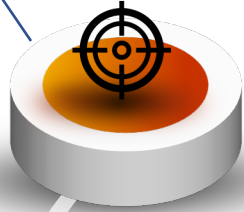


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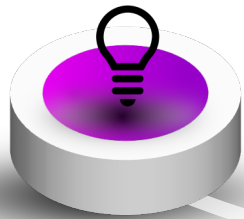


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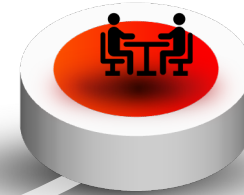


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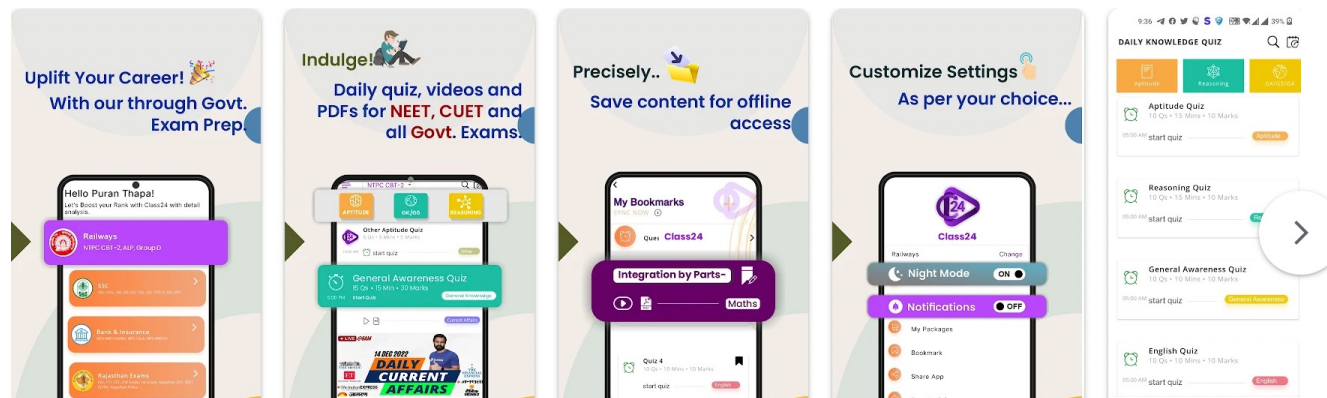
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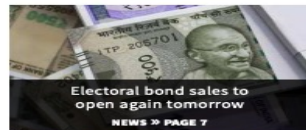
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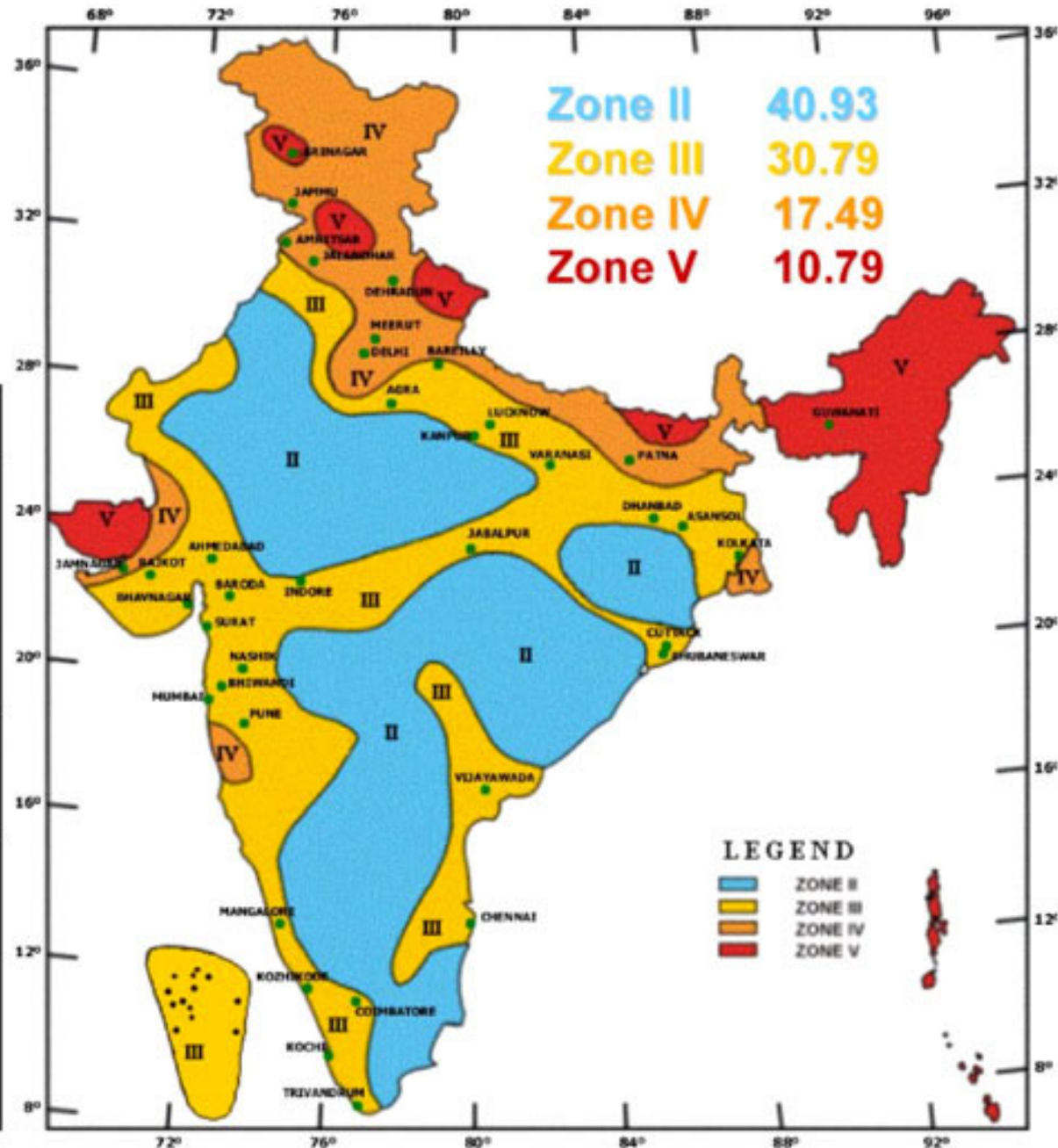
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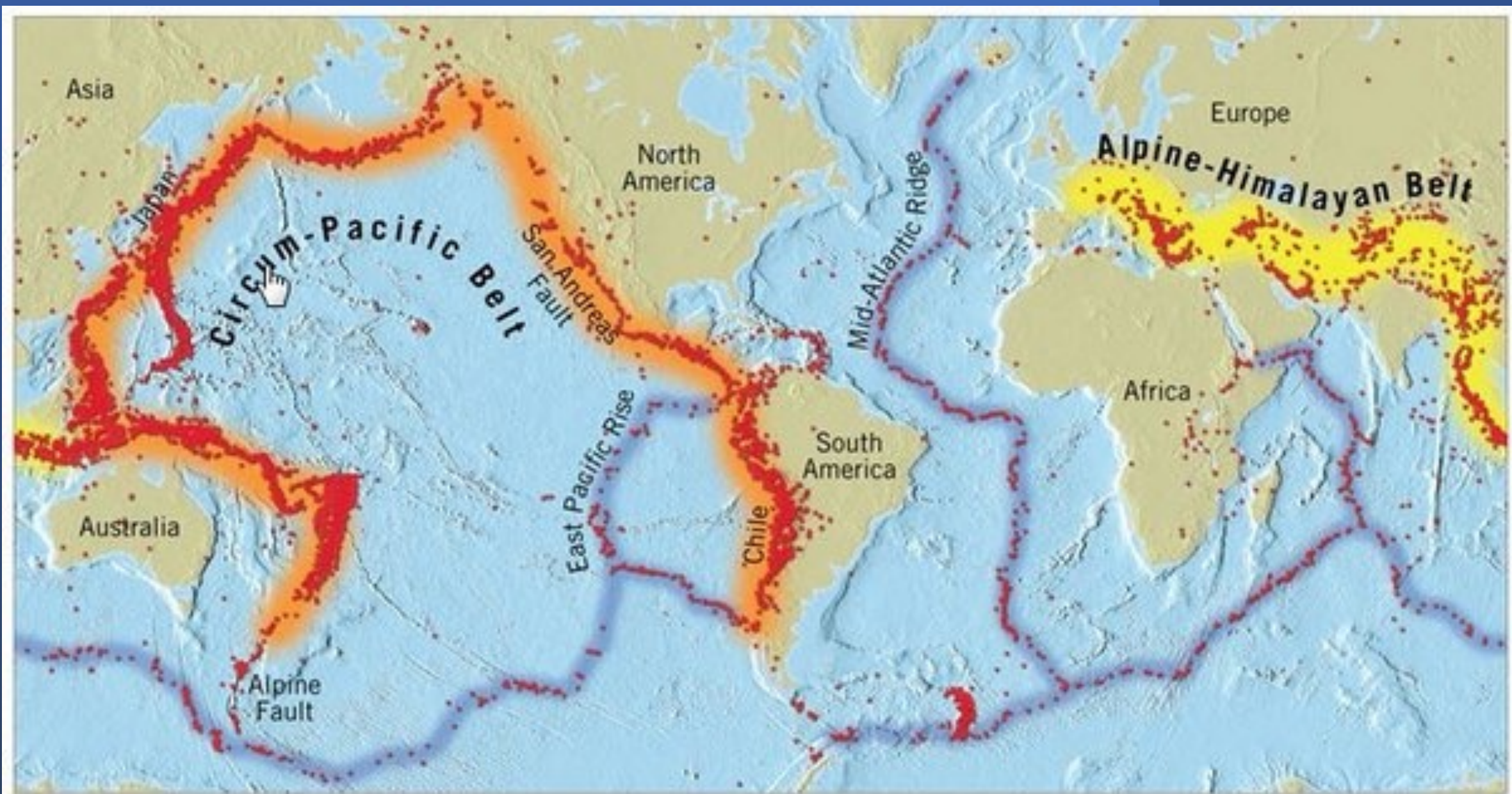
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Seismic Zone Map of India: -2002

About 59 percent of the land area of India is liable to seismic hazard damage

Zone	Intensity
Zone V	Very High Risk Zone Area liable to shaking Intensity IX (and above)
Zone IV	High Risk Zone Intensity VIII
Zone III	Moderate Risk Zone Intensity VII
Zone II	Low Risk Zone VI (and lower)

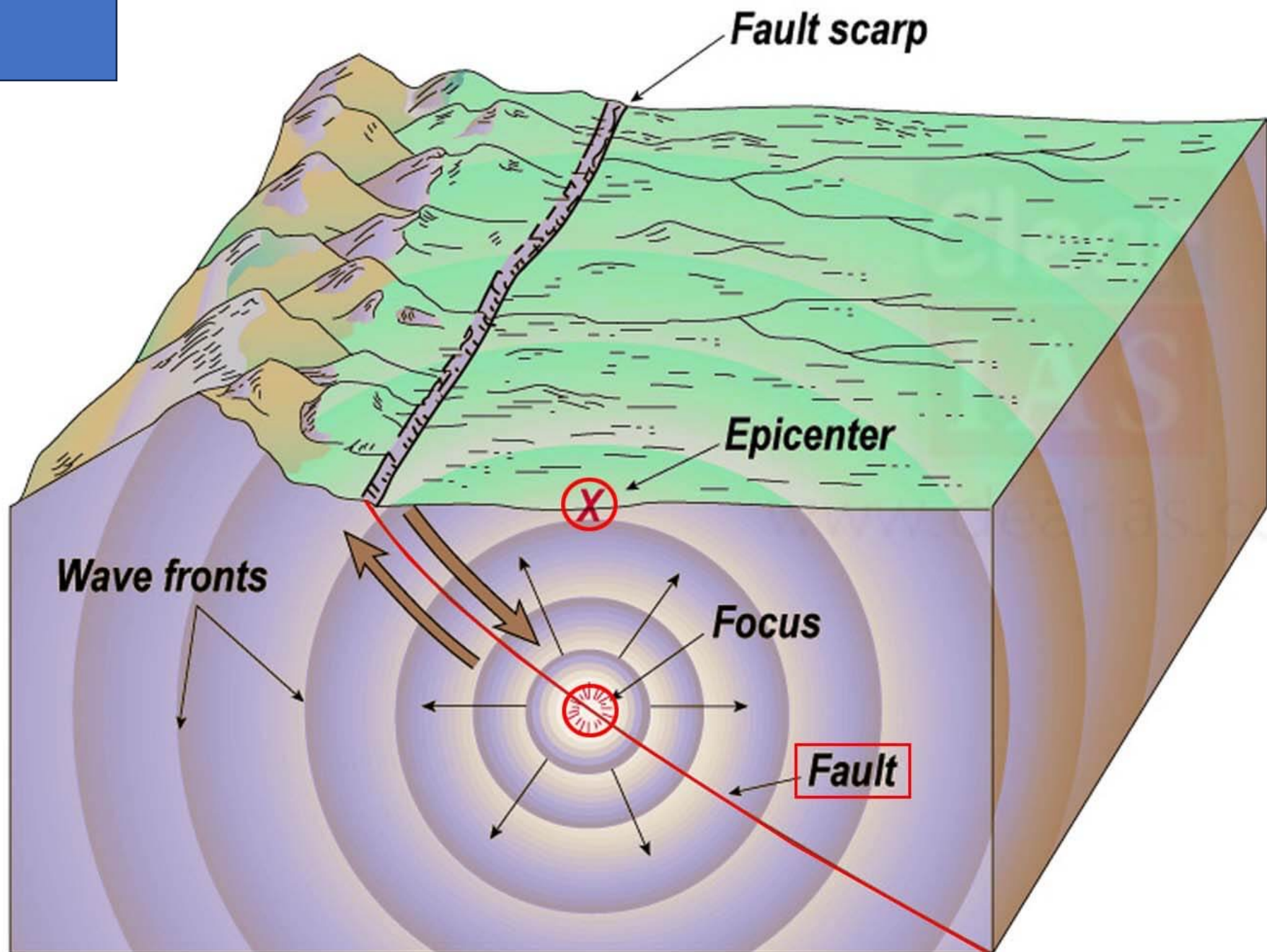




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- The earthquake events are scaled either according to the magnitude or intensity of the shock. The magnitude scale is known as the **Richter scale**.
 - The magnitude relates to the energy released during the quake. The **magnitude is expressed in absolute numbers, 0-10**.

- The **intensity scale is named after Mercalli**, an Italian seismologist. The intensity scale takes into account the visible damage caused by the event. The **range of intensity scale is from 1-12.**

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- **Body waves**

- They are generated due to the release of energy at the focus and move in all directions traveling through the body of the earth. Hence, the name – body waves.
- They travel only through the interior of the earth.

Body waves are faster than surface waves and hence they are the first to be detected on a seismograph.

There are two types of body waves primary waves and secondary waves.

Primary waves (p-waves)

Primary waves are the fastest body waves (twice the speed of s-waves) and are the first to reach during an earthquake.

They are similar to sound waves, i.e., they are longitudinal waves, in which particle movement is in the same direction of wave propagation.

They travel through solid, liquid, and gaseous materials.

They create density differences in the earth material leading to stretching and squeezing.

- **Secondary waves (s-waves)**

- They arrive at the surface with some time lag after primary waves.
- They are slower than primary waves and can pass only through solid materials.
- This property of s-waves led seismologists to conclude that the earth's outer core is in a liquid state. (the entire zone beyond 105° from the epicenter does not receive S-waves)
- They are transverse waves in which directions of particle movement and wave propagation are perpendicular to each other.
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Surface Waves

When the body waves interact with surface rocks, a new set of waves is generated called surface waves.

These waves move along the earth's surface.

