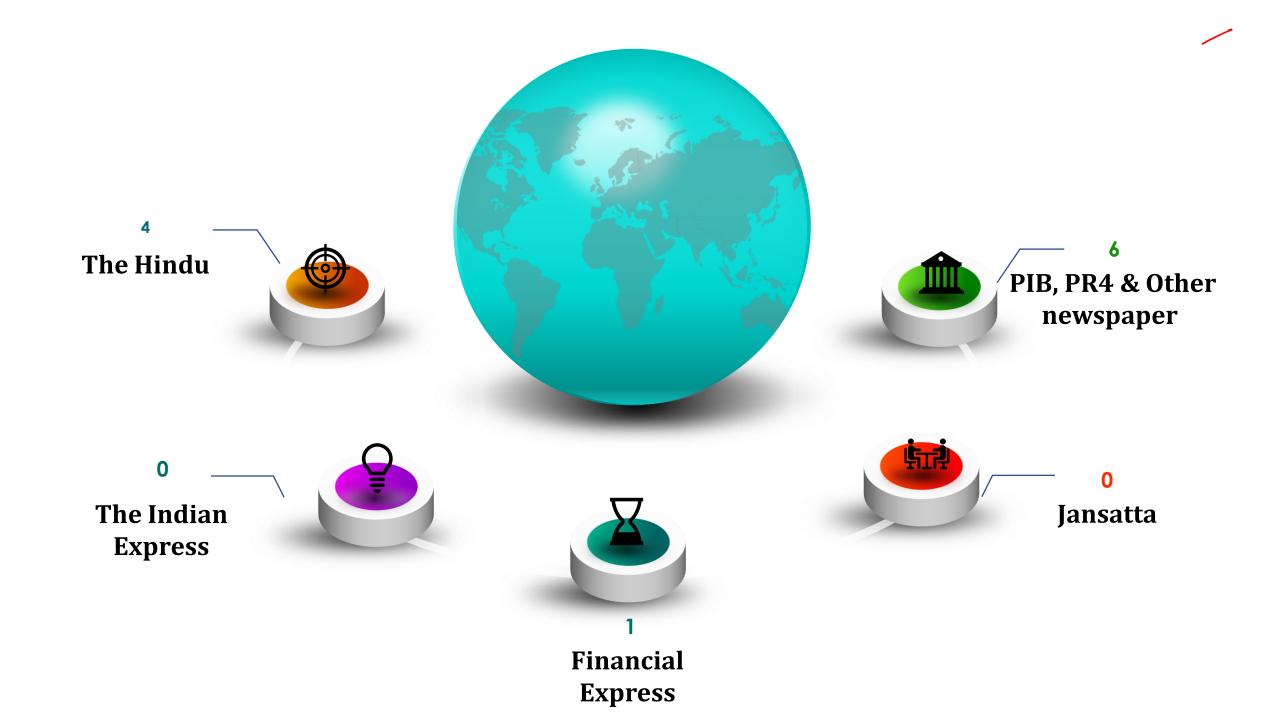
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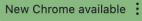
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India, China hold thirtieth round of border talks

NEW DELHI

India and China on Wednesd India and China on Wednesday held the 30th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs and agreed to maintain momentum through diplomatic channels. » PAGE 4

Panel to decide on working hours of loco pilots

CRENNAL
The Railways has constituted a
high-level committee to decide
on the working and rest hours
of loco pilots and assistant
loco pilots. The move comes
against the backdrop of a
series of train accidents across
the country.

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Protests continue in Venezuela a day after 12 died

CARACAS

gathered on Tuesday in a peaceful show of opposition support a day after 12 perso died and hundreds were held during protests against President Nicolas Maduro's

Wayanad toll over 200; slush impedes search

As many as 191 reported missing; harsh terrain comes in the way of rescue efforts by personnel of various forces; 1,592 persons rescued from the ravaged sites in two days and moved to various hospitals; 99 people are under treatment; Chief Minister Vijayan says efforts are on to relocate citizens, including tribal people from landslide-prone areas

The Hindu Bureau KALPETTA/ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

he death toll in the landslides that de-vastated Chooral-mala and Mundakkai areas near Meppadi in Wayanad district of Kerala crossed 200 as search and rescue operations gained momen-tum on Wednesday, Reve-nue Department officials

and.

Personnel of the Army,
Defence Security Corps,
National Disaster Response
Force, and the Forest and
Fire and Rescue Service
strewn across the affected
areas with the help of volunteers and rescue equipment, including earthmovers. Searing visuals of
bodies being pulled out of

the rubble, people desper-ately searching for their loved ones and terrified survivors recounting their ordeal filled television screens and social media platforms through the day.

