₹24,000



crore. This scheme will saturate PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

There are 75 PVTGs in 18

states and Union territories living in 22,544 villages (220 districts) having a population of around 2.8 million.

These tribes stay in scattered, remote & inaccessible habitations, often in forest areas and hence a mission is planned to saturate PVTG families and habitations with basic facilities such as road and telecom connectivity, electricity, safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

"The Mission will be implemented through convergence of 11 interventions of 9 ministries," the source said.





With the problem of farm fires being taken up by the Supreme Court, Belar, a machine that facilitates ex-situ (off-site) stubble management has been in demand in Punjab and adjacent regions.



Baler machines have been around for a decade, and currently around 2,000 of them operate in Punjab.



Of these 1,268 are highly subsidised (50-80%) under the Centre's Crop Residue Management (CRM) scheme.



Scheme Supported Machines:

Super Straw Management
 Systems, Happy Seeder, Super
 Seeder, Smart Seeder, zero till
 seed cum fertilizer drill, Mulcher,
 Paddy Straw Chopper,
 hydraulically reversible mould
 board plough, Crop reapers,
 Reaper binders, Balers, and
 Rakes.



What is a Baler Machine?

About:

 Balers play a pivotal role in stubble compression, acting as hydraulic presses to compact crop residues into dense, manageable packages. These compressed stubbles are securely bound using twine, wire, or strapping.



 Before using a baler machine, farmers cut the crop residue with a tractor-mounted cutter. A tractormounted baler machine compresses the stubble into compact bales using netting.



- Other Ways to Handle Stubble:
 - In-situ treatment of Stubble: For example, crop residue management by zero-tiller machine and Use of biodecomposers (e.g., Pusa biodecomposer).
 - Use of Technology: For example, Turbo Happy Seeder (THS) machine, which can uproot the stubble and also sow seeds in the area cleared. The stubble can then be used as mulch for the field.





- A farmer in North Goa's Nanoda Bamber village unearthed a pot that contained coins from a bygone era.
- Pot contained 832 copper coins, believed to have been minted in Goa around the 16th or 17th Century when it was under Portuguese rule.



- What was Characteristic of Portuguese Coinage in India?
- Portuguese issued coins in gold and silver from Goa, as well as copper, tin, and lead coins from other mints such as Cochin, Diu, and Damão.
- The gold coins were called 'Cruzado' or 'Manoel' and were issued in the same size, value, and weight. They had a cross on one side and the royal arms on the other.



- The silver coins were called 'Meia-espera' and 'Espera'.
- The copper coins were divided into various denominations such as 'Bazaruco', 'Leal', 'Tanga', 'Pardau', and 'Real'.



- The copper coins had various symbols such as a castle, a lion, a crown, a cross, and the king's name.
- The tin and lead coins were mainly issued from Diu and Malacca and were called 'Dinheiro'.
 - They had a crude design and were often irregular in shape and size. They had the king's name or initials on one side and a cross or a flower on the other.

INDO-PORTUGUESE COINS



- What was India's Engagement with Portuguese in Goa?
- Portuguese as a Traveller: Vasco da Gama was the first Portuguese explorer to reach India by sea in 1498 at Calicut on the Malabar Coast and was welcomed by a local ruler Zamorin.
- Portuguese as a Coloniser: In 1505, Francisco de Almeida became the first viceroy of Portuguese India and established a base in Cochin. He also fought against the Zamorin of Calicut and the Mamluks of Egypt, who were rivals in the spice trade.

- Afonso de Albuquerque (in 1510) captured Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate and made Goa the capital of the Portuguese State of India.
- Colonial Rule of Portuguese: The Portuguese rule in Goa lasted for about 450 years, from 1510 to 1961. During this period, Goa became a prosperous and cosmopolitan city, known as the "Rome of the East".

- Liberation of Goa:
- The liberation of Goa from Portuguese rule was achieved by the Indian government in December 1961, after a 36-hour military operation known as Operation Vijay.
- Statehood to Goa:
- In 1987, Goa was granted statehood by the Indian government, and became the 25th state of India.