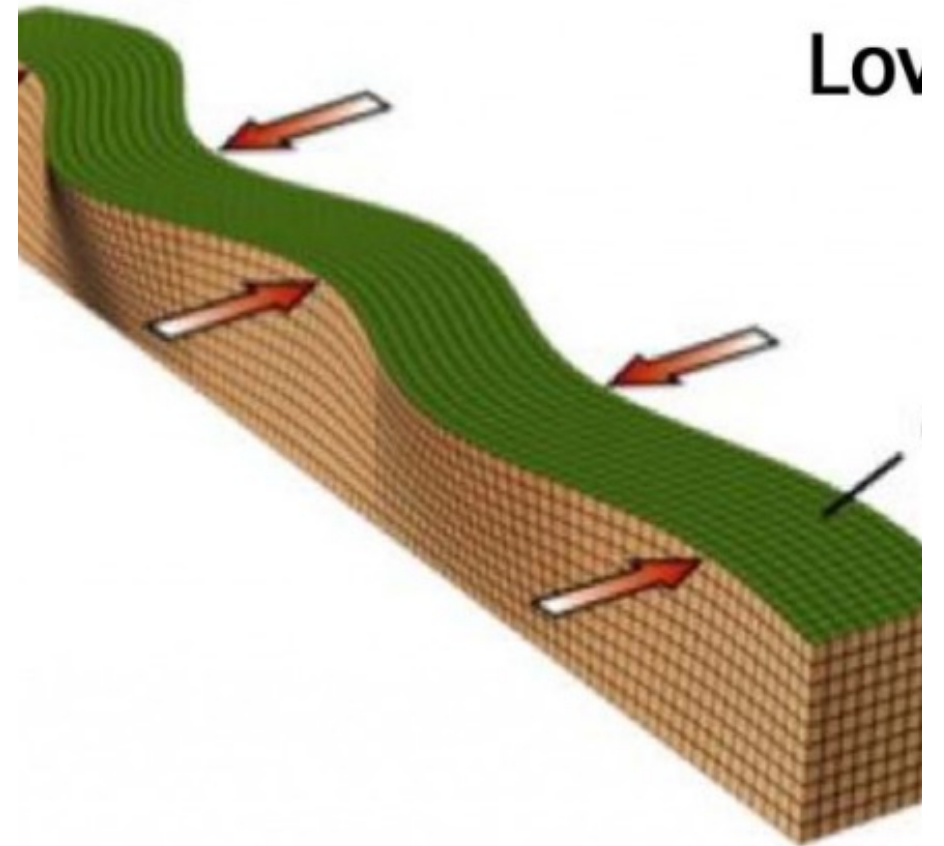
Surface waves are also transverse waves in which particle movement is perpendicular to the wave propagation.

Hence, they create crests and troughs in the material through which they pass.

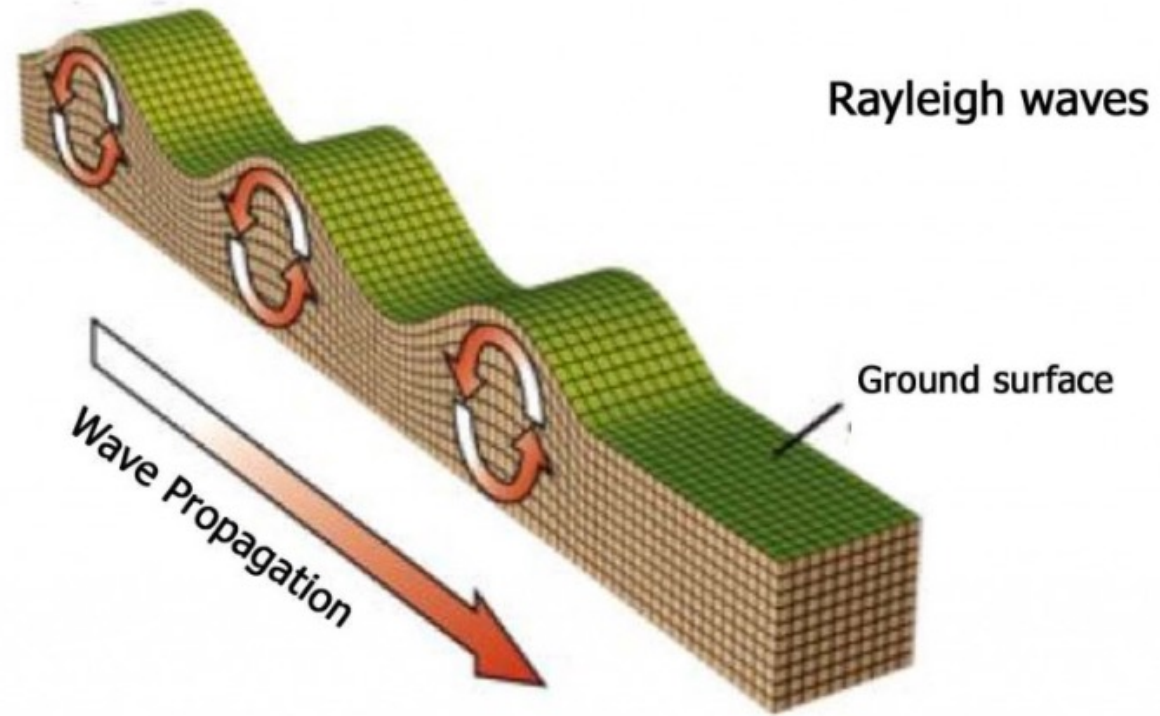
Surface waves are considered to be the **most damaging waves**.

Two common surface waves are Love waves and Rayleigh waves.

- **Love waves**
- This kind of surface wave causes horizontal shifting of the earth during an earthquake.
- They are much slower than body waves but are faster than Rayleigh.
- They exist only in the presence of a semi-infinite medium overlain by an upper finite thickness.
- Confined to the surface of the crust, Love waves produce entirely horizontal motion.



- **Rayleigh waves**
- These waves follow an elliptical motion.
- A Rayleigh wave rolls along the ground just like a wave rolls across a lake or an ocean.
- Because it rolls, it moves the ground up and down and side-to-side in the same direction that the wave is moving.
- Most of the shaking felt from an earthquake is due to the Rayleigh wave, which can be much larger than the other waves



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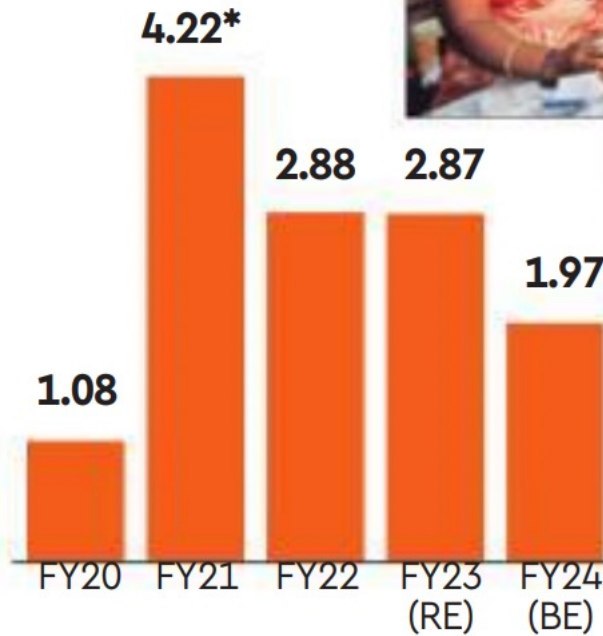
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FOOD SUBSIDY

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■ Since January this year, the Centre has been providing free foodgrain (5 kg per beneficiary) to states for the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**, initially valid till **December 31** this year

RE: Revised estimate; BE: Budget estimate

* Includes special provisioning of ₹3.85 trillion for NSSF loans



PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN YOJANA (PMGKY)



Initiatives announced under PMGKY aim at alleviating the hardships faced by poor due to economic disruption by Coronavirus

- Free LPG refills to Ujjwala beneficiaries from April to June 2020
- Transfer of Rs 5,606 crore into 7.15 Crore PMUY beneficiaries
- About 85 lakh cylinders delivered so far in April 2020
- 27.87 crore active LPG consumers in the country, with over 8 crore PMUY beneficiaries
- 50 to 60 lakh cylinders delivered daily during the lockdown period
- Waiting period for cylinders at most of the places is less than two days
- LPG delivery personnel working tirelessly to ensure that clean fuel reaches to the people
- All customers holding an installed LPG connection under PMUY as of 31.03.2020, eligible to get PMGKY benefits

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- The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) was launched in 2016 with two main objectives: to curb black money and to initiate income equality.
 - To achieve the first objective, the PMGKY offered a one-time opportunity for tax evaders to disclose their unaccounted wealth without facing any penalty or prosecution. The government would charge a tax of 49.9% on the disclosed amount.

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- The PMGKY was extended in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic devastated the Indian economy, and the government wanted to provide financial assistance to the poor and vulnerable.

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Nepal earthquake claims 157 lives

While 105 people were killed in Jajarkot, 52 died in Rukum West, Home Ministry officials said, adding that 166 people were injured in Jajarkot, Rukum West, Dilekh, and Jumla districts. Deputy Mayor Sarita Singh of Nalgadh Municipality in Jajarkot was among those killed in the quake, officials said. The death toll is expected to rise, they said. The Nepal government has announced ₹50 million each for Jajarkot and Rukum districts as immediate relief. The Home Ministry decided to allocate ₹5.5 million to the disaster relief funds.

India offers help
In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PM Narendra Modi said he was deeply saddened by the loss of lives and damage due to the earthquake in Nepal. "India stands in solidarity with the people of Nepal and is ready to extend all possible assistance," he said.

The U.S. embassy in Kathmandu said the United States stands ready to assist Nepal as it "recovers from this terrible earthquake". Around 180 aftershocks have been recorded following last night's earthquake, including a 4.2 magnitude tremor at Jajarkot on Saturday, the National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre reported. Prime Minister Pushpakamal Dahal's Prime Minister's Office on Saturday toured the quake-hit region with a medical team Saturday morning.

Free ration scheme to be extended: PM Modi

Referring to the poor as the "biggest cast [group] in my country", Mr. Modi alleged that some political parties were dissolving the poison of casteism in the air, an oblique reference to demands for a caste census made by the Congress and its allies in recent times.

On the sidelines of an event to release the BJP's poll manifesto for Chhattisgarh in Raipur on Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had reportedly said that while the BJP had never opposed a caste census, decisions had to be taken after careful thought, adding that the party refrained from doing politics over the issue.

'Congress abusing OBCs'
At the Rurg rally, Mr. Modi claimed that the Congress was abusing the poor because he hailed from other backward classes (OBCs), and was also abusing the entire OBC community because of him.

Without naming names, former Congress president Kishan Gandhi, Mr. Modi recalled the defamation case in which Mr. Shah had been convicted for making a remark about the 'Modi' surname during a political rally in 2019. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court stayed the conviction of the Wayanad MP in the case.

Overall air quality in Delhi-NCR improving, CAGM report tells SC

Krishnamoorti Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has given a cheery report to the Supreme Court of targets for a substantial reduction in instances of paddy stubble burning for Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in 2023. Even as the national capital is smothered in acrid vapour.

The State Action Plan for Punjab for the year is "zero stubble burning" in six districts of Hoshiarpur, Malerkotla, Pathankot, Rup Nagar, SAS Nagar and SBS Nagar. The State is targeting a 50% reduction in the remaining 17 districts. The total fire counts as of October 2022 were 24,022. Last year saw 49,922 fires in the State. In neighbouring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh (National Capital Region), the States had promised "near elimination of paddy stubble burning" from 2021 and 198 fire counts in 2022.

In the report filed through Additional Solicitor-General Ashwarya Bhat, the CAQM maintained that the "overall air quality in Delhi-NCR has witnessed an improving trend since the inception of the Commission in 2017". The key parameters for daily average air quality for Delhi-NCR

Three days before polls, Maoists kill BJP worker

Shubhomoj Sikdar
RAIPUR

Alleged Maoists stabbed to death a Bharatiya Janata Party office bearer in Narayanpur on Saturday three days before the scheduled date for the first phase of polling in the Assembly election-bound State.

Ratan Dubey, poll coordinator for BJP as well as vice president of its Narayanpur district unit, is the sixth member of the party to be murdered by alleged Maoists since the beginning of the year. According to the police, around 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dubey was attacked by suspected members of the Communist Party of India (Maoists) while he was campaigning for the party.

Senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Ratan Singh said that the crimes were committed with an intention to influence the outcome of the Assembly polls. State BJP president more than 100 of India stems from amendments made to the

In back-to-back issue, electoral bond sales resume tomorrow

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

With five States going to the polls, the Union Finance Ministry on Saturday announced sales of a fresh tranche of electoral bonds from November 6 to 20, the second window for the sales within a month.

With the latest notification, electoral bonds are effectively likely to be on sale for 75 days between October 2023 and May 2024, when the Lok Sabha election is expected.

'Cleanse the system'
Coming soon after the Supreme Court's decision to reserve its verdict on the electoral bond scheme, the upcoming sale of these bonds at all authorised branches of the State Bank of India stems from amendments made to the



Individuals buy electoral bonds on their own or along with others. FILE PHOTO

The upcoming 29th tranche of electoral bond sales since the scheme's launch in January 2018 to "cleanse the system of political funding" in the country, follows a 10-day window for selling these bonds that closed on October 13, 2022. The bonds are valid for 15 calendar days from the date of issuance.

January, April, July and October every year and ₹50 crore each during the year of the Lok Sabha polls.

Validity of bonds
Last year, the government expanded its ambit to grant itself the power to announce an extra fortnight of electoral bond sales in years where the States and the Union Territories with legislatures have elections. That power was first exercised ahead of the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections last year.

Individuals can buy electoral bonds on their own or along with others, and remit them to registered political parties with at least 1% vote share in the Lok Sabha or Assembly elections.

The original scheme envisaged sales of electoral bonds for 10 days each in

BJP accuses Baghel of receiving hawala money for campaign

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP launched a sharp attack on Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday, accusing him of having received hawala money from illegal betting operators as kickback to fund the Congress campaign for the Assembly election.

Union Minister Smriti Irani made these allegations at a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, alleging that "never before in our electoral history had people seen such evidence of such things".

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is probing allegations against the Chief Minister in connection with the Mahadev betting app scam. "He has played the game of betting while being in power," Ms. Irani said in a play on the Hindi words for "power" and "betting".

Mr. Baghel has, in turn, accused the BJP of using Central investigation agencies to target him ahead of polling on November 7 and



Smriti Irani

17. Ms. Irani responded by saying that the ED's probe was based on the details of investigations by the police in Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, and asked if Mr. Baghel was putting his own government in the dock.

Citing the probe, she said that more than 604 crore worth of protection money was given to authorities by illegal betting operators.

On Friday, the ED said a forensic analyst's statement made by a "cash courier" have led to "staggering allegations" that the promoters of the Mahadev betting app paid about ₹508 crore to the Chhattisgarh CM.

EC must ensure a level playing field: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday urged the Election Commission (EC) to intervene to ensure a level playing field in Chhattisgarh as the Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it was probing allegations that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had received money from the promoters of the Mahadev betting app.

Congress leaders K.C. Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, and Abhishek Singhvi said at a press conference that the BJP was misusing the Central agen-

cies during the elections in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. They said such steps should be taken to ensure that a defeat in both States. The leaders also did not rule out the possibility of approaching the EC over the "blatant misuse of the central agencies" when the Model Code of Conduct is in force.

Mr. Venugopal said the ED and the Income Tax Department were the main weapons of the BJP during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana was in favour of the Congress and the party would form the govern-



Bhupesh Baghel

ment in these States. "In both Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, our governments have revealed that the BJP was starting at a defeat in both States. But they (the BJP) have only one target, which is to damage the image and reputation of the Chief Ministers of Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan just ahead of elections," he said.

Mr. Ramesh said it was vendetta politics and the BJP was clearly losing in both States. Mr. Singhvi said it was the Chhattisgarh govern-

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SC trains its guns on frivolous PIL petitions

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A heavy dose of "frivolous" public interest litigation (PIL) petitions in the Supreme Court is prompting judges to take to task petitioners and the lawyers who put their signatures on them, for wasting judicial time.

The public is paying for precious judicial time, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud observed recently.