A total of 174 bodies and 61 body parts were re-trieved by Wednesday evening; 191 persons were missing, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said 1,592 per-sons were rescued from

sons were rescued from the rawaged sites in two days and moved to various hospitals. Ninety-nine per treatment, the rest were treatment, the rest were shifted to relief camps. The heavy layer of slush and the slippery terrain ad-cepted to the search on Wed-nesday. A maloshift bridge, construeted by sol-diers, to cross the river for



rescue operations was sub-merged in rainwater by evening. Meanwhile, the Army started building a 190-metre Bailey bridge across the Punna river, a tributary of the Challyar river, to connect the affect-

ed areas. The bridge would ed areas. The bridge would have a carrying capacity of 20 tonne and the construc-tion would be completed by Friday evening. Air Force helicopter-stransported injured citi-zens from the affected

areas of Chooralmala and Mundalkai to hospital. Kerala and Karnataka sub-area General Officer Commanding (GOC) Major General V.T. Mathew, who was coordinating the Ar-my's rescue operations,

said 100 more soldiers and three sniffer dogs would soon join the rescue oper-ations at Chooralmala.

The district administra ion is considering the leasibility of modern techniques such as ground mapping and use of the ground penetrating radar to retrieve the bodies bu-

ried deep in the debris Mr. Vijayan told press persons in Thiruvanan thapuram on Wednesday before leaving for Waya-nad that efforts were on to nad that efforts were on to relocate citizens, includ-ing tribal people, from landslide-prone areas. He said more than 8,000 persons had been shifted to 82 relief camps in Wayanad district.

Row over Kerala's disaster response

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan took issue with Home Ministe Amit Shah for saving Kerala did not do enough despite Centre's warning. He said the Centre had dispatched the NDRF teams at Kerala's behest not

Wayanad high on landslide atlas THIRDIVANANTHARDRAM

Wayanad was among many places in Kerala that featured high on a ISRO database based on exposure to landslides in terms of "key socio-economic

Fighting a deadly virus



A health worker furnigates a slum in Ahmedabad on Wednesday to prevent the spread of the Chandipura virus, named after a small town in

Hamas leader Haniveh killed in air strike in Iranian capital +

Hamas leader Ismail Hani-Hamas leader Ismail Hami-yeh was killed in a pre-dawn air strike in the Ira-nian capital, Tehran, on Wednesday, Iran and the militant group said, blamweetnesday, train and the training larsale for a shock assassination that risks escalaring the conflict even as the weet scrambling to prevent an all-out regional war, frant's supreme leader vowed revenge against the properties of the properties

leaders over the October 7 ttack on southern Israel. The strike came just after Haniyeh had attended the



President in Tehran. "We consider his revenge as our duty," Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a statement on his official website. He said Israel had "prepared a harsh punishment for it-self" by killing "a dear guest in our home". Haniyeh's killing could

also prompt Hamas to pull out of ceasefire negotia-tions and hostage release

ried out a rare strike in the Lebanese capital that it said killed a top Hezbollah commander allegedly be-hind the rocket strike on hind the rocket strike on Golan Heights. One diplo-mat, whose country has worked to prevent an Is-raeli-Hezbollah escalation, said the double strikes in Beirut and Tehran could push West Asia into a "de-vastating regional war". Israeli Defence Minister Youv Gallant said in a state-ment that Israel does not

ment that Israel does not want war after its strike on the Hezbollah commander in Beirut, "but we are pre-paring for all possibilities". He did not mention the Ha-niyeh killing.

Puja loses IAS candidature. debarred from future exams

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) said on Wednesday that it had cancelled the candidature of probationer Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Puja Khedkar and permanently debarred her from all future examinations and selections of the

She was found "guilty of isions of the Civil Services Examination-2022 Rules", it said. Regarding the submission of false certhe submission of false cer-tificates by candidates, specifically those of Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Persons with Bench-mark Disabilities (PwBD), the UPSC said it "neither has the mandate nor the substructibal to elsely the has the mandate nor the wherewithal to check the veracity of thousands of



certificates submitted by the candidates every The UPSC also said that

Ms. Khedkar had failed to respond to the show-cause notice issued to her on July 18 "for fraudulently avail-ing attempts beyond the in the Examination Rules by faking her identity". "She was to submit her response by July 25. Ho-wever, she requested further time till August 4 that she could gather the

request and granted time till 3.30 p.m. of July 30. Despite extension in time allowed to her, she failed to submit her explanation,"

UPSC said. It further added that in the backdrop of Ms. Khed-kar's case, the UPSC has thoroughly examined the available data of more than 15,000 finally recommend-ed candidates of the CSEs

ed candidates of the CSEs from the year 2009 to 2023, for a period of 15 years with respect to the management of the control of the "After this detailed exer-cise, barring the case of the control of the control of the control of the control of attempts than permitted under the CSE Rules," UPSC said.