CORPAT & EX-BONGOSAGAR

The 4th edition of the Bilateral Exercise between the Indian Navy and the Bangladesh Navy, BONGOSAGAR-23, and the

5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies were conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal recently.

Other Related Exercises:

SAMPRITI: Annual Military Exercise (11th edition conducted in October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya).

Acharya JB Kripalani Birth Anniversary

Recently, the Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to Acharya Jivatram Bhagwandas(JB) Kripalani on his birth anniversary (11th November 1888 in Hyderabad, Sindh).

He Joined Gandhi's cause in 1917, associated with the Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement.

11 Nov. 1888 1917

J.B. Kripalani was the president of the Indian National Congress(INC) in 1947.

He was one of the founders of the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (KMPP) after the independence leaving INC.

He moved the first-ever No confidence motion in Lok Sabha in 1963, immediately after the India-China War (1962).

 He is the author of several books, including "Gandhi: His Life and Thought" (1970). The autobiography titled "My Times" was published posthumously in 2004.





Editorial



Growth dichotomy

Slowdown in industrial output growth shows low consumer confidence

n September, the Index of Industrial Production or IIP rose 5.8%, almost half the 14month-high 10.3% growth in August, Most economists anticipated a 7% to 8% uptick in the month that marks the onset of India's packed festive calendar. September's factory output growth was the slowest in three months, but also marked a 2.4% drop in production levels compared to August. Manufacturing led the decline, with yearon-year growth dropping from 9.3% in August to 4.5% in September and production volumes declining 2% month-on-month. In August, just seven of 23 manufacturing sectors had clocked a contraction but that list expanded to nine in September, with furniture dropping 20% and apparel production almost 18%. What is more worrying is that 12 sectors recorded a sequential decline in output this September, belying hopes that firms would ramp up inventories in anticipation of festive spending. Producers' lack of confidence in consumers' impulses is reflected in consumer durables and non-durables, which were up just 1% and 2.7%, respectively, on top of a 5.5%-plus contraction last September. Sequentially, consumer non-durables, what one may broadly consider as fast moving consumer goods involving smaller-ticket spends, were down 3.5% with the lowest output levels seen since November 2022. Electricity generation also fell 6.6% sequentially in September, perhaps due to the higher rainfall recorded over August.

On the whole, September's IIP takes average factory output growth to 7.4% in the second guarter, lifting the uptick in the first half of 2023-24 to 6%. This may still weigh in well with the central bank chief's hopes of Q2 GDP growth outpacing their official projection of 6.5%. But spliced up, the IIP indicates an asymmetry in the economy and a fresh fork lies in the road ahead. Consumer goods' output was just 0.3% higher than pre-CO-VID-19 levels this September, with durables being the only use-based segment to record a contraction so far this year. By contrast, output has been more resilient in investment-linked sectors such as infrastructure/construction goods and capital goods, up 12.1% and 6.7%, respectively, this year. Public capex on infrastructure sectors has surely lifted output of items such as steel and cement through the first half of the year, while high inflation has eaten into all but the high-income consumers' propensity to spend. Going forward, capex spends that have been front-loaded this year may moderate and additional revenue spends ahead of the Lok Sabha election are likely, especially with sensitive commodities such as fuel, urea and food facing fresh volatility in prices. That infrastructure and construction goods' out-

Enhancing representation, for a just electoral system

n Indian Member of Parliament (MP) is said to represent 2.5 million citizens, on average. In comparison, a U.S. House of Representatives member typically represents approximately 7,00,000 citizens, Similarly, in Pakistan, a member of the National Assembly is a representative of approximately 6,00,000 citizens, while the ratio in Bangladesh is closer to approximately 5,00,000 citizens. In this year so far, India had around 4,126 Members of the Legislative Assembly, 543 Lok Sabha MPs and 245 Rajya Sabha MPs. There are far too few parliamentarians/Assembly members responsible for citizen welfare in India. Limited representation, in a democratic setup, seems to be our default preference.