The Chief Justice has largely been successful in dissuading pesky PIL petitions by asking their architects to pay advance cost, which would be forfeited if the case is summarily dismissed for lack of merit. A few days ago, the Chief Justice's Bench told an insistent PIL litigant to deposit ₹5 lakh as advance cost. The petitioner beat a hasty retreat.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, on October 30, decided to investigate how advocates on record, whose vetting and signatures are required for petitions to be filed in the court, have become a "mere signing/forwarding authority".

"Time has come when the court should impose exemplary costs in such frivolous PILs," the Chief Justice said.

Video of tribal man who was found dead on July 2 emerges in Manipur

Vijalita Singh
NEW DELHI

A video of a 31-year-old tribal man, which was made public before he was beheaded and set ablaze on the boundary of Churachandpur and Bishupnagar districts of Manipur on July 2, emerged on social media on Saturday. A police official said they were analysing the video and arrests had been made in the case so far.

In the video clip, the man, identified as David Tuolur, is seen being

slapped and asked about his ethnic identity. A group of men, swearing black clothes and camouflage trousers asks if he belongs to the Hmar community. The faces of the men are not visible.

When Tuolur replies that he grew up among the Hmar community, he is slapped and asked again if he is a Hmar, to which he replies in the affirmative.

The same day Tuolur was found murdered in his village, Chinglangmei, in Churachandpur. The severed head was put on display on a bamboo fence and the body burnt.

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Mr. Somanath said the purpose of writing the book was to write a motivational story, on the perso-

nal challenges he faced in his journey of becoming a space technologist and in executing the Chandrayaan missions. "It was not to feed off the controversy ahead, due to a 'technical snag'."

That a software glitch was at fault was known only subsequently, but it was clear that whatever success or failure happens should be transparently communicated. I'm not criticising Dr. Sivaraman though," said Mr. Somanath.

He said that he was in "constant touch" with Dr. Sivaraman as the latter continued to communicate as an ISRO and gave inputs for future missions.

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Mr. Somanath said the purpose of writing the book was to write a motivational story, on the perso-

nal challenges he faced in his journey of becoming a space technologist and in executing the Chandrayaan missions. “It was not to create controversy.”

On Chandrayaan-2

Excerpts from the book, which *The Hindu* has viewed, do bring out Mr. Somanath’s discomfort with the “Chairman’s [Dr. Sivan’s]” decision not to be explicit about the reasons for the failure of the Chandrayaan-2 mission [which was expected to land a rover]. The issue was a software glitch but was publicly communicated as an “inability to communicate with the lander”.

Chandrayaan-2 mission was originally scheduled for July 15, 2019, with then President Ramnath Kovind in attendance. The launch was called off an hour ahead, due to a “technical snag”.

“That a software glitch was at fault was known only subsequently... I believe that whatever success or failure happens should be transparently communicated. I’m not criticising Dr. Sivan though,” said Mr. Somanath.

He said that he was in “constant touch” with Dr. Sivan as the latter continued to be an adviser to the ISRO and gave inputs for future missions.

Indian Space Research Organisation

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Official logo

Agency overview

Abbreviation	ISRO
Formed	15 August 1969; 54 years ago
Preceding agency	INCOSPAR (1962-1969)
Type	Space agency
Jurisdiction	Department of Space
Headquarters	Bangalore, Karnataka, India 13°2′7″N 77°34′16″E
Chairman	Sreedhara Somanath
Primary spaceports	SDSC · TERLS
Owner	Government of India
Employees	16,786 (2022) <i>[citation needed]</i>

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- ISRO was previously known as the Indian National Committee for Space Research (INCOSPAR), set up under Jawaharlal Nehru on the suggestions of Vikram Sarabhai in 1962 recognising the need for space research. INCOSPAR grew and became ISRO in 1969, within the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

1975

ISRO built India's first satellite, Aryabhata, which was launched by the Soviet space agency Interkosmos in 1975.

In 1980, ISRO launched satellite RS-1 onboard SLV-3, making India the seventh country to be capable of undertaking orbital launches

1980

IN BRIEF

Raj Bhavan opens doors for fans to watch today's match

As grievances continued over the unavailability of tickets for the World Cup clash between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens on Sunday, the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata located next to the iconic cricket stadium opened its doors for cricket fans who are unable to get the tickets for the cricket match. "The Raj Bhavan will open its doors to the public on Sunday, November 5, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to watch the World Cup Cricket Match. 500 people will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis to watch the match till the end on the lawns of the Raj Bhavan," a press statement from the Raj Bhavan said. People who want to watch the cricket match will have to bring in government identity cards such as Aadhaar and mail the documents to samnesaamne.rajbhavan@kolkata.gov.in.

JD(U) chief asks BJP to prove Modi belongs to EBC group

Janata Dal(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, aka Lalan Singh, on Saturday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi by calling him a fraud. Addressing a public meeting in Bihar, he said that Mr. Modi does not belong to the Extremely Backward Class (EBC) or even Backward Class (BC). He termed the BJP *Baitha Bhootha Party*. "In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called himself the son of Extremely Backward Classes. I challenge the BJP leaders to prove that Narendra Modi belongs to the EBC. The community which he belongs to was made part of the Backward Class in Gujarat in 2000 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister of the country. How can he be EBC?" he asked.

Fire in Raigad factory: eight bodies recovered, says NDRF

Eight bodies have been recovered till Saturday afternoon following the fire that broke out at a pharmaceutical company in Raigad district of Maharashtra a day ago, while search for three missing persons continued, an NDRF official said. However, the Raigad police, in a release, put the death toll at seven, adding that samples had been obtained from the kin of the 11 persons, who were declared missing immediately after the blaze, for identification purposes through DNA testing. The blaze at Blue Jet Healthcare in MIDC Mahad, some 170 kilometres from Mumbai, started at 11 a.m. on Friday, the National Disaster Response Force official added.

Former U.P. MLA Vijay Mishra convicted in rape case

A Bahadoli court in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday sentenced former MLA Vijay Mishra to a 15-year prison term in a rape case. The court held the former MLA guilty under Section 376-2(b) (commits rape repeatedly on the same woman) and criminal intimidation of the IPC. Until now, he has been convicted in three cases. The matter dates back to October 2020, when the victim filed a complaint alleging that in 2014, the former MLA called her to perform at a programme at his house and raped her. Mishra had won Assembly elections in 2002, 2007, 2012 and 2017.

SUDOKU

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	5	7	1	4	6	2	9
2	5	7	6	9	5	1	3	4
1	4	6	3	7	8	9	5	2
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6	2	9	5	3	7	8	4	1
3	8	4	1	6	9	2	5	7
7	1	4	2	3	5	6	8	9
5	9	2	6	8	7	1	3	4
4	8	3	9	1	2	5	7	6

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

'Some traders are taking advantage of seasonal change in onion supply'

Union Consumer Affairs Secretary says export curbs and other recent measures are stabilising onion prices, though pulses remain expensive; he says the curbs won't impact rural economy and purchasing capacity of farmers; and all ingredients for making Deepavali sweets are available in plenty

INTERVIEW
Rohit Kumar Singh

A.M. Haseeb

Ahead of the festival season and Assemblies elections in five States, the rising prices of several essential items are creating a headache for BJP-ruled governments. For instance, onion prices, government data show, are more than double last year's rates. The Union government has taken several steps to combat this, including export curbs on onions. For instance, onion prices, government data show, are more than double last year's rates.

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Onion Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh maintains a watch on the prices of essential items — spreading news of shortage. There is no instance of deliberate hoarding.

To check this, we increased the buffer stock of onions to five lakh metric tonnes. It will also help the farmers to get the best price. We check the prices at 550 locations on a daily basis. This database reflects the entire country.

Prices are governed by

availability. Availability is driven by our domestic prices minus our exports of onions. Export is driven by international prices and international demand, which is mostly from countries such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Qatar, and Indonesia. Production has been good, but onion is a perishable item. 70% of the onions are for rabi season and 30% from kharif. We cannot store rabi onions beyond four to five months. The kharif harvest is usually delayed and the supply comes down in these months.

The traders take advantage of the situation in this little period. It is not hoarding, it is speculation — spreading news of shortage. There is no instance of deliberate hoarding.

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The volatility in prices has



On the retail front, we are selling onions at around a thousand points in 100 cities across the country at a rate of about 25 a kilogram.

These measures have an impact on the prices. The prices started going up in mid-October and one reason was excess exports to Bangladesh. We checked that by imposing 40% export duty, but it was not working. Then, we implemented a minimum export price by making onion trade unviable in the countries where exports were taking place.

The Centre has been maintaining that controlling prices of tomatoes, onions and potatoes (TOP) is a 'top' priority. But critics say this policy has failed.

nothing to do with policies. It is how these commodities behave and it is how they are produced at different sub-geographies in the country at different points in time, and how is the perishability of these commodities. A sudden variation in terms of rains are susceptible for the crop. We had to intervene through market intervention scheme to procure these products.

Also, when the prices go high — up to ₹200 a kilogram for tomatoes, it was unprecedented, and we intervened by picking up the transportation cost. Such direct intervention in retail sales were for the first time.

There are concerns about the prices of wheat, rice, pulses, and edible oils. How do you

look at this?

We have taken adequate care to stop hoarding of foodgrains. There are stock limits on wheat, pulses, and other commodities.

Edible oil is dependent on imports. Now, international prices are down and if ghee is available in excess, it is also available. If prices crash too much, farmers will not be incentivised. So we are trying to bring a balance between the interests of farmers and interests of consumers. Secretaries of four Departments (Agriculture, Commerce, Food and Consumer Affairs) meet every week to ensure this balance.

On pulses, there is a little concern on the prices of tur dal. Last year, production was less and there is a gap between consumption and production. So we had to import tur from Myanmar and East African countries. We are getting supplies, but prices are high. We are asking farmers to have to bring it down. We are hopeful of increasing the production of tur in this season.

Deepavali is a festival of sweets too. After the ban on beef, there was an outbreak among cattle. There was an issue of rising prices, and a decrease in the production of milk,

ghee, and butter. Sugar also faces import restrictions.

There is absolutely no concern about the availability of milk, ghee, butter, and sugar. For example, for making *laddus*, we have chickpea available in excess. Ghee is available and sugar is also available.

Onions, rice, sugar cane are all cash crops for many farmers. So is restricting exports impacting the rural economy and the purchasing capacity of farmers?

Absolutely not. Governments will have to prioritise domestic consumption. Exports can be done only after satisfying the local environment. We have trade relations and export commitments, but only if products are available. Availability and affordability is the fundamental principle of the government. Domestic supplies are primary. Farmers are not selling their produce. They are getting reasonable prices and profit. But they are not making a killing, which is probably possible because of the government's approach of protecting the domestic interests.

IL-38s that heralded long-range surveillance for Navy fly into sunset

Dinakar Peri PANAJI

"A journey that commenced on October 1, 1977, with the commissioning of the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 31 at Panaji ends with the de-induction of the IL-38 today," said Commander Gopinath Ghosh, Commanding Officer of the Winged Stallions squadron, addressing members of the commissioning crew and numerous others who gathered along with their families for the de-induction ceremony at INAS Hansa last week. Ghosh's remarks from the crowd while several became emotional reminiscing their long asso-



Navy Chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar and other officers and veterans after the de-induction ceremony at INAS Hansa.

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The glorious journey of the IL-38 Sea Dragon has been a testament to the long-range maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) role in the future, in addition to ad-

Railway and defence trade unions to hold vote to go on strike

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Almost 50 years after the 20-day railway workers' strike in 1974 that shook the Indira Gandhi government, rampant preparations are under way for another indefinite strike in the sector demanding restoration of Old Pension Scheme with OPS. We will not give any call to participate in the ballot, but we will not oppose it," BMS general secretary Ravindra Kumar said.

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The Joint Forum for Restoration of Old Pension Scheme, a platform of 60 unions and Central public sector unions, is organising the ballot.

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'Enemy property' Butler Palace to turn into a tourist haven

Mayank Kumar LUCKNOW

Lucknow's once-grand three-storey Butler Palace, left deserted and in darkness for many decades, will see a facelift. Local people believe the house, built a century ago, in a mix of Rajasthan and Indo-Mughal styles, is 'haunted'. Neighbours say the palace has been stripped off its brass and other valuable items by drug and alcohol addicts. The palace, originally built as the official residence of the Commissioner of Avadh, Harcourt Butler, in 1915, was owned by the royal family of Mahra madad. By its own account, the family migrated to Avadh in the 13th century and settled in erstwhile Avadh, current Lucknow, in the 16th century, and owed allegiance to the Mughals, Mohammed Amir Ahmad Khan, the king at the time

of Independence, migrated to Pakistan, while his son Mohammad Amir Mohammad Khan, stayed on in India as a citizen, fighting a legal battle over several properties, including Butler Palace.

After the India-Pakistan war in 1965, Butler Palace was declared "enemy property" by the Government of India. The Enemy Property Act, 1968, which came later, made the stand more binding. This is one of the 361 "enemy properties" in Lucknow alone, say authorities, with many originally belonging to the "Maharajah" family. It was only last month, however, that the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) got the go-ahead to spruce up the place for its restoration. "We have received the no-objection certificates from the Custodian of Enemy Property Department (under the Union government), three weeks ago. We will start



The restoration work of Butler Palace in Lucknow is under way and it is expected to complete in next six months. SANDEEP SAXENA

authority plans to renovate and strengthen Butler House and construct a musical fountain in front. Up to ₹5 crore estimated to be allocated for work on the palace and the lake, he said. "We intend to construct pathways along the perimeter, landscaping, lighting, and starting a cafeteria for visitors. The

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After being declared enemy property in the 1960s, the premises were handed over to the Uttar Pradesh government, which used it as a sales tax office. In the 1980s, it was given to the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), an organisation under the Union Human Resource Development Ministry.

Legal battle Mohammad Amir Mohammad Khan died last month in 2010. The former MLA fought a more than four-decade-long court battle against the Union of India and got a brief respite

in 2005, when the Supreme Court declared him a bona fide citizen and not an enemy as defined by the Act. However, in 2010, the Union government brought in an Ordinance to amend the Act, which was subsequently passed by Parliament in 2017, bringing successors within its ambit. The family is still fighting the case in the Supreme Court over properties that include Butler Palace.

"We have no comments to make, the matter is *sub judice* in the Supreme Court," said All India Muslim Madadab, an heir of the former royal family. The palace is hardly 5 km from Kaildas Marg, the Chief Minister's Ministry. Independence. "The who's who of British India including Jawaharlal Nehru spent time here," said Amit Rai, a historian teaching at P.G. College in Lucknow. After Independence, several political leaders have stayed there.

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ciation with the aircraft that served for 46 years.

The IL-38 Sea Dragon heralded long-range maritime surveillance for the force and now the Navy has Dorniers at the lower

end and the P-8Is at the higher end of surveillance and is looking to induct C-295 aircraft in the medium-range maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) role in the future, in addition to ad-

ding more long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicles.

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The glorious journey of Winged Stallions showcases the focused efforts of all Stallions present in Panaji today, Cdr. Ghosh said

IN BRIEF



Striker Javier Hernandez departs LA Galaxy

Former Manchester United and Real Madrid striker Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez, right in pic., departed the Los Angeles Galaxy, the MLS club and Mexican forward both announced on Friday. The 35-year-old playmaker from Guadalajara scored 39 goals in 82 matches over all competitions for the Galaxy from 2020 to 2023 but suffered a torn right knee ligament last June in a US Open Cup quarterfinal to end his campaign early.

Dimitrov holds off Tsitsipas to reach Paris Masters final

Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov kept up his late-season charge by defeating pacer Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-4 on Saturday and into the final of the Paris Masters.

The results: Quarterfinals: Djokovic bt Rune 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-4; Rublev bt De Minaur 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Dimitrov bt Hurkacz 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; Tsitsipas bt Khachanov 6-3, 6-4.

Bopanna and Ebden pair one match away from the title

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden defeated Harri Heliövaara and Mate Pavic 6-7(3), 6-4, [10-6] in the doubles semifinals of the €6,748,815 ATP Masters tennis tournament in Paris on Saturday. Heliövaara and Pavic had beaten the top seeds Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek in straight sets in the quarterfinals.