Controversy over failure to expunge Thakur's remark; privilege notice against PM over video

The Lok Sabha was ad-journed on Wednesday amid an uproar by Opposi-tion MPs over BJP MP Anurag Thakur's remarks on caste made in the House during the debate on the Union Budget on Tuesday. Despite assurances, his re-marks were not expunged from the parliamentary

record.

This became clear after Congress MP and former rangit Singh Channi submitted a breach-of-privilege notice to the Lok Prime Minister Narendra Modi for posting a link to Mr. Thakur's speech on his said the linked video included the "expunged portions of the speech. Combative mood



While Jagdambika Pal, who was in the Chair at the with Congress MPs storm-ing into the Well of the House, raising slogans like time the remarks were made, had said the remarks would be expunged, later releases by the Lok Sabha did not do so. The "shame, shame" against Mr. Thakur and the rest of

Mr. Thakur and the rest of the ruling party MPs. The Treasury benches were also in a combative mood, with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijlju noting that the Opposition, including Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, 'keep saving caste, caste. Sabha did not do so. The debates on the Lok Sabha's website, however, show the assurance of expung-ing was present in the text of the proceedings.

questions on asking about caste". He accused the Congress of acting to wea-ken the country, by ques-tioning the armed forces, and "incitement to violence".

In his speech on Tues-day, Mr. Thakur said, with-out specifically naming caste were asking for a caste census. Mr. Gandhi had responded to the re-marks by stating that though he had been insulted, he would press ahead with his claims for a caste nsus across the country census across the country. The spillower of this con-troversy into the next day saw protests erupting with-in the House, during which Speaker Om Birla ad-journed the proceedings till noon.

notice against Mr. Modi. In his letter, he said, "It is, ho-wever, shocking to note that these expunged por-tions had been tweeted by the Prime Minister on X along with whole speech wideo" Arening that it was video." Arguing that it was a violation of the laid-down rules and procedures of Parliament and a con-tempt of the House, Mr. Channi added, "I, therefore, contemplate a privi lege motion against the Prime Minister and request you to please admit my motion and permit me to move the same."

to move the same."
Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh questioned why Sarsad TV, which broadcasts the both Houses of Parliament, had uploaded the entire speech – including the expunged portions – on its website.

IAF's largest multilateral exercise to begin this month

<u>Dinakar Peri</u>

NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is all set to host its largest multilateral exercise, Tarang Shakti, in two phases in August and September. Eighteen countries, 10 of them with air assets, will join the exercise, which will see a total of 150 aircraft, both foreign and IAF, soar into the skies over Sulur and Jodhpur. The exercise will be a landmark event and has no particular nation or theme "in mind", Air Marshal A.P. Singh, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, said on Wednesday.

"Invitations have been extended to 51 countries. Ten countries will be participating with assets and 18 as observers with one more country likely to join," Air Marshal Singh said while briefing the media. "The aim is to foster interoperability and share



A.P. Singh

best practices and also to showcase indigenous defence industry."

Besides the observer countries, Germany, France, Spain, and the U.K. are scheduled to take part in Phase-1, while Phase-2 will see participation of Australia, Bangladesh, Greece, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the U.S.

Given the diverse participation and to cater to the requirements of friendly foreign countries, the IAF has decided to do it in two phases, the Vice-Chief ex-

plained. Several countries which are taking part in the multilateral exercise *Pitch Black* in Australia will join the exercise on their return leg.

Each phase of the exercise will see participation of 70-80 air assets. Phase-1 will be held from August 6-14 at Sulur in Tamil Nadu. and see participation of 32 foreign aircraft, Exercise Director Air Vice-Marshal Rajat Mohan said. Similarly, Phase-2, to be held from September 1-14 at Jodhpur, will see participation of 27 fighters, two refuelling aircraft, two airborne early warning aircraft, and four C-130 Special Forces aircraft from foreign countries, Phase-2 Director Air Commodore S.K. Taliyan said. The IAF will field over 40 aircraft each in both the phases. The Indian Navy will participate in Phase-1 with its MiG-29K carrier borne fighters.