While India does have innumerable grassroots politicians, 1,000-plus municipal councils/corporations with between 50 to 100 wards and approximately 2,38,000 panchayats (according to Press Information Bureau data) with between five to 30 members on average at the national/State level, there is a clear deficit in terms of their adequate representation in order to raise critical issues and enable law-making.

Meanwhile, our political system is riven with malapportionment, with legislative weight being skewed towards the citizens of select States. Unlike India, the United States has a political system that seeks to engender malapportionment, with each State given two senators in the U.S. Senate, enabling a block on legislation. Disproportionate allocation of power is encouraged. This is easier in a homogeneous country with a bi-party political system, where the same parties compete across all States. In India, with its heterogeneous political system across States, malapportionment can mean empowering select political outfits over others. With a sense of a different political culture in south and north-east India growing, one must tread carefully.

On delimitation

Delimitation could be a potential solution to restore proportionality — it has been utilised in the past. The Commission was set up four times in the past as an independent body, to enable redistricting. In 1976, during the Emergency, the number of Lok Sabha seats was frozen, with delimitation pushed out to 2001, citing ongoing family planning policies, with a push to avoid punishing select States with effective population control measures in place.

Delimitation may have resumed when States had reduced their fertility rates, enabling parity. In February 2002, the 84th Amendment Act of the Constitution was introduced, which froze the number of Lok Sabha seats until the first Census after 2026 (i.e., 2031). With the 2021 Census delayed (now likely to be conducted in 2024, with



Feroze Varun Gandhi

is a Member of Parliament, representing the Pilibhit constituency for the Bharatiya Janata Party

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results potentially published by 2026), there is a window to conduct delimitation earlier. However, unleashing delimitation will have its consequences. Between 1971 and 2011, Rajasthan and Kerala, at 25 million and 21 million in population in 1971, respectively, have seen a widening to 68 million and 33 million, respectively. Similarly, in the 2019 elections, each MP from Uttar Pradesh represented approximately three million voters, while an MP from Lakshadweep represented about 55,000 voters. Assuming the number of parliamentary seats goes up to say 753 seats. States such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala might see an increase in seats of about 6%, with Karnataka potentially seeing an 11% rise. Meanwhile, northern States such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan would see their seats rise by 63%. Delimitation, in its historical form, would engender a bias towards a Hindi-speaking northern population while enabling select national parties to rise to power. States which have performed well in reducing their population growth, such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala, may be punished. Delimitation is inevitable, but its deleterious consequences can be minimised. First, the number of seats in Parliament needs to increase significantly (at least around 848 seats to avoid any State losing seats), helping to enhance democratic representation ratios. Delimitation should not be driven only by factors based on population. Geographical determinism, economic productivity, linguistic history, and a sense of fairness should also play a part. In simpler terms, Sikkim's voice must also be heard in Parliament even if Bihar has a greater population. The fiscal impact of delimitation on future transfers to States will also need to be rethought.

Promoting federalism

Beyond this, our electoral system must be reformed. Federalism needs to be promoted (past decades of centralisation that have impacted Centre-State relations), and we need to give States a better voice and a platform to represent their interests.

The Rajya Sabha can play this role; however, it is currently elected by State legislatures, giving disproportionately more representation to larger/more populous States. Constitutional reform can be pursued to give each state the same number of Rajya Sabha MPs. At the same time, direct elections for Rajya Sabha MPs should be promoted while ensuring that a domicile requirement is added and stringently adhered to.

Proportional representation can also be considered, especially for the Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections. In Australia, lower-house elections have voters rank candidates on an alternative preference ballot – if a candidate does not win a majority of votes in

the first round, the weakest candidate is eliminated, with their votes redistributed to the next preferred candidate. This goes on until there is a clear majority behind a candidate. In France, a double ballot system is conducted for National Assembly elections; if no candidate wins in the first round, the second round sees only candidates with over I/8th of total votes in the prior round competing. India's first-past-the-post system may ensure quicker election results. But still, it does ensure that a legislator often represents a constituency without a majority of