Other results: €73,000 Challenger, Ismaning, Germany: Doubles (semifinals): Constantin Frantzen & Hendrik Jebens (Ger) bt Amirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-3, 7-6(4).

India beats Pakistan to win bronze

Goalkeeper H.S. Mohith made a crucial save in the penalty shootout as the India junior hockey team edged arch-rival Pakistan 6-5 to bag the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup, in Johor Bahru on Saturday. The regulation time ended with the scoreline reading 3-3 with Arun Sabhan (1th), Poovanna CB (42th) and captain Uttam Singh (52nd) scoring for India, while Sufyan Khan (33rd), Abdul Qayyum (60th) and skipper Shahid Hannan (57th) finding the net for Pakistan. The penalty shootout went all the way to sudden death and Mohith tackled Hannan perfectly to seal India's victory.

LIVE TELECAST

- NBA:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30 a.m.
- NBA's Cricket World Cup:** Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.
- Series A:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 9.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
- Badminton:** Hylo Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30 p.m.
- Laliga:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
- Tennis:** Paris Masters, Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
- Formula 1:** Sao Paulo GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 10.30 p.m.
- Baseball:** Sony LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.
- Baseball:** Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.
- Hockey:** Women's Asian Champions Trophy, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m.
- Formula One:** Sao Paulo GP, F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 10.30 p.m.

Abhishek and Mandeep power Punjab past Delhi

Chasing 184, the two add 102 off just 58 deliveries to guide the team home with eight balls to spare; pacer Abhimanyu Singh's four-for, including Parag's wicket, turns the tide in Baroda's favour

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

He cheers in the Punjab dug-out grow louder with each stroke off Abhishek Sharma and Mandeep Singh's bats as the duo powered the team into the final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with a six-wicket win over Delhi at the PCA IS Rindra Stadium on Saturday.

Abhishek's 77 and Mandeep's unbeaten 63 had the small crowd on its feet as Punjab chased down the 184-run target with eight balls to spare.

A cover drive for four got Abhishek going, but the situation was such that the opener had to be circumspect after losing three partners in the Power-Play. However, he shifted gears when took on Suyash Sharma — who had been impressive for Delhi in the tournament — and hit him for a six and four off the first two deliveries of his spell.

With Suyash dealing runs, captain Yash Dhall had to turn to onto the bowlers like Ayush Badoni to fill in. Abhishek and Mandeep found the fence regularly during their 102-



The architects: Abhishek and Rathva fashioned Punjab and Baroda's wins in the semifinals on Saturday. SHY KUMAR PUSHPAKA

run stand off 58 balls. Mandeep smashed Pradeep Sangwan for 21 runs in the 15th over as Punjab cruised home.

Earlier, Badoni's 80 off 57 balls was the highlight as Delhi scored 183 for seven after being put in to bat on a slow wicket. It didn't prove enough once Abhishek and Mandeep got going.

The second semifinal took a dramatic turn in the 12th over when Baroda pacer Abhimanyu Singh Rajput had Assam's Riyan Parag caught at deep mid-

wicket. Krunal Pandya's side then took control as Abhimanyu Singh's four-for restricted the opponent to 144.

In reply, openers Ninad Rathva (54) and Jyotsnall Singh (37) showed composure even as the super seppers and the ropes were brought into play between overs due to the dew.

The two added 81 off 41 balls, with Rathva being the aggressor. His runs came off just 26 balls and he perished when he was caught in the deep trying to hit his second six.

Jyotsnall, however, pitched Assam on to the backfoot, hitting three sixes and a four off Parag's first four balls of the game as Baroda won by six wickets with 23 balls to spare.

The scores: Delhi 187/7 in 20 overs (Nag Rawat 34, Ayush Badoni 80 n.o., Siddharth Kaul 3/27) lost to Punjab 184/6 in 18.4 overs (Abhishek Sharma 77, Mandeep Singh 63 n.o.). Assam 143 in 20 overs (Rishav Das 49, Danish Das 32, Abhimanyu Singh Rajput 4/29) lost to Baroda 146/4 in 16.1 overs (Jyotsnall Singh 37, Ninad Rathva 44).

Verstappen claims pole in qualifying



Champion mentality: Verstappen bossed the Interlagos circuit even under tough conditions. GETTY IMAGES

SAO PAULO GP
The track action.

McLaren's Australian rookie Oscar Piastri had already skidded off onto the grass, triggering yellow flags. With the rain expected imminently, Verstappen overtook the Mercedes of last year's winner, George Russell as they exited the pit lane. Leclerc was 0.294 slower.

The governing FIA stopped the clock with four minutes remaining and said the session would not be re-started. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and Russell filled the third row, with McLaren's Lando Norris seventh and Ferrari's Carlos Sainz eighth and Red Bull's Sergio Perez ninth. Perez was forced to slow on his lap after Piastri went off.

Tanishq and Shatakshika emerge the champions

Sports Bureau

Tanishq Jadhav and Shatakshika Sahayak emerged the boys' and girls' champions in the All-India National series junior tennis tournament at the Singha Sports Academy in Jalandhar.

To seed Tanishq got a walkover from second seed Riish Vandhan Sadeeshkumar in the final. Fifth seed Shatakshika Beeni Mahalakshmi Kurchala for the loss of two games in the girls' title clash.

The results: U-18 Boys: Final: Tanishq Jadhav vs Rishi Vaidhan Sadeesh Kumar. Semifinals: Tanishq bt Shivam Devam 6-2, 6-4; Rishi Vandhan bt S. S. S.

Doubles: Final: Tanishq & Rishi bt Sahagreet Bajwa & Parvitha Singh 6-2, 6-2.
Girls: Final: Shatakshika Sahayak vs Mahalakshmi Kurchala 6-1, 6-1.

Semifinals: Mahalakshmi bt Rishika Saini 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.
Shatakshika bt Manshi Singh 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles: Final: Sacha & Rubani bt Mahalakshmi & Sanjana Sangram 3-6, 6-3, [10-6].

Srihari ends season with eight golds; Dhinidhi and Harshitha swim to new meet marks

NATIONAL GAMES

Stan Ravan

The long season may have worn him out but Olympian Srihari Natara still finished the 37th National Games with eight golds, including four in the relays, at the Campal Sports Complex on Saturday.

The final day's action pitted Srihari against the seasoned Virdhawal Khade, the Games fastest man, in the 100m freestyle but the Bangalore youngster had a good start and increased his lead at the turn to better his own meet record.

"Quite a long year, ups and downs but it was good. I've been racing so many times and I got the record," said 13-year-old Dhinidhi.

Blasters pips East Bengal in a thriller

ISL 10

Amittabha Das Sharma

Kerala Blasters continued its winning form in its away goal to beat East Bengal 2-1 in an ISL-10 fixture here at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. Patsuke Sakai and Dimitrios Diamantakos struck once in each half for Blasters while Cleiton Silva, who fluffed two penalties earlier in the game, struck from the spot late in injury time to pull one back for the host.

KBFC ended the game with 10 men after Diamantakos was ejected in the 89th minute when he received his second booking for removing his shirt after scoring the goal.

Kerala Blasters was rewarded for it when Sakai put the visitor in the lead. Blasters launched a speedy counter attack and Adrian Luna played a nice through pass to find the Japanese striker, who beat his mark-



Hero: Kerala Blasters players embrace Sachin after the 'keeper denied Cleiton from the spot twice. DEBASISH BHADURI

er with a step-over and finished the ball past Prabhukhan Singh Gill.

East Bengal had a few chances to equalize in the second half, where it played really well. But the goal never came its way even between the 83rd and 85th minutes when Blasters goalkeeper Sachin Suresh denied Cleiton twice when the Brazilian forward had two chances to score from the spot.

Suresh's first save was invalidated as he moved out of the line before the shot. But he showed the right anticipation once again to stop Cleiton as he retook the penalty. Diamantakos made it 2-0 for the Blasters. Cleiton finally got his goal, from the spot yet again in the 90+7 minute, but seemed to come a bit too late for East Bengal.

The results: At Kolkata: EBFC 1 (Cleiton 90+7-pen) lost KBFC 2 (Sachin 83, Patsuke 85).
At Hyderabad: WFC 1 (Nair 35) drew with SFC 1 (Williams 58).



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Akshay dominates from start to finish in first F4 race



MOTORSPORTS

S. Dipak Ravag

CHENNAI
The first-ever Indian F4 championship got underway at the Madras International Circuit as part of the second season of the national Racing Festival that kicked off here on Saturday.

Bohra of the United Kingdom won the first F4 race from pole position ahead of Roshon Rajeev and Shaban Ali Mohsin. Bohra maintained his lead from lights out and drove a comfortable race. There was a brief safety cut period as well, and the youngster held the restart to win it comfortably. On the last lap, torrential rain hit the track and ended behind the Safety Car.

The rains meant the first race of the IRL, which was to follow the F4 race in the afternoon, could not be held.

The opening round of the series was initially set to be held at the Hyderabad street circuit.

But, due to upcoming elections in Telangana and with the model code of conduct in place, the race was moved to Chennai at the eleventh hour.

The four-round series will now be held only in Chennai, with the first three rounds at the MIC and the final round at the Chennai Formula Racing circuit, a street circuit near island grounds.

The event will be India's first-ever night race and will be held on December 9 & 10.

THE HINDU TRIVIA CHALLENGE

CRICKET WORLD CUP

- The game between Zimbabwe and Kenya in the 1996 ODI World Cup saw three pairs of brothers playing namely the Flowers, Stranks and which Kenya duo?
- The injury struck Zimbabwean team was granted special permission to use the services of which cricketer who was part of the commentary panel in 2003 World Cup?
- Who became the first bowler to take 500 ODI wickets during the match against the Netherlands in the 2003 ODI World Cup?

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India beats Pakistan to win bronze

Goalkeeper H.S. Mohith made a crucial save in the penalty shootout as the India junior hockey team edged arch-rival Pakistan 6-5 to bag the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup, in Johor Bahru on Saturday. The regulation time ended with the scoreline reading 3-3 with Arun Sahani (11th), Poovanna CB (42th) and captain Uttam Singh (52nd) scoring for India, while Sufyan Khan (33rd), Abdul Qayyum (50th) and skipper Shahid Hannan (57th) finding the net for Pakistan. The penalty shootout went all the way to sudden death and Mohith tackled Hannan perfectly to seal India's victory.

Sultan of Johor Cup

Most recent season or competition:

2023 Sultan of Johor Cup

Sport	Field hockey
Founded	2011; 12 years ago
Inaugural season	2011
No. of teams	6 (2011–2022) 8 (2023–)
Country	Malaysia
Venue(s)	Taman Daya Hockey Stadium
Most recent champion(s)	 India (3rd title) (2022)
Most titles	 Great Britain ,  India (3 titles)

Successful national teams [[edit](#)]

Below is a list of teams that have finished in the top four positions in the tournament:

Team	Winners	Runners-up	Third place	Fourth place
 India	3 (2013, 2014, 2022)	4 (2012, 2015, 2018, 2019)	2 (2017, 2023)	1 (2011)
 Great Britain	3 (2015, 2018, 2019)	2 (2014, 2017)	1 (2022)	1 (2016)
 Australia	2 (2016, 2017)	3 (2011, 2022, 2023)	3 (2012, 2014, 2018)	
 Germany	2 (2012, 2023)			
 Malaysia	1 (2011)	1 (2013)	2 (2015, 2019)	1 (2017)
 Pakistan		1 (2016)		3 (2012, 2013, 2023)
 Japan			1 (2016)	3 (2018, 2019, 2022)
 Argentina			1 (2013)	1 (2015)
 South Korea			1 (2011)	
 New Zealand				1 (2014)



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Legislature can enact fresh law, can't directly overrule court judgment: CJI



Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

SPEAKING ON the separation of powers between the executive, legislature and judiciary, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said on Saturday that while the legislature can enact a fresh law to "cure the deficiency" in a law, it cannot "directly overrule" a court judgment.

"There is a dividing line between what the legislature can do and what the legislature cannot do when there is a judgment of the court. If there is a judgment of the court which decides a particular issue and that judgment points out deficiencies in the law, it is always open to the legislature to enact a fresh law to cure the deficiency. What the legislature cannot do is to say we think this judgment is wrong and therefore we overrule the judgment. A judgment of the court cannot be directly overruled by the legislature... that's completely impermissible... but a judgment takes a particular view of a legislation, it is always open to the legislature to cure the defect," he said at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit.

The CJI said that in 1951, when the SC held the provision for reservation would not extend



TAKING GUARD
Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan during a practice session in New Delhi on Saturday. Bangladeshis, who play Sri Lanka Monday, had cancelled their practice session. //1

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WHAT ED CHARGESHEET CLAIMS
Mosquito coil firm to diamond exporter, how Goyal 'diverted' Jet funds

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

FROM A mosquito coil manufacturing company hired to manage salaries and a railways infra company to advise on aircraft spare parts to a diamond exporter for financial consultation — these are some of the ways in which Jet Airways India Ltd (JIL) promoter Naresh Goyal allegedly siphoned off airline funds leading to the eventual demise of the company, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has said in its chargesheet. In what also suggests siphoning



Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal

of funds, the ED chargesheet noted that over Rs 1,000 crore was paid as agent commission to companies linked to the promoter himself. Goyal also allegedly siphoned off funds by making JIL grant loans worth over Rs 4,057 crore to Jet Life Ltd but adjusted a large part of the amount

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PAK AIR FORCE BASE ATTACKED, ALL 9 MILITANTS DEAD P 14

INDIA OFFERS 'ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE'
157 killed as quake hits Nepal, toll likely to rise



YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 4

AT LEAST 157 people, including 89 women, were killed and 190 injured when a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck western Nepal a little before midnight on Friday.

While the epicentre was at Ramadanda in Jajarkot district, about 550 km from Kathmandu, the tremors were felt in New Delhi and parts of north India too.



Army personnel evacuate an injured child from Jajarkot district, the quake epicentre. Nepal Army RELATED REPORT, P 14

The two districts of Jajarkot and Rukum West were the worst-hit. At least 105 people were killed and an equal number injured in Jajarkot; Rukum West reported 52 deaths and 85 injured.

Friday's quake, which struck at 11:47 pm (Nepal time), was the country's deadliest since 2015.

Day after ED's claim, Modi targets Baghel: 'Not spared Mahadev name'



PM Modi in Chhattisgarh's Durg district Saturday. //1

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
NARAYANPUR, NOVEMBER 4

SPEAKING AT a rally in Chhattisgarh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday took aim at Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the Congress government in the state, saying that "they have not even spared the name of Mahadev". He was referring to the Enforcement Directorate's allegations the previous day that the CM had received kickbacks to the tune of Rs 508 crore from the promoters of the Mahadev app, an online betting platform.

Reacting to Modi's comments, Baghel hit back, accusing the BJP of using central agencies against its political opponents.

Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh will be held in two

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Filing FIRs to getting convictions, legal process stacked against women: study

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

DOES THE gender of the person filing a First Information Report (FIR) determine the outcome of the case? A study of over 4 lakh FIRs in Haryana has found that male complainants who register cases on behalf of their women friends

STUDY OF OVER 4 LAKH FIRs IN HARYANA
IN THE POLICE STATION
Women's FIR registration lags a month behind men's
Women reporting violence wait 2 hrs longer to file FIR
Women's cases probed slower, less likely to be sent to court

IN COURT
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NEWS NETWORK

J&K Police first in country to use GPS anklet for accused out on bail

“PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP) COURTESY
THE J&K Police and Kashmir Police has introduced GPS trackers for accused out on bail, becoming the first police force in the country to do so, officials said on Saturday. The GPS tracker anklet is a wearable device affixed around the ankle of the person to be monitored and tracks their movement.



Police show the GPS tracker anklet to monitor terror case accused. **PTI**

The device is already being used in the USA, UK, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand to track the movement of accused persons on bail, parole and house arrest and accordingly detain suspects prisoners to a large extent.