Desert Cyclone	India – UAE	Rajasthan, India	2nd Jan – 15th Jan 2024
Ex Cyclone-I	India – Egypt	Anshas, Egypt	22nd Jan – 1st Feb 2024
Ex Khanjar	India – Kyrgyzstan	Himachal Pradesh, India	22nd Jan – 3rd Feb 2024
'SADA TANSEEQ'	India – Saudi Arabia	Rajasthan, India	29th Jan – 10th Feb 2024
Dharma Guardian	India – Japan	Rajasthan, India	25th Feb – 9th Mar 2024
Samudra Laksmana	India – Malaysia	Visakhapatnam, India	28th Feb – 2nd Mar 2024
Tiger Triumph	India – USA	Kakinada, India	18th Mar – 31st Mar 2024
Ex LAMITIYE – 2024	India – Seychelles	Seychelles	18th Mar – 27th Mar 2024
Ex DUSTLIK – 2024	India – Uzbekistan	Termez, Uzbekistan	15th Apr – 28th Apr 2024
Exercise Cyber Suraksha	India	_	20th May – 24th May 2024
Military Exercise SHAKTI	India – France	Umroi, Meghalaya, India	13th May – 26th May 2024

IAF's Largest Multilateral Exercise (IAF का सबसे बड़ा बहुपक्षीय अभ्यास)

Exercise Tarang Shakti (अभ्यास तरंग शक्ति)

- Hosted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) (भारतीय वायु सेना द्वारा आयोजित).
- Scheduled in two phases in August and September (अगस्त और सितंबर में दो चरणों में निर्धारित).
- Involves 18 countries, 10 of them with air assets (18 देशों की भागीदारी, जिनमें से 10 देशों के वायु संपत्ति के साथ).

- Aircraft Participation (विमानों की भागीदारी)
- A total of 150 aircraft, both foreign and IAF, will participate (कुल 150 विमान, विदेशी और IAF दोनों, भाग लेंगे).
- To be held over Sulur and Jodhpur (सुलूर और जोधपुर के ऊपर आयोजित किया जाएगा).
- Phases and Participants (चरण और प्रतिभागी)
- Phase-1 (चरण-1)
 - From August 6-14 at Sulur in Tamil Nadu (6-14 अगस्त को तमिलनाडु के सुलूर में).
 - Participation of 32 foreign aircraft (32 विदेशी विमानों की भागीदारी).
 - Countries: Germany, France, Spain, U.K. (देश: जर्मनी, फ्रांस, स्पेन, यू.के.).

• Phase-2 (चरण-2)

- From September 1-14 at Jodhpur (1-14 सितंबर को जोधपुर में).
- Participation of 27 fighters, two refuelling aircraft, two airborne early warning aircraft, and four C-130 Special Forces aircraft (27 लड़ाकू विमान, दो ईंधन भरने वाले विमान, दो एयरबोर्न अर्ली वार्निंग विमान, और चार C-130 विशेष बलों के विमानों की भागीदारी).
- Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Greece, Singapore, UAE, U.S. (देश: ऑस्ट्रेलिया, बांग्लादेश, ग्रीस, सिंगापुर, यूएई, यू.एस.).

1.Objectives and Features (उद्देश्य और विशेषताएँ)

1. Interoperability and Best Practices (अंतरसंचालनीयता और सर्वोत्तम प्रथाएँ)

1.Aim to foster interoperability and share best practices (अंतरसंचालनीयता को बढ़ावा देना और सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को साझा करना).

2. Observer Countries (पर्यवेक्षक देश)

1.Observers from 18 countries with one more country likely to join (18 देशों) से पर्यवेक्षक और एक और देश के जुड़ने की संभावना).

- Consider the following statements about the IAF's multilateral exercise Tarang Shakti:
- 1. The exercise will be held in a single phase over Sulur and Jodhpur.
- 2. Phase-1 will see participation from Germany, France, Spain, and the U.K.
- 3.A total of 150 aircraft will participate in the exercise.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3

pelled the rebels, said Mr. Dhindsa had "no authori-ty" to stay the proceedings

that the party patron can-

not overrule any party de-cisions," he said, adding

that it was unfortunate that

instead of advising the par-

ty rank and file not to in-dulge in anti-party activi-ties. Mr. Dhindsa had

ties, Mr. Dhindsa had chosen to lead the team of expelled leaders and was acting like a "self-styled dictator by trying to override decisions" taken as per the constitution.