Having more States

We need more States as well. The largest State (highest resident population) in the United States, California, has a population of just 39 million, with the average State having a population of about five to six million. Around 22 Indian States/Union Territories have a population higher than that. The States Reorganisation Commission was set up in 1953, creating nearly 14 linguistic States and six Union Territories. There is potential for India to have more States (moving up from 29 to say 50 or even 75 States); for example, a State such as Uttar Pradesh, is simply too big to be governed well as a single unit. A concern about North Indian or large States dominating the polity would be alleviated if we had more and smaller-sized States. A New State Reorganisation Commission may be set up after the next election to evaluate the socio-economic and administrative viability of select to-be States (for example, Bundelkhand, Gorkhaland, Jammu, Karu Nadu, Kongu Nadu, Mithila, Saurashtra, Tulu Nadu and Vidarbha). We have enough linguistic States - States must be split up/redesigned to enhance administrative efficiency and democratic accountability.

India has 8,000-plus urban settlements, but the number of mayors remains in the low hundreds. Every Census town may have a fixed-tenure mayor elected in direct elections. Direct elections could enhance democratic representation while improving efficiency in urban governance. Such mayors must also be empowered, with decision-making ability over 18 critical functions – for example, urban planning, water supply, fire, land use regulations and slum improvement), as outlined by the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act. Select States such as Bihar and Rajasthan) must be pushed to loosen their grip on city-level authorities/functions.

Enhancing local democratic representation will help strengthen India's democracy. Such measures might help alleviate the concerns of citizens in varied parts of India and to enhance its democracy. Any child from the northeast or south of India could aspire to become a Prime Minister. One hopes our policymakers have the wisdom to ensure a just electoral system.



Dichotomy - A division or contrast between two things that are represented as being opposed or entirely different.



Prognosticate - To forecast or predict (something future) from present indications or signs; prophesy.



Precarious - Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse; dependent on chance; uncertain.



Demagogue - A political leader who seeks support by appealing to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people rather than by using rational argument.



Efficacy - The ability to produce a desired or intended result; effectiveness.

द्विभाजन - दो चीजों के बीच एक विभाजन या विरोधाभास जो विरोध या पूरी तरह से अलग के रूप में दर्शाया जाता है।

पूर्वानुमान करना - वर्तमान संकेतों या संकेतों से (भविष्य में कुछ) भविष्यवाणी करना या अनुमान लगाना; भविष्यवाणी

अनिश्चित - सुरक्षित रूप से रखा या स्थिति में नहीं; गिरने या ढहने की खतरनाक संभावना; अवसर पर निर्भर; अनिश्चित.

डेमोगॉग - एक राजनीतिक नेता जो तर्कसंगत तर्क का उपयोग करने के बजाय आम लोगों की इच्छाओं और पूर्वाग्रहों की अपील करके समर्थन चाहता है।

प्रभावकारिता - वांछित या इच्छित परिणाम उत्पन्न करने की क्षमता; प्रभावशीलता.





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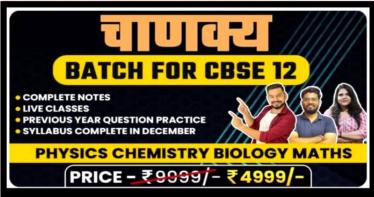
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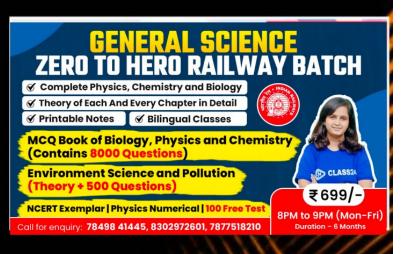


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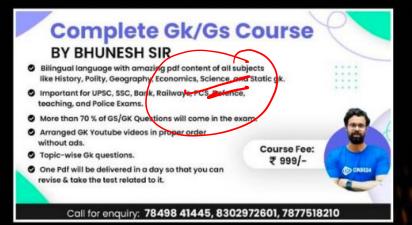
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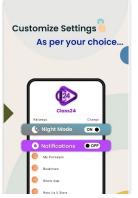


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