The J&K Police and Agency officials of the J&K Police have introduced the GPS tracker anklet for monitoring of bail-out terror accused, officials said. They said the J&K Police is the first police department in the country to introduce such a device.

The officials said the devices were introduced after a Special NIA Court, Jammu, passed an order directing the police to affix a GPS tracker anklet on a terror accused—the importance of which was highlighted by the prosecution department of the police. Giving details of the case, the officials said in an FIR filed in various sections of UAPA, accused chairman Mahabub Khan had been arrested on bail. During the pendency of the bail hearing, the accused sought to be released on internet. The accused is undergoing trial for being associated with terrorist organisations and being involved in terror financing.

at the behest of prescribed terrorist organisation Hizbul Mujahideen, they said. But was arrested in the current FIR while attempting to transport the proceeds of terrorism to the tune of Rs 2.5 lakh at the behest of HM. The device is also connected by the NIA Court Patiala House, Delhi, in another case for being associated with a terrorist organisation and for conspiracy for an offence under the UAPA, 1967, in the Special NIA Court, Jammu, the importance of close monitoring of the terror accused under the stringent conditions for grant of bail under the UAPA, 1967, was highlighted by the prosecution chairman Mahabub Khan police headquarters, Jammu, the officials said. “Finding merit in the submissions of the prosecution, Special NIA Court, Jammu, was pleased to pass an order directing J&K Police to affix a GPS tracker anklet on the accused,” they added.

ISRO chief Somanath withdraws publishing of his autobiography

PTI NEWS
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 4

ISRO CHAIRMAN S Somanath on Saturday said he was withdrawing from the publishing of his upcoming autobiography, after a controversy erupted over some of his alleged critical remarks about his predecessor K Sivan in the book.

Somanath confirmed that he had decided to withdraw the publication of the book ‘Nilavu Kudicha Simhangaal’ (loosely translated as Lions that drink the



The book jacket of ‘Nilavu Kudicha Simhangaal’

moonlight), in the light of the controversy. Speaking to The Indian Express, he said, “Yes, I have withheld publication and release.”

Earlier in the day, while responding to a report that claimed his autobiography had some critical remarks about his predecessor Sivan, Somanath had said he targeted “any particular individual”.

“Persons holding such key positions may have to go through several challenges. One among them is the challenges with regard to getting positions in organisations,” he said, adding that

these are challenges that everybody has to go through. “More persons might be eligible for a significant post. I just tried to bring out that particular point. I didn’t target any particular individual in this regard,” he added. He admitted that he mentioned in his book the lack of clarity in connection with the announcement of the resignation of the Chandrayaan-2 mission.

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Union Minister Puri hails PM for development in Northeast

“PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 4

PETROLEUM MINISTER Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday visited Tuensang district in Nagaland and interacted with the beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana.

Puri said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Northeast is witnessing development, according to an official statement.

He said that he was happy to see so many beneficiaries of the Ujjwala Yojana in Tuensang. The scheme provides LPG connections to rural and urban poor households, especially women, of the country.

Puri, who is also the housing and urban affairs minister, said he will take up the shopping mall and parking project in Tuensang town, according to the



Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at the inauguration of a multi-specialty hospital in Wangsa, Assam, Saturday. **PTI**

statement. During the visit, he was accompanied by state Housing Minister Bishangmomba Chang, Youth Resource & Sports Advisor Keesha Yimkhiung, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Benjamin Yephthom.

‘Illegal’ shop demolition: Four UP cops booked

Itanagar: Four police personnel, including a station house officer, were transferred to police lines and an FIR registered against them for allegedly bulldozing a shop in the absence of the revenue department, officials said Saturday.

While hearing the matter, the HC termed the demolition as “illegal” and asked Barabanki SP to act on the matter. The HC directed Barabanki SP Dinesh Kumar Singh to take action. The SP on Friday sent 50 HO of Jaidpur police station Anil Pandey, in-charge of police outpost Satish Kumar and Anil Bernal Singh Kumar Rai and Pramad Kumar Gupta to police lines. **PTI**

Ex-UPM Aged 75-year jail for raping singer

Third case in which Vijay Mishra has been sentenced, 21 cases still pending

“MAJANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 4

A BHADOLHI court on Saturday handed down 15 years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1 lakh to former Uttar Pradesh MLA Vijay Mishra after finding him guilty of repeatedly raping a 28-year-old singer.

This is the third case in which the 70-year-old politician has been sentenced, with 21 more cases pending against him in various courts.

“Vijay Mishra was brought to the court under tight security and justice Subodh Singh sentenced him to 15 years of imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him,” Bhadohi District Government Counsel Divyanshu Pandey said.

The verdict came a day after the court declared Mishra guilty under IPC sections 376-2(N) (repeatedly committing rape on the same person) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The court, however, acquitted Mishra’s son Vishnu and his nephew Jyoti alias Vikas.

According to the prosecution, the rape case dates back to October 18, 2020, when the victim alleged that in 2014, Mishra had called her to perform at a programme at his house and raped her. She further claimed that after the assault, Mishra asked his son and nephew to drop her home. She alleged that they allegedly raped her again. She alleged that Mishra repeatedly raped her since then and threatened her, said the prosecution.

“Bhadolhi court fined Mishra 1 lakh

inal cases against him on various charges, including murder, robbery, kidnapping, rape, and forgery, in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Currently, he has 21 cases pending in different courts, including 15 in Bhadohi district court. On October 17, a Bhadohi court sentenced Mishra to two years of imprisonment under an Arms Act case registered against him in 2011.

On March 18, a Prayagraj court handed down a five-year sentence to Mishra in another Arms Act case from 2009. On August 2020, Bhadohi police arrested Mishra in Agar Malava district of Madhya Pradesh in connection with a land-grabbing case. Mishra’s wife Ramlali Patil was also booked based on a complaint from their relative Krishna Mohan Thawari, who accused them of grabbing his property in Bhadohi.

In May last year, police booked Mishra, his wife, their daughter, and three others for an alleged conspiracy to murder Gyanpur MLA Vipul Dubey. Mishra, who continued his jail on a Pragati Sheel Manav Samaj Party ticket, lost the 2024 MP candidate Dubey in the 2022 UP Assembly polls. Bhadohi police have reportedly seized properties worth over Rs 50 crore linked to Mishra and his family.

Leopard kills woman in Odisha, second death in a week

“SUAJIT BISOI
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 4

N A second such incident, a woman was mauled to death by a leopard at Silbarabaha village under Dhamarambandha police unit in Nuapada district in Odisha.

The victim, Rameswari Bai (45), went to a nearby forest Friday evening to answer nature’s call. She was attacked by a leopard when she did not return home, villagers launched a search for her. The village is located in a fringe area of Sunabeda wildlife sanctuary in Nuapada district.

On Saturday morning, the villagers started repairing the body parts in a jungle nearby away from the village. They informed the forest officials, who rushed to the spot.

“The body has been sent for post-mortem. A compensation of Rs 6 lakh will be given to the victim’s family,” said divisional forest officer Sushil Kumar Tripathy, adding that patrolling has been intensified in the region, and all alert officers, including Nuapada and Koraput, have been put on alert. On Saturday, another minor boy sustained injuries to his neck in a leopard attack in Tagalav village in the region under the Dhamarambandha police unit. On October 30, a seven-year-old boy was mauled to death by a leopard while he was playing in front of his house.

DEHRADUN’S KABUL HOUSE ‘Daughter’s wedding in Dec... no house’: Man after eviction

“AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 4

THE 17 FAMILIES evicted from Dehradun’s Kabul House got temporary respite from the Uttarakhand High Court, which has given them until December 1 to vacate the premises. While the decision gives the families some breathing room, they remain unsure where they will spend the winter as they prepare to leave. In less than a month, the house they have lived in for decades.

“My daughter’s wedding is scheduled on December 11, but now I have no house, I have already spent over Rs 3 lakh for her marriage. I have no idea where to do. Now the administration and police came Thursday and removed everything from the house. The sofa, the fridge, and the dressing table that I purchased as a gift for my daughter’s marriage have been put on the street outside my house. We have no place to go. We spent the last two nights in the open,” said Sanjay Chauhan, a Kabul House resident.

However, some residents continue to live with their families in the house, which is located in an upscale area on Dehradun’s IC Road. The house, spread over 19 bighas, is estimated to be around Rs 400 crore. Two weeks ago, the Dehradun

DM court issued orders to vacate Sabdhouses 15 days. This followed a 40-year legal battle between district residents and the residents. This week, authorities started evicting the residents and sealing up the houses.

Among those who will be rendered homeless include five families from the Valmiki community, whose ancestors worked as sweepers for Nagda Khan. “We were not educated, and the ruler gave our ancestors a place to live in their house, the administration of Kabul House. When the Afghans left after Partition, we stayed here. My family has been living here for more than 100 years,” said Chauhan, sitting outside the house on a broken plastic chair.

He said residents were first informed of the eviction on October 21, and four days later, he received a notice asking him to vacate by November “On Wednesday, the administration and police officials came to our houses asking us to vacate by the next morning. They cut our water and power connection too.”

Chauhan said, “The residents moved the HC against the eviction notice issued during the festive season, and during a hearing on Thursday, the court allowed an extension until December 1.

However, according to another Kabul House resident Nitin Singh, the administration has not responded all the doors.



Shoppers throng a market in Thane, Maharashtra, ahead of Diwali on Sunday. **Deepak Jankar**

DIWALI RUSH

SEVEN PERSONS died while several others were left injured after a fire at a pharmaceutical company’s factory in Maharashtra’s Raigad district.

Officials said that the plant in the MIDC at Mahad belonged to Blue Jet Healthcare and the blast was reported around 10.30 am Friday. According to the police, there were around 57 persons present inside the plant when the fire broke out and 46 of them were rescued safely.

Superintendent of Police Somanath Chharg said, “We have found seven bodies and four persons are still missing. We believe that all of them are workers at the plant. Some of the bodies are burnt beyond recognition and we are trying to identify them.”

The fire was brought under control by late evening and the bodies were found Saturday morning. The Raigad police said that they have registered a case of accidental death and a probe is underway. “We will investigate and try to ascertain the cause of the accident and then decide on the case,” said Chharg.

Seven killed in Maharashtra pharmaceutical factory fire, 46 rescued

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MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 4

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Odia film producer held for assaulting woman journalist

“EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 4

THE COMMISSIONERATE police in Bhubaneswar on Saturday arrested an Odia film producer Sanjay aka Tutu Nayak for allegedly assaulting a woman journalist in a day before.

Nayak was arrested after being contacted by the police for interrogation at a police station in Odisha. Based on the statement of the complainant and the witnesses and CCTV footage, a formal prima facie evidence against the accused. Hence, he has been arrested and forwarded to court,” said a police officer.

Nayak has been arrested under section 341 (wrongful restraint), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) 294 (obscenity) and 354 (outraging modesty), said police sources.

He was sent to judicial custody after a local court rejected his bail.

Nayak allegedly assaulted and slapped the woman journalist on Friday while the latter was deputing Odia film producer here to cover the premiere of an Odia movie. She later lodged a complaint against the film producer.

Journalist unions across Odisha condemned the film producer’s behaviour and lodged a complaint with the Odisha Women in Media – a forum of women in the industry. They also filed a police complaint for the assault on the journalist. Members of Odisha Women in Media – a forum of women in the industry lodged a complaint with the Odisha Women in Media – a forum of women in the industry.

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Rescue personnel at the site in Raigad on Saturday. Express



IIT-Kharagpur study: India’s surface temp may increase by up to 5.1°C by 2100

“SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 4

“SURFACE TEMPERATURES over India were likely to increase by 1.1 to 5.1 degrees Celsius by the year 2100, a new study by IIT-Kharagpur has indicated.

In a research paper titled ‘Enhanced surface temperature over India during 1980–2020 and future projections: causal links between drivers and trends’, published in a Nature journal last month, and in high-impact journal Nature Climate Change, the study over the Indian region could go up to as high as 5.1 degrees Celsius by the year 2100. The upper-end estimates for the global average rise in temperature are 2.6°C.

Land Sciences (CORAL) at IIT Kharagpur says. The study titled “Enhanced surface temperature over India during 1980–2020 and future projections: causal links between drivers and trends”, found increasing temperature trend during the pre-monsoon and post-monsoon seasons in the northwest, northeast, and central regions of India.

Analyses with the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) in India using a socio-economic scenario can increase up to 1.1–5.1°C by the year 2100 under the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways–8.5 scenario. The increasing trend in temperature in India is driven by various factors, which calls for adaptation and mitigation measures to alleviate

adverse effects of accelerated warming and regional climate change,” it said. The study was conducted in association with the Indian Institute of Tropical

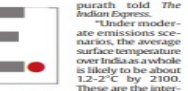


The team behind the study took more than two years to arrive at the projections. **IIT**

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“We have looked into the surface temperature trends in India in the last 40 years and then made projections for the same till 2100. We have used a lot of data, especially from the IMD which was provided by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune. We have also used global data. We have made projections for different scenarios,” said the study’s co-lead professor at IIT-Kharagpur, Jayanarayanan Kuttippurath told The Indian Express.

“Under moderate emissions scenarios, the average surface temperature is likely to be about 2.2–2.7°C by 2100. These are the intermediate greenhouse gas emissions at current levels. Under the high-emission scenario (emissions continue to rise), the average temperature is likely to be about 4.1–5.1°C by 2100. These numbers agree with the global average and the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) evaluation. However, the high-emission scenario could be



Explained

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tures. The actual rise in temperatures over the Indian region till now has been significantly lower than the global average.

"The Earth's surface temperatures have increased significantly since the beginning of industrialisation. The high emissions of greenhouse gases have contributed to global warming and climate change, which is expected to continue. We have investigated the long-term trends of surface temperature in India using surface, satellite and reanalysis data for the period of 1980–2020, and assessed the influence of geophysical drivers on temperature change using the causal discovery," the research by the Centre for Ocean, River, Atmosphere and

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purath told *The Indian Express*.

"Under moderate emissions scenarios, the average surface temperature over India as a whole is likely to be about 1.2–2°C by 2100.

These are the intermediate greenhouse gas emissions at current levels. Under the high emission scenario (emissions increasing by 3 times by 2075), the average temperature is likely to increase by 3.5–5.1°C by 2100. These numbers agree with the global average and the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) evaluation. However, the high emission scenario could be

unlikely because so many measures are being taken to bring down the emissions. But it can come up to maybe 3°C, if the emissions do not come down," the professor elaborated.

The IIT-Kharagpur professor along with his three PhD students and a scientist from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune worked on the study. It took them more than two years to arrive at these projections. The study also said that temperature increases in the last four decades in the country have ranged from 0.1 to 0.3°C per decade during pre-monsoon and 0.2–0.4°C per decade during post-monsoon.

According to the study, post-monsoon season displayed in-

creasing temperature trends across the entire country, with the most significant values in the western Himalayan region (0.2–0.5°C per decade) and northeast India (0.1–0.4°C per decade).

It further said that the average surface temperatures over north-west India, the west coast of India and peninsular India have increased by about 0.01 to 0.03°C per year in the last four decades during the October and November period. During the December-February period in the past four decades, parts of extreme north India, extreme north-west India, the temperatures in west coast of India and south peninsular India have increased by about 0.01 to 0.02°C per year.

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IN BRIEF



Nijjar's killing: Indian envoy asks Canada for proof

OTTAWA Canada's probe into the murder of a Sikh extremist has been tainted by a high-level Canadian official's statements, India's High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma, has said. He has asked Ottawa to provide evidence to back up its allegations. **» PAGE 12**

Mahadev Book Online among 22 banned apps

NEW DELHI The Centre on Sunday said it has issued blocking orders against 22 "illegal betting apps, websites", including Mahadev Book Online. **» PAGE 14**

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PM, Kharge lead Mizoram poll campaign on final day

Congress releases Chhattisgarh manifesto ahead of polling for 20 seats tomorrow; Modi, in a video message, promises 'marvellous Mizoram'; Congress chief asks voters to be wary of RSS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

The campaigning for the elections to the 40-member Mizoram Assembly and 20 Assembly constituencies in Chhattisgarh came to a close on Sunday ahead of the polling on Tuesday. Political parties unofficially wound up their canvassing 24 hours ahead of schedule, observing a silent Sunday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress Chief Minister Ranjan Singh, visited the Maa Bamleshwari temple in Dongargarh. In his video address for Mizoram voters, Mr. Modi said the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre had been trying relentlessly to reduce the psychological and physical distance



Poll for all: Wall paintings aimed at creating voter awareness seen in Aizawl on Sunday. **RITU RAJ KUMAR**

between New Delhi and Northeast India since 2014. "We have given priority to realising your dreams and fulfilling your needs. In the past nine years, I have visited the northeast 60 times and the BJP has brought Delhi to the doorstep of the people of the region," he said. Mr.