Mr. Bhunder also asserted that action had been to the constitution.

ed that action had been ta-ken against the rebels after they did not heed the reso-

lution passed by the work-

the committee. "Mr. Dhindsa is a senior

INBRIDE



Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde is new Rajasthan Governor

Former Maharashtra Assembly Speaker and veteran Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde was sworn in as the Rajasthan High Court's Chief Justice Manindra office to Mr. Bagde at a ceremony held on the lawns of Raj Bhavan. Mr. Bagde, 78, took the oath in the name of God in Hindi after Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant read out the warrant of his appointment issued by President Droupad

BJD MP Mamata Mohanta resigns from Rajya Sabha

BJD MP Mamata Mohanta has tendered her BID MP Mamata Mohanta has tendered her proper signation from Ralya Sabha on Wednesday. The regional party which lost power in Odisha after 24 years. Ms. Mohanta has resigned from her primary memberably in the BID, sparking many memberably in the BID, sparking many memberably in the BID, sparking many was accepted and the number of BID members in the Ralya Sabha decreased from nine to eight. In her resignant pletter, Ms. Mohanta expressed her resignation letter, Ms. Mohanta expressed her gratitude for opportunities given to her to raise issues of public importance in the House. Ms. Mohanta, 48, was elected to the Rajya Sabha

Akali Dal patron revokes | Haryana CM hints expulsion of eight rebels

Removal of senior leaders against party constitution, says Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa; calls for



gains and not representing the sentiments of the

"We reject this decision [to expel the eight leaders]. The right to expel anyone lies with the working com-

Dhindsa.

The SAD patron said he would write to Mr. Badal to seek a reply on the move, and would call a general house meeting to elect a

community".

Reject outright



new party president.

"Sukhbir Singh Badal is not fit to remain party president," Mr. Dhindsa said.

The expelled leaders include ex-MLA Gurpartap Singh Wadala, ex-Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee chief Bibl Indi Committee chief Bibl Jagir Kaur, former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra, and suminder Singh Dhindaa, Si-kander Singh Maluka, and Sunjt Singh Rakhra. Surin-da Charanjit Singh Brar were also shown the door. The rebel leaders and peared before the Akal Takht – the highest Sikh temporal seat in Amrikar – Committee chief Bibi Jagir

and submitted a letter to and submitted a letter to apologise and seek forgive-ness for the mistakes their party made while it was in power in Punjab between 2007 and 2017. They held Mr. Badal, who was the De-puty Chief Minister at that

time, responsible for the "mistakes". Mr. Wadala called the move to expel him uncon-stitutional, saying no notice was issued to him or the other leaders. Mr. Chandumajra, while questionin the action, asked if makir efforts to revive the part was seen as "indiscipline"

lution passed by the work-ing committee on June 26, which had appealed to them to discuss their mis-givings in the party forum. He said the expelled leaders had made their in-tention to work against the party clear by forming a pa-the approal of Mr. Badal, and with the sole aim of misleadine the cadre. "No authority" SAD leader Balwinder Bhunder, who led the disci-

at election tie-up with Kanda's party

The Hindu Bureau



Mr. Saini's remarks came a fortnight after Mr. came a fortnight after Mr. Kanda had called on Bha-ratiya Janata Party's Harya-na election in-charge and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to discuss the strategy for the

forward with strength and win all the seats in Sirsa, said Mr. Saini, in reply to a question on the coopera-tion between the two parties for the upcoming State

ties for the upcoming State polls.

The Chief Minister was in Sirsa to attend a reli-gious programme organ-ised by Mr. Kanda, the Mr. Call word on the seat-shar-ing formula between the two parties. Mr. Kanda, the

misleading the cadre. two parties, Mr. Kanda, the lone party MLA, could be



ed into the NDA, Mr. Kanda could help the BJP find a foothold in Sirsa district Of the five Assembly seats in Sirsa district, two are in Sirsa district, two are held by the Congress and one each by Indian Nation-al Lok Dal, Haryana Lokhit Party and an Independent, with the BJP drawing a blank.

BIP's Ashok Tanwar had margin of over 2.5 lakh votes.

U.P. CM escorted through alternative route as House complex inundated after rain

+ The Hindu Bureau

Heavy rains in Lucknow on waterlogging with water even entering the Legislative Assembly complex from where Uttar Pradesh rrom where Uttar Pracesn
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had to be escorted
through a different route.
A video of Mr. Adityanath being evacuated from
a different gate also went

a unerent gate also went viral on social media. The video shows the adverse condition of waterlogging in the Assembly complex. Dozens of workers Dozens of workers can also be seen collecting water in-side the building in buckets and throwing it outside.

Public outcry

Public outcry
Heavy rainfall lasting three
hours led to waterlogging
in several parts of Lucknow causing inconvenience to the residents
with people criticising the



infrastructure and munici-pal corporation for failure in the State capital.

The Opposition also lashed out at the U.P. go-vernment with Samajwadi Party (SP) general secre-tary Shivpal Singh Yadav demanding more budge-tary allocation for the State

able to similar incidents. "Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha needs the budget

the wake of three deaths due to flooding of the base-ment of Rau's IAS Study Circle in the national capi-tal has found several in-

stances of violations, in-cluding at the Khan GS

Research Centre run by

educator Faizal Khan aka

officials surveyed over

A six-member team of

the government buildings this much, then other areas might also be vulner-

lockdown ends after CM's intervention The lockdown

Bengali film industry

Shrabana Chatterjee KOLKATA

The Bengali film industry ended two days of lock-down on Wednesday after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met all parties con-cerned. Shoots were halted due to an impasse between directors, producers, and

chnicians. Ms. Baneriee held a namool Congress MP and actor Dev, and MLA Aroop Biswas on Tuesday and put an end to the lockdown. Shooting restarted on Wed-

nesday morning. The lockdown impacted the whole industry, espe-cially technicians who work on a no-work, no-pay

Sabha needs the budget work on a no-work, no-pay he most. If this is the control of God," wrote Mr. Yadav, a senior MLA, on X.

impacted the whole industry, especially technicians who no-pay basis

boys - will act in cohesion as [though] part of an orchestra."

Mr. Dev welcomed Ms.

Mr. Dev welcomed Ms.
Banerjee's intervention.
The CM understood and
appreciated our problems.
She left it to us to sort out

The whole impasse started when director Ra-hool Mukherjee was banned for three months by the technician's federation for violating their rules tion for violating their rules and conducting his own shoot secretively in Bangla-desh. The ban was later lift-ed but technicians refused to work if Mr. Mukherjee stayed on as director.

Privilege breach proceedings against MLAs can continue in next Assembly: Madras HC

Mohamed Imranullah S. CHENNAI

The Madras High Court on Wednesday held that the breach of privilege pro-ceedings initiated against Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) could continue even after the dis-solution of the Assembly to which they had been elect-

after the election of the next Assembly. Justices S.M. Subrama-niam and C. Kumarappan said the purpose of grant-ing certain privileges to the House would become meaningless if the proceedings had to be considered to have lapsed along with the completion of the tenure of a particular Assembly. They also said the MLAs might



servations while allowing writ appeals filed in 2021 by the then Legislative Assembly Secretary as well as the then chairman of the Committee of Privileges against a single judge's or-der in 2020, quashing the show-cause notices issued to incumbent Chief Minis

that the single judge ought not to have "assumed the role of the Speaker" and interfered at the very preli-minary stage itself by quashing the show-cause notices issued by the Privi leges Committee to the DMK MLAs. It remitted the matter back to the present Speaker as well as the Com-mittee of Privileges for con-

Resolution moved in W.B. House for review of new criminal laws

Press Trust of India

A resolution moved by West Bengal Law Minister Moloy Ghatak and others in the State Assembly on Wednesday sought a re-view of the three new criminal laws by the Centre.

that the new laws were brought into force after due deliberations in various sections of the socie ty and that the TMC mem-bers moved it with a

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near laws to evolve conse new laws to evolve consen-sus views of jurists, social activists and citizens in the interest of good gover-nance and to protect the principles of fundamental rights and natural justice.

The three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharativa Sakshva Adhiniyan came into effect across the country from July 1, re-placing the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and Indian Evidence Act,

Indian Evidence Act, respectively. Discussion on the reso-lution will continue on Thursday, Speaker Biman Banerjee said.







students drowned over the weekend. FILE PHOTO

pur. Mahendru. Bhikhana and Kankerbagh areas.

Norms flouted
"We surveyed the coaching
institutes for absence of registration, non-compliance
of fire safety, proper exit
passage and other building
regulations. Several of

them were found flouting the norms and we'll serve notices to them soon," said senior district official Shri-

the probe team members, Khan GS Research Centre was closed on Wednesday.