Kharge, meanwhile, sought to remind the voters that Rajiv Gandhi had signed the historic Mizo accord in 1986 and secured Statehood in 1987. **CONTINUED ON » PAGE 12**
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As Andhra Pradesh alters PMAY name, Centre puts ₹4,000-cr. funds on hold

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Andhra Pradesh government's decision to add the ruling YSR Congress Party's imprint to the Union government's flagship rural housing scheme — Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) — and rebrand it to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-YSR are proving costly for the State. Sources said the State government's decision had resulted in the Union Finance Ministry putting a temporary hold on ₹4,000 crore that Andhra Pradesh should get under a scheme for "special assistance to State for capital investment" apart from ₹1,300 crore in pending PMAY-G funds. The funds have not been released despite the State government agreeing to remove its branding



PM Narendra Modi with the CMs of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, Jagan Mohan Reddy and Mamata Banerjee, in New Delhi. **FILE PHOTO**

and logo from the scheme. For an identical violation in West Bengal, where the State government rebranded the scheme as the Bangla Awas Yojana Central funds have not been released since 2022. This financial year too, funds were not released to West Bengal for the "non-submission of satisfactory compliance of the directives of the Ministry".

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EIGHT IN A ROW Kohli and Jadeja help India outplay Proteas

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Caught in a haze



Strict action: A toxic haze persists over New Delhi for the sixth consecutive day on Sunday, obscuring landmarks on Kartavya Path. The Delhi government has ordered the closure of all primary schools till November 10 and restricted the entry of trucks. **R.V. MOORTHY/REUTERS** (On Page 2)

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Leave benefits for women in armed forces made uniform

Breake Trust of India
NEW DELHI

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rules will go a long way in dealing with women-specific family and social issues relevant to the armed forces," the Ministry said. In line with the Narendra Modi government's commitment towards utilising "Nari Shakti" (women power), the three services have spearheaded a paradigm shift with the inclusion of women as soldiers, sailors and air warriors, the Ministry said. "With the recruitment of women Agniveers, the armed forces will be empowered with the bravery, dedication and patriotism of women soldiers, sailors, and air warriors to defend the land, sea, and air frontiers of India," it said. From being operationally deployed in Siachen to being posted on warships as well as dominating the skies, Indian women are breaking barriers in almost every field in the armed forces, the Ministry said. In 2019, a significant milestone was achieved through recruitment of women in the Indian Army as soldiers in the Corps of Military Police, it added.



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Pitted against Cong. in State polls, SP, AAP target INDIA bloc ally

Mehul Malpani
Ashok Kumar
MORNING BUREAUGRAM

In another indication of the headwinds that the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), a bloc of 28 parties that seeks to dislodge the BJP from power in 2024, is facing in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election, the chiefs of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) attacked their alliance partner, the Congress, at separate meetings on Sunday. Addressing a rally in Jara Assembly seat in Tikamgarh of Madhya Pradesh, which goes to the polls on November 17, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said

the Congress is a "clever" party and wants to conduct a caste survey only for votes. "We want to conduct a caste survey for our rights and respect," he said. In Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana, where the Congress is a key contender for power, no seat sharing with smaller constituents of the bloc has yet been announced. While the SP and the Congress are fighting the polls separately in Madhya Pradesh, AAP is contesting the polls on its own in Madhya Pradesh, Chhat-



AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal addressing a rally in Rohtak, Haryana, on Sunday. **ANI**



SP president Akhilesh Yadav at a rally in Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh, on Sunday. **ANI**

sational structure of both parties was not even a tenth of AAP's. "An organisation is not created in the air. It has bones and blood. It is created when people have hopes from the party," the AAP chief said. Mr. Kejriwal said no one would join the Congress and the BJP if their workers went to the villages asking them to join their parties, but even children would be willing to join AAP because the party has become "the hope of the people". "Today, the people of Haryana are grinding like a mill between the two parties. One party says 'we are a party of Jats', the other says 'we are a party of non-Jats'. But AAP is a party of 36 communities," the AAP

national convener said. He said AAP has become the third-largest party in the country in just 11 years with governments in two States, MLAs in Gujarat and Goa, and MPs in both Houses of Parliament. "Will strengthen both" Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday reiterated that the INDIA bloc is aimed at the Lok Sabha poll. "Keeping the general election in mind, 27-28 parties decided to form the alliance. But we got busy in the polls in five States. Like our party president Mallikarjun Kharge has said, as soon as these polls end, we are a party of non-Jats." But AAP is a party of 36 communities," the AAP

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MOSCOW

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MOSCOW

Ukraine missile strike on Crimean shipyard damages Russian ship



The Russian military said a Ukrainian missile strike on a shipyard in annexed Crimea had damaged a Russian ship. The Russian Defence Ministry said on Sunday that Ukrainian forces fired cruise missiles at the Zalyv shipyard in Kerch, a city in the east of the Crimean Peninsula. Two of them damaged a vessel, the Ministry said. **AP**

KABUL

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DHAKA

Bangladesh has arrested 8,000 Opposition activists, says report



Bangladesh police has arrested nearly 8,000 Opposition figures in a nationwide crackdown since officers broke up a major rally in the capital a week ago, a report in the country's most-read newspaper Prothom Alo said on Sunday. The sweeping wave of detentions comes ahead of a general election due in January. **AP**

Israel Minister rebuked for Gaza nuclear 'option' remark

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

An Israeli Minister was suspended from government meetings "until further notice" on Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said, after suggesting in an interview dropping a nuclear bomb on Gaza. The comments by Heritage Minister Amichay Eliyahu advocating a fierce military response to Hamas's October 7 attacks even at the cost of the lives of hostages believed to be held in Gaza also drew rebuke from families of the captives. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office quickly responded in a statement, describing ultranationalist Eliyahu's remarks as "disconnected from reality" and adding that Israel was trying to spare "non-combatants" in Gaza. Israel has never admitted to having a nuclear bomb.

53 dead as Israel warplanes strike refugee camps in Gaza

One of the camps, a built-up residential area, is located in the evacuation zone where Israel had urged Palestinian civilians in Gaza to seek refuge as it focuses its military offensive on the north

Associated Press
DEIR AL-BALAH

Israeli warplanes struck two refugee camps in the Gaza Strip early on Sunday, killing at least 53 people and wounding dozens, health officials said. The strikes came as Israel said it would press on with its offensive to crush the territory's Hamas rulers, despite U.S. appeals for a pause to get aid to desperate civilians. Israel has rejected the idea of halting its offensive, even for brief humanitarian pauses proposed by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken during his current tour of the region. Gaza's Health Ministry said more than 9,700 Palestinians have been killed in the territory in nearly a month of Israeli strikes that Israel said have destroyed several multi-story homes where people



Palestinians searching for casualties at the site of Israeli strikes on houses, at the Magazi Refugee Camp on Sunday. **REUTERS**

forced out of other parts of Gaza were sheltering. Another airstrike hit a house near a school at the Burej refugee camp in central Gaza on Sunday, and said at least 13 people were killed. The camp is home to an estimated 40,000 people and was struck on Thursday as well. Despite appeals and overseas demonstrations, Israel has continued its bombardment across Gaza, saying it is targeting Hamas and accusing it of using civilians as human shields. Critics say Israel's strikes are often disproportionate and have killed the large number of civilians killed. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

Blinken meets Palestinian President in West Bank

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Gazans "must not be forcibly displaced", speaking on a surprise visit on Sunday to the Israeli-occupied West Bank to meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. It was the top U.S. diplomat's first visit to the Palestinian territory since war erupted between Israel and Hamas. Gaza fell under its third total communications outage since the start of the war on Sunday night, with Palestinian communications company Paltel saying all of its communication and internet services were down. "The Secretary reaffirmed the United States' commitment to the delivery of humanitarian assistance and resumption of essential services in Gaza and made clear that Palestinians displaced, said a summary of the meeting released by



Antony Blinken

the U.S. State Department. Mr. Abbas condemned what he labelled a "genocide" unfolding in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, according to the official Palestinian news agency Waafa. "I have no words to describe the genocide and destruction suffered by our Palestinian people in Gaza at the hands of Israel's war machine, with the regard for the principles of international law," Mr. Abbas was quoted as saying to Mr. Blinken. Mr. Blinken flew into Tel Aviv on Sunday morning and travelled in a high-security convoy to the Ramallah headquarters of the Palestinian Authority—the body which, he recently said, should replace the Hamas government in Gaza. Israel has sought to destroy Gaza's Hamas rulers, raising the question of who would run the Palestinian territory after the war. Mr. Abbas said the Palestinian Authority could return to power in Gaza in the future only if a "comprehensive political solution" is found for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Three killed
Three Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank, the Health Ministry said. Two men, aged 22 and 20, were killed "in an attack by Israeli occupation forces on Abu Dis", a suburb of the east Jerusalem separated by the Israeli wall encircling the West Bank, it said. Further south, a 22-year-old was killed by Israeli occupation bullets in Nuba, northwest of Hebron, it added.

Radio anchor shot dead in Philippines

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

A radio anchor was fatally shot by a man inside his southern Philippine station on Sunday in a brazen attack that was witnessed by people watching the programme live on Facebook. The gunman gained entry into the home-based radio station of provincial news broadcaster Juan Jumalon by pretending to be a listener. He then shot him twice during a morning broadcast in Calapan town, the police said. An investigation was under way to identify the gunman and establish if the attack was work-related. The

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Philippines has long been regarded as one of the most dangerous places for journalists in the world. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. strongly condemned the shooting and said he ordered the national police to look into it. The National Union of Journalists in Philippines, a press freedom watchdog, said Jumalon was the 129th journalist to be killed in the country since 1946.

Against colonialism



Valiant Fight: Members of the Rodebrug Soerabaya Community and Reenactor Indonesia taking part in a re-enactment of the 1945 Battle of Surabaya between Indonesian nationalists against British and British Indian forces, in Surabaya on Sunday. **AFP**

Hostage situation at Hamburg Airport ends

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

The hostage situation at Hamburg Airport ended on Sunday afternoon, after 15 hours with a man drove his vehicle through the gates of the airport with his four-year-old daughter inside, authorities said. The man was arrested and the girl appears to be unharmed. The airport in the northern German city had been

closed to passengers and flights cancelled since Saturday night when the man, who was armed, broke through an airport gate with his vehicle and fired twice into the air with a weapon, according to German news agency dpa. The police said that the 35-year-old man had his daughter inside the car after reportedly taking her by force from the mother in a possible custody battle.

U.K. Interior Minister plans to restrict tent use by homeless

Reuters
LONDON

Britain's Interior Minister Suella Braverman said on Saturday she would propose new laws to limit the use of tents by homeless people, saying many of them see it as "a lifestyle choice". In a post on X, Ms. Braverman, who is seen as a possible future leader of the governing Conservative Party, said the state would always support those who are genuinely homeless. "But we cannot allow our streets to be taken over by rows of tents occupied by peo-



Placards during an anti-Suella Braverman, pro-refugee protest in London on Saturday. **AFP**

way of places in the United States like San Francisco and Los Angeles, where weak policies have led to an explosion of crime, drug taking, and the death of people. She said there were options for people who did not want to be sleeping rough, and the government was working with local government to increase support. She was criticised by Angela Rayner, the Opposition Labour Party's deputy leader, who said on X: "Rough sleeping is not 'a lifestyle choice'." Ms. Braverman argued that unless the government acted, British cities would "go the

Saudi Arabia, Russia to continue oil cuts

Reuters
DUBAI

Top oil exporters Saudi Arabia and Russia confirmed on Sunday they would continue with their additional voluntary oil output cuts until the end of the year as concerns over demand and economic growth continue to weigh on crude markets. Both countries said their cuts would be reviewed next month to consider extending, deepening or increasing it. Saudi Arabia confirmed it would continue with its additional voluntary cut of 1 million barrels per day (bpd)

translating into a production of around 9 million bpd for December, a source said. Following the Saudi statement, Moscow also announced it would continue its additional voluntary supply cut of 5,00,000 bpd from its crude oil and petroleum product exports until the end of December. OPEC+, which comprises the countries of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and leading allies including Russia, has been cutting output since last year in what is seen as a preemptive action to maintain market stability.

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MOSCOW

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EXPLAINED

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**Cornerstone
of Russia's
nuclear triad**

THE 12-METRE long Bulava missile, which has an estimated range of around 8,000 km and can carry up to six nuclear warheads, has become the cornerstone in the naval part of Russia's nuclear triad. The Emperor Alexander III is one of the new Borei-class nuclear submarines that carry 16 Bulava missiles each and are intended to serve as the core naval component of the nation's nuclear forces in the coming decades.

The nine nuclear-armed states, including the United States, Russia, and China, continue to modernize and expand their nuclear arsenals, deploying new nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable weapon systems in 2022.

Other nuclear-armed countries are UK, France, India, Pakistan, the North Korea and Israel.

KABUL

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1. Foreign donations



Several Afghan and US officials have long accused certain countries - including Pakistan, Iran and Russia - of giving financial aid to the Taliban. This is a practice they frequently deny.



However, private citizens from Pakistan and several Gulf countries including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar are considered to be the largest individual contributors.

2. Drug trade

The Taliban have long been thought to run a taxation system to cover their insurgent operations, including on the illegal drug trade.

Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of opium, which can be refined to make heroin.

With an estimated annual export value of \$1.5-\$3bn, opium is big business, supplying the overwhelming majority of heroin worldwide.

3. Expanding areas of control



The Taliban's financial network extends well beyond taxing just the opium business.



In an open letter in 2018, the Taliban warned Afghan traders to pay their taxes on various goods - including fuel and construction material - when travelling through areas they controlled.

BENCHMARK

Virat's a legend of the game, says David as Kohli turns 35



K.R. DEEPAK

Coach Rahul Dravid described Virat Kohli, who celebrated his 35th birthday on Sunday, as a legend of the game. Speaking to C. David said, "Virat's a legend of the game, especially (in) this format of the game. The standard of his performance over the years has probably set a benchmark for his generation of cricketers."

BLESSED

'Equalling Tendulkar's record on my birthday the stuff of dreams'



BCCI/TWITTER

Virat Kohli said on Sunday that scoring his 49th ODI century on his 35th birthday, which put him on par with the legendary Sachin Tendulkar, was the stuff of dreams as he made of "Every opportunity to play for India is a big one; to be able to top up on my birthday is a stuff of dreams. Grateful to God that I've been blessed with such moments."

ANOTHER PEAK

Kohli reaches 500 in a WC edition, emulates Tendulkar and Rohit



K.R. DEEPAK

Virat Kohli is the third Indian after Sachin Tendulkar and Rohit Sharma, and the 37th overall, to score 500 runs in the World Cup. Kohli (1573) overtook Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara (1532) to become the third highest run-scorer in World Cup history. Only Tendulkar (2278) and Ricky Ponting (1743) are ahead of Kohli.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Kohli becomes third batter in WC to celebrate birthday with a ton



K.R. DEEPAK

Virat Kohli became the third batter, after New Zealand's Ross Taylor and Mitchell Marsh of Australia, to score a World Cup century on his birthday. In ODIs (overall), Kohli is the seventh batter to reach the three-figure mark on his birthday (Tom Latham, Sanath Jayasuriya, Sachin Tendulkar and Vinod Kambli apart from Taylor and Marsh).