Violations found at Patna institute of 'Khan Sir' said that more coaching in "The number of students said that more coaching in-stitutes are likely to be sur-veyed over the next few days. "Before taking action against them, they will be given time to explain their position and adhere to the specified norms and regu-lations for operation," the at the coaching centre ex-ceeded the available space," Mr. Khandekar said.

The official said that ac-cording to the Bihar Coach-tor, Institute (Convol. 8.

coaching institute breach-es any provision, or notification under this Act, it will face a fine of ₹25,000 for the first violation and ₹1 lakh for the second one. "In case of further of-

anonymity.
Patna District Magis-trate Chandrasekhar Singh met representatives of the coaching institutes on Wednesday to discuss the "In case of further of-fences, the registration of the coaching institute may be revoked following a show-cause notice," he said, adding that coaching centre registrations must be renewed every three norms to be followed for norms to be followed for the safety and security of students. "Keeping the Del-hi incident in mind, we have directed officials in all sub-divisions to verify doc-smorth."

Survey to continue Another official who is part of the investigation team

ED raids in Maharashtra in PMLA violation case

rate (ED) carried out search operations in Maha-rashtra on Wednesday in connection with alleged violations of provisions of

loan fraud case involving Shree Shiv Parvati Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Hitech Engineering Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. and their diuments of coaching centres, including mandar rectors. Searches were conducted in Mumbal, asymptoticates, he said.

(With inputs from PTI) and cash were seized.



Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde is new Rajasthan Governor

Former Maharashtra Assembly Speaker and veteran Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde was sworn in as the Governor of Rajasthan here on Wednesday. Rajasthan High Court's Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava administered the oath of office to Mr. Bagde at a ceremony held on the lawns of Raj Bhavan. Mr. Bagde, 78, took the oath in the name of God in Hindi after Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant read out the warrant of his appointment issued by President Droupadi Murmu.

India maintained a studied silence after the political head of Hamas, Ismail Ha-niyeh, was killed in Tehran in an early morning attack here indicated that the is sue is sensitive because o India's close relations with both Iran and Israel and al-

both Iran and Israel and aiso because Iranian authori-ties are yet to reveal details of the incident that led to the death of Harnlyeh. The hours after he participated in the swearing-in of new Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was also present at the cremony dignitaries.

Officials here declined to comment if the pre-sence of Haniyeh and figures from Hezbollah, the this, and the Isla had posed a security con cern for the Indian side, indicating that the guests were invited by the Go-vernment of Iran and the-

SC to decide if States can demand taxes on mines retrospectively

Solicitor-General urges the court to clarify that its July 25 judgment will apply prospectively, says allowing States to demand

nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved orders for a day reserved orders to a query raised by the Centre on whether its July 25 judgof State legislatures to tax mines and mineral rights would be applied retrospectively. Appearing before the Bench headed by Chief Jus-tice of India D.Y. Chandra-chud. Solicitor-General

chud, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta urged the court to clarify that the judgment would only apply prospectively, that is, from July 25, and not prior. Mr. Mehta said allowing

pective taxes on mines and mineral rights would have 'cascading effects", which ould ultimately impact

the common man.

He said industries, including public sector undertakings (PSUs) involved
in the manufacture of



steel, relied on mines The mines were leased out in public auctions based on the terms of the 2015 amendments made to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regula-tions) Act of 1957. The bids were formulated according to the then-existing rates. Retrospective evaluation of tax would lead to a heavy load, which could crush

er sating that nestree the State may demand any levy retrospectively nor the private parties or PSUs who have paid would seek any refund of the money," Mr. Mehta submitted.

Bankruptcy risk Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for Maha-nadi Coalfields Limited, submitted that past levy demands may be more than the net worth of many judgment ran the risk of bankrupting these companies. On July 25, the Constitu-

tion Bench, in a majority judgment of 8:1 had held that the power of State lees to tax mineral ould not be limited by

The judgment freed ates from the restrictions

Ex-Health Secretary Preeti Sudan is new UPSC Chairperson

Former Union Health Se-cretary Preeti Sudan was appointed Chairperson of the Union Public Service ples of governance.

"Fiscal federalism en-tails that the power of the commission (UPSC) after Manoj Soni resigned from the post earlier this month, States to levy taxes within the legislative domain carved out to them and according to an official or-der. She would take the oath of office on Thursday. subject to the limitations laid down by the Constitu-tion must be secured from unconstitutional interfe-rence by Parliament," Chief Justice Chandrachud had laid down in the

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Judiciary can direct govt. to conduct a performance audit of its laws, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has The Supreme Court has upheld 'the power, nay the duty' of the judiciary to direct the government to conduct a "performance audit" of its statutory laws to assess their actual impact on the ground.