Kohli's ton, Jadeja's five-for drive the Indian juggernaut

The birthday boy's 49th ODI century equals Tendulkar's record; Shreyas chips in with a sterling half-century as Rohit's men blow away the Proteas with a 243-run win; Men in Blue assured of top spot

ODI WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
KOLKATA

He skies turn dark early in Eastern India but even in this inky blackness, Virat Kohli shone like the sun, staying even more incandescent than the floodlights. Kohli's record-equalling 49th ODI ton (101 n.o., 121b, 10x4), that helped him draw level with his idol Sachin Tendulkar, set the base for India's 326 for five, a total that proved way beyond South Africa's grasp in the World Cup game at a boisterous Eden Gardens here on Sunday.

Kohli's support cast included batter Shreyas Iyer (77) and a relentless bowling attack that stifled the rivals. South Africa finished with 83 in 27.1 overs and the Men in Blue smashed a Mohammed Siraj deliever onto his stumps in the second over. Skipper Temba Bavuma tried to hang around but the noise tightened when Ravindra Jadeja spun one into his timber. Mohammed Shami then steamed in and gained an



Top draw: Kohli's wealth of experience came to the fore on a tricky surface. K.R. DEEPAK

Shreyas to strike roots. Kohli drove and whipped while the South African quicks tested Shreyas with some short-

pitched deliveries. The scoring rate dipped as spinners Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi kept it tight and the fielders responded with alacrity. Gradually in their alliance Kohli and Shreyas got their respective fifties and the latter tucked into an erratic Jan-

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Bavuma b Rabada 40 (24b, 6x4, 2x1), Shubman Gill b Maharaj 23 (24b, 4x4, 1x6), Virat Kohli (not out) 101 (121b, 20x4), Shreyas Iyer c Markram b Ngidi 77 (77b, 7x4, 2x1), K.L. Rahul c van der Dussen b Jansen 8 (27b, 5x1), Suryakumar Yadav c de Kock b Shamsi 22 (14b, 6x4), Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 29 (15b, 3x4, 1x6), Extras (lb-2, w-2, nb-2): 26; Total (for five wickets, in 50 overs): 326.

FALL OF WICKETS:

1-62 (Rohit, 5.5 overs), 2-93 (Gill, 20.3), 3-227 (Shreyas, 36.5), 4-249 (Rahul, 42.1), 5-285 (Suryakumar, 45.1).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING

Ngidi 8 2-0-63-1, Jansen 8 0-0-4-1, Rabada 10 1-48-1, Maharaj 10 0-30-1, Shamsi 10 0-1-17-0.

SOUTH AFRICA

Quinton de Kock 15 (10b, 3x6), Temba Bavuma b Jadeja 13 (15b, 2x4), Ross van Dussen 10 b Shami 13 (32b, 2x6), Aiden Markram c Rahul b Shami 9 (6b, 2x4), Heinrich Klaasen 8 b Jadeja 1 (21b), David Miller b Jansen 8 (21b, 2x6), Marco Jansen c Jadeja b Kuldeep 14 (20b, 2x6), Kagiso Rabada b Maharaj 0 (20b, 7 11b, 2x6), Kagiso

INDIA

Rabada c & b Jadeja 6 (26b), Lungi Ngidi b Kuldeep 0 (3b), Tabraiz Shamsi (not out) 4 (4b), Extras (w-2): 2; Total (in 27.1 overs): 83.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (de Kock, 1.4), 2-22 (Bavuma, 8.3), 3-35 (Markram, 9.5), 4-40 (de Kock, 12.5), 5-40 (van der Dussen, 13.1), 6-59 (Miller, 16.3), 7-67 (Maharaj, 18.4), 8-79 (Jansen, 25.4), 9-79 (Rabada, 26.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Points table

India (O)	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India (O)	8	8	0	16	2.456
South Africa (O)	8	6	2	12	1.376
Australia	7	5	2	10	0.924
New Zealand	8	4	4	8	0.798
Pakistan	8	4	4	8	0.530
Afghanistan	7	4	3	8	-0.330
Sri Lanka	7	2	5	4	-1.302
Netherlands	7	2	5	4	-1.398
Bangladesh (E)	7	1	6	2	-1.446
England (E)	7	1	6	2	-1.504

Q: Qualified | E: Eliminated

'Ultimate satisfaction when you do well and team wins'



Jadeja is ecstatic after bagging his first five-for in a World Cup match. K.R. DEEPAK

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
KOLKATA

Ever the live-wire on the field, Ravindra Jadeja is equally sparkling in press conferences. The all-rounder was obviously a happy man after scoring handy runs and grabbing a five-for against South Africa, all vital contributions towards India's emphatic triumph in the World Cup game at the Eden Gardens here on Sunday. "There has been a nice rhythm over the last few matches. I have scored runs, I have got wickets and all this is a part of the team's momentum. When you perform well and the team wins, then it gives you the ultimate satisfaction," Jadeja told the media. The recurring query about remaining unbeaten was tossed up and Jadeja fell back on the team's mantra: one match at a time. "We are just looking at the immediate match. Yes there are the knockouts ahead and it would be nice if we could keep winning. But for now, we are looking at our next match," he said. When asked how, for a moment, if he was the captain, would he appraise his own performance, Jadeja

'India is well balanced and highly skilled'



De Kock chops a Siraj delivery onto his stumps. K.R. DEEPAK

Santadeep Dey
KOLKATA

South Africa coach Rob Walter heaped praise on India after his side got taken to the cleaners at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. South Africa had a mountain to climb after India, having opted to bat, put on 326 for five on Sunday. "They are a hell of a team; very well balanced and highly skilled," Walter said, addressing the media after the Proteas embarrassingly went down by 243 runs. South Africa and India are the only teams to have cemented a semifinal spot, thus far. Walter believes things could pan out differently if the two teams are doing all this in the current World Cup," Jadeja said.

the knockout fixtures. He said, "This is a funny game and you get taught new lessons every single day. It wouldn't surprise me if the tables turn the next time round. The beauty of it is that there maybe another shot for us and we've been given an opportunity to learn from this." Pacer Marco Jansen conceded 94 to become the most expensive South African bowler in ODI World Cup history. However, Walter believes there is light to be found at the end of the tunnel. He said, "It's a gift to be able to run out in front of 75,000 in a game like today and (there are) so many learning opportunities out there. Fortunately for us, today wasn't a must-win fixture."

hundred was registered with a single off Rabada, while Kohli muscled the ball against Jansen. Even after Suryakumar lobbed a reverse-sweep and perished, Kohli remained the steady anchor and his special

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‘Equalling Tendulkar’s record on my birthday the stuff of dreams’



BCCI TWITTER

Virat Kohli said on Sunday that scoring his 49th ODI century on his 35th birthday, which put him on par with the legendary Sachin Tendulkar, was the stuff dreams are made of. “Every opportunity to play for India is a big one; to be able to ton up on my birthday is a stuff of dreams. Grateful to God that I’ve been blessed with such moments.”

ANOTHER PEAK

Kohli reaches 500 in a WC edition, emulates Tendulkar and Rohit



K.R. DEEPAK

Virat Kohli is the third Indian after Sachin Tendulkar and Rohit Sharma, and the 17th overall, to score 500 runs in a single ODI World Cup. Kohli (1573) overtook Sri Lanka’s Kumar Sangakkara (1532) to become the third-highest run-scorer in World Cup history. Only Tendulkar (2278) and Ricky Ponting (1743) are ahead of Kohli.



November 5, 2023: Kohli looks skyward on reaching his 49th hundred on Sunday, to be on par with Tendulkar. *PTI*

Virat
after 49th
ODI ton

277
Innings

58.48
Average

93.63
Strike Rate

70
50s

49
100s

Sachin
after 49th
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451
Innings

44.81
Average

86.18
Strike Rate

95
50s

49
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1
200s



March 16, 2012: Tendulkar after scoring his 49th ODI hundred, his 100th international ton, versus Bangladesh in Mirpur. *Reuters*

India dethrones Japan with a commanding display, regains the title it won in 2016



Stellar show: After a cagey start, the Indians came into their own and slotted four past the hapless Japanese. PTI

ACT HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan

RANCHI

For a stadium with an official capacity of 8000, the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda hockey stadium here had at least double that number inside on Sunday and much more outside, crowded in front of half a dozen giant screens.

Reason to celebrate

All of them had reason to celebrate by the time the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy ended, India lifting its second title after 2016 with a 4-0 win

against Japan in the final.

The lines had started outside as early as 2 p.m. and it was clear even then not everyone would be able to enter.

Just before the scheduled start of the final at 8.30 pm, one of the floodlight towers went kaput, the reason being too little load or a short circuit, depending on who you asked, leading to a delay of almost 50 minutes in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

All those inside and outside the stadium barely moved, patiently waiting for the game to start. They were rewarded with an entertaining contest between two teams equally desper-

ate to prove themselves.

India started like always, looking to score early and taking control and the host had its chances, especially in the 15th minute with Vandana Katariya running all the way into the Japanese circle from the left but running out of partners to pass to.

Two minutes later, Monika put Baljeet Kaur through who found Sangita Kumari on the right to get the lead.

Having been an equal contest so far, a stung Japan hit back and in the 21st minute, Shiho Kobayakawa ran past three Indian defenders to score what could easily have been a contender for the goal of

the tournament, only for an Indian referral to find it hit her body before and cancel it.

Missed chances at either end continued but it was more down to impeccable defending from either side than any mishits.

India doubled the lead when Neha deflected a Deep Grace PC in the 46th minute. Japan got a penalty stroke in the 52nd which Savita saved with an extended left leg, continuing her brilliant performance on the day as the bulwark that withstood every Japan attack.

That miss, perhaps, deflated Japan more than anything else with the side, fighting hard till then, ap-

peared to have given up and India took advantage, adding two more to complete the formalities. It was only poetic that Vandana scored the final goal of the tournament in the final minute.

In the battle for bronze, China edged past a fighting Korea 2-1 in a rematch of the Asian Games final that saw both teams exchanging control in open play.

The results: Final: India 4 (Sangita Kumari, Neha, Lalremsiami, Vandana) bt Japan 0; **3/4 place:** China 2 (Yi Chen, Tiantian Luo) bt Korea 1 (Su Jin An).

Special awards:
Player-of-the-Match: Deep Grace Ekka; **Rising star of the match:** Sangita Kumari.



'I heard their cries... then, silence': Nepal quake survivors recall moment of tragedy



A woman who lost her son, daughter-in-law and grandchild, in Jajarkot district on Sunday.

ASAD REHMAN
NEPALGUNJ, NOVEMBER 5

FOUR COUSINS, aged between 7 and 28, were sleeping in the room in Jajarkot district's Khalanga village when the deadly earthquake struck the region on Friday night. Only one of them, 28-year-old Isha, survived. The roof of the room they were sleeping in collapsed, and while Isha was rescued from the debris, her cousins — Merina (25), Tirja (17), and Upasna (23) — were found dead.

On Sunday, Isha found herself at Bheri hospital in Nepalgunj town, around 150 km from Khalanga village. She suffered injuries to her face and back. "I don't remember all that happened, but I remember everything falling on us. It was so sudden. Initially, I thought cries for help from my cousins, but eventually, that stopped and I lost consciousness. When I woke up, I was at the Jajarkot hospital. I don't remember being brought here (to Bheri hospital). It is all hazy. People tell me the roof fell on us," Isha told The Indian Express.

She is a BA student at a college in Kathmandu, around 500 km from Jajarkot. Isha and Merina were visiting sisters Tirja and Upasna in Jajarkot for their



Virat Kohli celebrates his century at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday. Chasing 327, South Africa were bowled out for 83 runs.

'Stuff of dreams': B'day boy Kohli hits 49th ton, equals Sachin record

SANDIP G
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 5

THREE BALLS into the 48th over, the moment 65,000 pairs of eyes had waited for at the Eden Gardens for the entire day finally arrived. With a back-foot punch, Virat Kohli ran the run that equalled his tally of ODI hundreds with his idol Sachin Tendulkar.

For a man born for theatre, the celebrations were sombre. He removed his helmet, raised his arms, soaked in the magnificence of the moment for a fleeting second, closed his eyes and gazed skywards, as though offering a silent note of prayer, waved his bat towards the dressing room and slung onto the shoulders of his batting partner Ravindra Jadeja.

Perhaps, he was too tired for the effervescent hundred celebrations that marked his bristling youth. The heat, humidity and age he turned 35 on Sunday — had taken their toll on his body. Perhaps, scoring hundreds and scaling milestones have long become routine so they don't excite him as much as they once did. Perhaps, the magnitude of the feat was sinking in. For nine balls later, at the end of India's innings, drenched in sweat, he shed emotions.

"To equal the record on my birthday in front of such a huge crowd, it's the stuff of dreams," he said, choking for the right word.

IN MP, SLAMS CONG FOR IGNORING TRIBALS Free ration for 5 more years, can't let people sleep hungry: Modi

Scheme has benefited 80 cr people, he says on campaign trail



PM Narendra Modi in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni district on Sunday.

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 5

UNDERLINING THAT 80 crore people have benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Sunday that he has decided to extend the free ration scheme for another five years so that people "don't go to sleep hungry".

Addressing a poll rally in Lakhnadon in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh — he had made a similar announcement a day earlier in Durg in Chhattisgarh on extending the scheme beyond December — Modi said: "My family members in Madhya Pradesh support Modi for various reasons such as the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna and his

Admission of distress, hunger: now stop using revdi term: Opi

MANOJ G
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's announcement Sunday that the free ration scheme of Central government will be extended by five more years triggered a political spigot as the Opposition parties claim his decision is a tacit admission that the economy is in distress and that 80 crore Indians are facing hunger even after nine and-half years of BJP rule.

The Opposition parties have

Delhi air severe, curbs back: No trucks classes go online, odd-even on table

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

SHAH SAYS YADAV, MUSLIM NUMBERS INFLATED IN BIHAR CASTE SURVEY



Delhi's AQI was 454 on Sunday.

TRUCKS HEADED to Delhi will not be allowed to enter unless carrying essential commodities such as milk and vegetables; there shall be no construction activity on projects such as roads

and highways; and the government should consider bringing back the odd-even road ration scheme. These are among the measures taken on Sunday Delhi's air quality continues to remain in the "severe" category. Also, schools have been asked to hold online classes for students to hold online classes for students

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By UNNY



EVERY ONE OF US...
IDEA EXCHANGE

'We champion circular economy... dairy co-op can turn into energy firm'

Nijjar probe tainted, where is proof: Indian envoy's swipe at Trudeau

Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

CONTESTING CANADIAN allegations of a potential India link to the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Sanjay Kumar Verma, India's High Commissioner to Canada, has said the Canadian probe into the killing has already been "tainted" by the public statements.

NITI weighs discontinuing key water report launched 5 yrs ago

Latest edition says water scarcity a 'national problem'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

NITI AAYOG, the government's think tank, is learnt to have marked the reports on states progress on water management for 2018-19 and 2019-20 for "internal use" after having publicly released the previous editions, called the 'Composite Water

Problem of data inadequacy

WATER is a scarce resource, and efficient management is critical. Much of its responsibility lies with states. After launching a 'one of its kind in the world' water index five years ago, the NITI Aayog feels data may not be fully adequate. Hence, a pause in releasing the report publicly.

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Management Index' report, the first edition launched five years ago in June 2018 brought India's water challenges into spotlight and ranked states in terms of efficacy based on 28 parameters. The first edition provided data for 2015-16 and 2016-17 and the second edition launched in August 2019 was for 2017-18.

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Falling farm exports: concerns

While the effects of bans and restrictions on rice, wheat and sugar shipments are being felt in declining agri exports from India, imports are continuing unhindered. This is hurting farmers



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INDIA'S FARM EXPORTS AND IMPORTS (\$ billion)

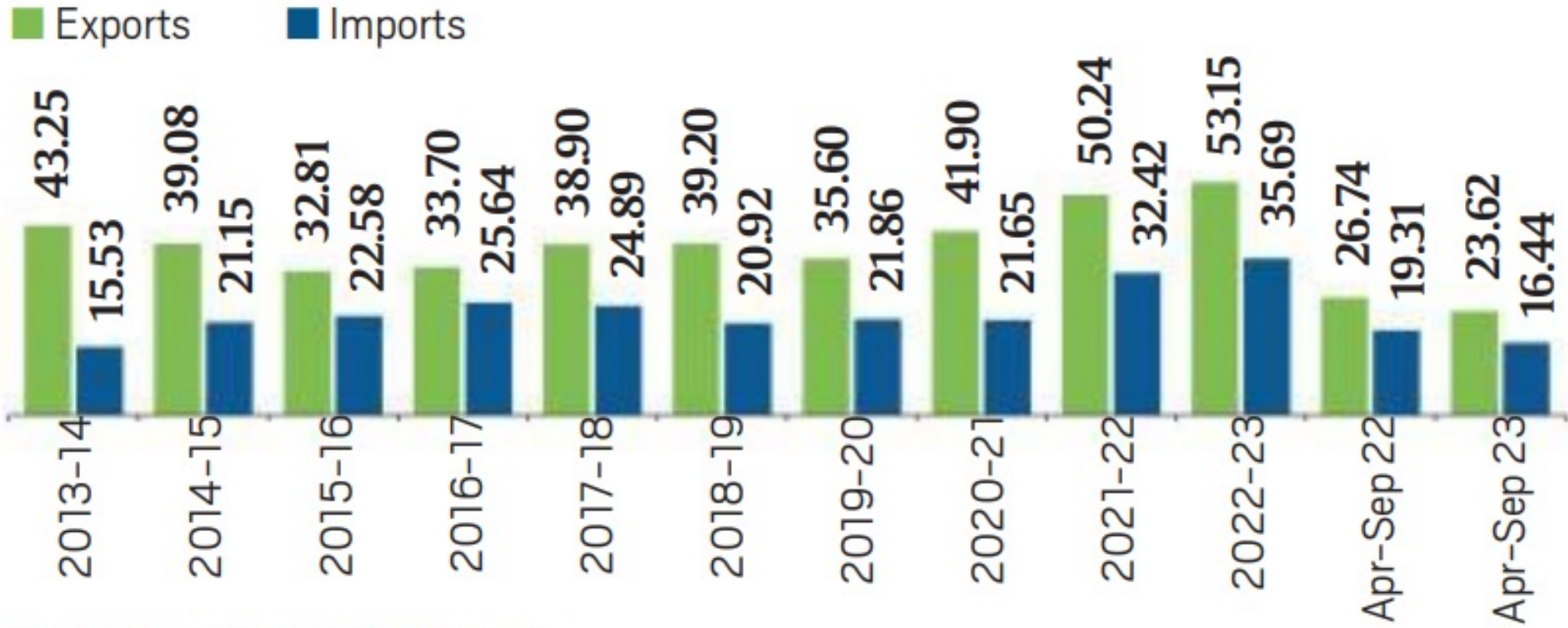
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on exports of parboiled non-basmati rice too, while basmati shipments were subjected to minimum export price (MEP) curbs.

In May 2022, the government moved sugar exports from the "free" to the "restricted" category, capping the quantity of the sweetener that could go out. Since May

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Source: Department of Commerce.

TABLE I**INDIA'S TOP AGRI EXPORT ITEMS (\$ million)**

	2021-22	2022-23	Apr-Sep 22	Apr-Sep 23
Marine products	7772.36	8077.98	4119.63	3803.88
Non-basmati rice	6133.63	6356.71	3199.18	2706.58
Sugar	4602.65	5770.83	2636.25	1302.06
Basmati rice	3537.49	4787.65	2278.35	2589.98
Spices	3896.03	3785.36	1926.90	1949.78
Buffalo meat	3303.78	3193.69	1636.10	1734.40
Raw cotton	2816.24	781.43	435.87	393.82
TOTAL*	50240.21	53153.55	26736.48	23621.71

TABLE 2**INDIA'S TOP AGRI IMPORT ITEMS (\$ million)**

	2021-22	2022-23	Apr-Sep 22	Apr-Sep 23
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Fresh fruits	2460.33	2483.95	1236.66	1131.58
Pulses	2228.95	1943.89	595.78	1265.23
Spices	1299.38	1336.65	755.20	774.55
Cashew	1255.46	1805.67	1412.52	968.79
Raw cotton	559.55	1438.69	1081.43	401.20
Natural rubber	1032.71	937.60	542.18	380.37
TOTAL*	32422.30	35686.20	19311.21	16444.83

*Includes other items.

Source: Department of Commerce.

India starts process to adopt National Security Strategy: why this is significant

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

AFTER YEARS of deliberations in the military and strategic community, India has kickstarted the process of bringing in a National Security Strategy.

The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) is collating inputs from several Central ministries and departments to stitch together the draft of the strategy before seeking the final cabinet approval for it.

The exact timeline of when the strategy would be ready is yet to be known, even as multiple ministries have already sent their inputs to the NSCS.

This is the first time that India would come out with such a strategy.

What is a National Security Strategy?

A National Security Strategy document outlines the country's security objectives, and the ways to achieve them.

Updated periodically, it defines traditional and non-traditional threats and opportunities while introducing accountability for agencies tasked with the implementation of various responsibilities.

In a nutshell, a national security strategy would guide the military as well as critical defence and security reforms, providing a holistic view of the overall national security, the threats, and the roadmap to address them.

The exact contours of the strategy being drafted are not known, but it will likely include the entire range of newer challenges and modern threats facing India, including non-traditional ones such as financial and

economic security, food and energy security, information warfare, vulnerabilities in India's critical information infrastructure, as well as those associated with supply chains and environment.

Which countries have a National Security Strategy?

Most developed countries with an advanced military and security infrastructure have a National Security Strategy in place, updated from time to time. The US, the UK and Russia have published national security strategies.

China also has such a strategy in place, called the Comprehensive National Security, which is closely tied to its governance structure. Pakistan, too, has brought

out a National Security Policy 2022-2026, underlining its national security objectives and priority areas.

Why the efforts now?

A National Security Strategy for India has figured multiple times in military discourses and has long been discussed in the strategic community, but has failed to see the light of day despite three past attempts.

Last week, top officials in the government had told *The Indian Express* that given the complex nature of the various traditional and non-traditional threats, especially when rising geopolitical tensions have given way to uncertainties, urgency was felt to draft a national security strategy.

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military command theaterisation process forward. Without such a well-defined strategy, he had said, military reforms would be like "putting the cart before the horse".

Why did India never have a National Security Strategy?

Former NSA Menon at the event last month said that in the past, three attempts were made to come out with a national security strategy, but there was hesitation at the political level.

There have been varying views in the strategic community in the past over why India has not brought out a national security strategy—from lack of a cohesive, whole-of-government effort, to the government deliberately not making public its national security objectives.

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INDIAN NAVY SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP (INSC)
- 2023



The Indian Navy's most awaited and the largest sailing regatta, the Indian Navy Sailing Championship (INSC), is set to take place at Mumbai from 05 Nov to 09 Nov 23.



The Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Mumbai, one of the finest sailing facilities in the country, is geared up to host more than 100 pan-Navy participants who will test their sailing skills in five different classes of boats in three different formats of racing.

भारतीय नौसेना की सबसे बहुप्रतीक्षित और सबसे बड़ी नौकायन रेगाटा, भारतीय नौसेना सेलिंग चैम्पियनशिप (आईएनएससी), 05 नवंबर से 09 नवंबर 23 तक मुंबई में होने वाली है।

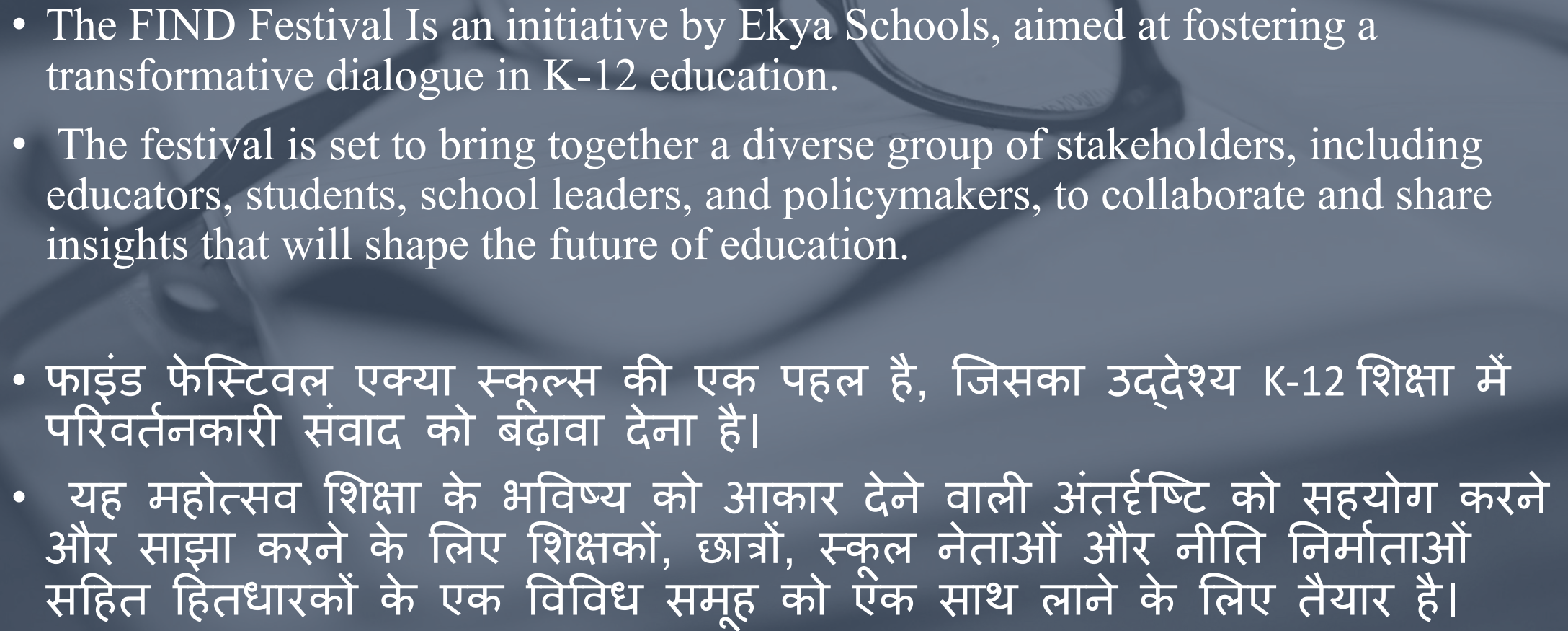


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Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar to attend inaugural
FIND Festival '23 and Ekya Nava launch tomorrow

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- The FIND Festival Is an initiative by Ekya Schools, aimed at fostering a transformative dialogue in K-12 education.
 - The festival is set to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including educators, students, school leaders, and policymakers, to collaborate and share insights that will shape the future of education.
 - फाइंड फेस्टिवल एक्या स्कूल्स की एक पहल है, जिसका उद्देश्य K-12 शिक्षा में परिवर्तनकारी संवाद को बढ़ावा देना है।
 - यह महोत्सव शिक्षा के भविष्य को आकार देने वाली अंतर्दृष्टि को सहयोग करने और साझा करने के लिए शिक्षकों, छात्रों, स्कूल नेताओं और नीति निर्माताओं सहित हितधारकों के एक विविध समूह को एक साथ लाने के लिए तैयार है।



Apollo 13 spacecraft recovery



Ken Mattingly, an astronaut known for his crucial role in helping the damaged Apollo 13 spacecraft return safely to Earth, has passed away at the age of 87.

क्षतिग्रस्त अपोलो 13 अंतरिक्ष यान को पृथ्वी पर सुरक्षित लौटने में मदद करने में अपनी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका के लिए जाने जाने वाले अंतरिक्ष यात्री केन मैटिंगली का 87 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया है।

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- What happened to the Apollo 13 spacecraft?
 - The Apollo 13 spacecraft (on a mission to the moon landing in 1970) suffered an oxygen tank explosion, which disrupted the mission and threatened the lives of the crew. They had to abort their lunar landing
 - अपोलो 13 अंतरिक्ष यान का क्या हुआ?
 - अपोलो 13 अंतरिक्ष यान (1970 में चंद्रमा पर उतरने के मिशन पर) को ऑक्सीजन टैंक विस्फोट का सामना करना पड़ा, जिससे मिशन बाधित हो गया और चालक दल के जीवन को खतरा हो गया। उन्हें अपनी चंद्र लैंडिंग रोकनी पड़ी

- **How was the spacecraft brought back to Earth?**

- The recovery of Apollo 13 is a story of **teamwork, innovation, and determination**. When an oxygen tank exploded, Astronauts Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert, and Fred Haise, along with ground control and fellow astronaut Ken Mattingly, worked tirelessly to solve the crisis.

- अंतरिक्ष यान को पृथ्वी पर वापस कैसे लाया गया?

- अपोलो 13 की पुनर्प्राप्ति टीम वर्क, नवाचार और दृढ़ संकल्प की कहानी है। जब एक ऑक्सीजन टैंक में विस्फोट हुआ, तो अंतरिक्ष यात्री जिम लोवेल, जैक स्विगर्ट और फ्रेड हाइज़ ने ग्राउंड कंट्रोल और साथी अंतरिक्ष यात्री केन मैटिंगली के साथ मिलकर संकट को हल करने के लिए अथक प्रयास किया।

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- They **converted the lunar module into a lifeboat**, conserved power and resources, and navigated by the stars. With their collective efforts, they managed to **swing around the moon and safely return to Earth**, proving the **resilience of human ingenuity** and the spirit of exploration.

- उन्होंने चंद्र मॉड्यूल को एक जीवनरक्षक नौका में बदल दिया, शक्ति और संसाधनों को संरक्षित किया, और सितारों द्वारा नेविगेट किया। अपने सामूहिक प्रयासों से, वे चंद्रमा के चारों ओर चक्कर लगाने और सुरक्षित रूप से पृथ्वी पर लौटने में कामयाब रहे, जिससे मानव प्रतिभा और अन्वेषण की भावना का लचीलापन साबित हुआ।

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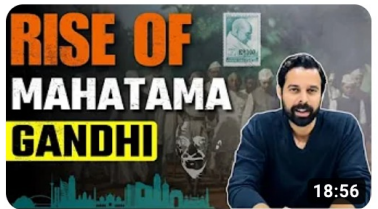
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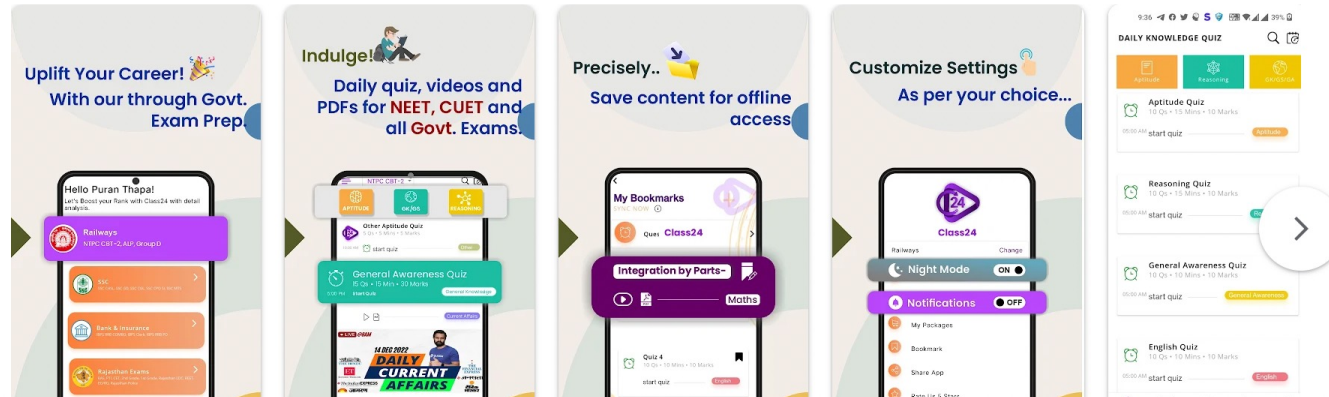
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