A Bench of Justices P.S.

Arasimha and Aravind Rumar, in a judgmen, said comment to evice the covernment to device the

government to review the working of the statutes and audit their impact if, among other situations, there was demonstrable iudicial data or other co gent material to prove that the laws have failed to ameliorate the conditions of their intended beneficiar

ies.
The court, as an aside, found it "peculiar" that an overwhelming majority of legislation are introduced



and carried through by the government while private Members' Bills barely get a

mention.
The judgment, deli-vered on July 30 but pu-blished on Wednesday, folthe Maharashtra Slun Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment; Act, 1971, which has led to multiple litigation over the years. The court said the graph of the law was "wor-risome" and requested the Chief Justice of the Bombay

High Court to constitute a Bench to initiate suo motu proceedings for reviewing the working of the statute and identify the cause of the problems.

wrote the judgment, said wrote the judgment, said every government has a constitutional duty to en-sure that the purpose and object of a statute is ac-complished while imple-menting it. It has the additional duty to closely monitor the working of a statute. The government must have a continuous and a real-time assessment of the impact that the sta-

"Assessing the imple-mentation of a statute is an integral part of the rule of law. The purpose of such review is to ensure that a law is working out in prac-tice as it was intended," the

ny statutory schemes and ny statutory schemes and procedures lie gridlocked in bureaucratic or judicial quagmires that impede or delay their objectives. It is in such cases that the court can step in as a "facilitator of justice".

Justice Narasimha said Justice Narasimha said the "institutional memo-ry" of the Supreme Court about the working of a sta-tute and its interpretation, preserved in the form of a critical mass of judicial precedents, along with the experiences gained by the judges and the court on the working of the statute, is of immense value for direct-ing the performance audit of a legislation. Justice Narasimha said con courts were fully justified courts were fully justified in giving the government direction to conduct a per-formance audit of its law-sas the judiciary occupies a unique position to assess the working of a statute.

At BJP-RSS meeting on Haryana poll, clarity sought on ticket for leaders' kin charge for the Haryana Pal Chaudhary, is in the

Nistula Hebbar NEW DELHI

Office-bearers of the Bha-Office-bearers of the Bha-ratiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh (RSS) held a sevak Sangh (RSS) held a day evening on the upcom-ing Assembly election in Haryana in order to syner-gise efforts after the recent difficulties that were seen in the relationship between the two organisa-tions, and to get clarity on issues, including whether to give ticket to relatives of BJP leaders.

Staunch stand The BIP and the RSS have taken a staunch stand against dynastic politics, against dynastic pointes, but have always made ex-ceptions in giving ticket, stating that the winnability criterion is also important.



with the federalist princi-

ubject to the limitation

judgment.
The verdict noted how mineral-rich States like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha continue to have per capita income be-

low national averages and trail in economic develop-ment. The court had furth-er held that royalty paid to

States by mining lease hol-ders was not tax. "Royalty

is not a tax. Royalty is a

contractual consideration paid by the mining lessee to the lessor for enjoyment of mineral rights," Chief Justice Chandrachud noted in his majority opinion.

number of leaders seeking ticket for their relatives. Many of them are in a

strong position in their lo-cal areas in an election that is likely to be closely con-According to senior party sources, the meeting was attended by RSS sarkaryavah Arun Kumar; Chief Minister of Haryana Nayab Singh Saini; his predeces-sor and Union Minister M.L. Khattar; Union Miniselection; Lok Sabha mem-ber Biplab Deb; and BjP general secretary (organi-sation) B.L. Santhosh. "Narratives and organi-

sation) B.L. Santhosh.
"Narratives and organi-sational desterity were dis-cussed during the meeting, and how best to synergise between the RSS and BJP. Also, clarity was attempted to be created on how to deal with demands made their kith and kin cet well their kith and kin, as well as how to explain the same to the party and outside," a senior party source said.

Many contenders Among party leaders seeking ticket for their relatives are Union Minister Rao Indrajeet Singh, who is seek ing ticket for his daughter Arati Rao; MP Dharamveer, who wants ticket either for his brother or son; Union fray; senior Haryana leader Kuldeep Bishnoi, who needs to be accommodated, as does his son; former MP Ramesh Kaushik, who is seeking ticket for his brother Devinder Kaushik;

leaders who are in a good position to win may not be the best strategy. There fore, there has to be a co hesive view on the wholthing," the source said

The RSS will have to be taken into confidence as

Centre plans stricter norms for disability certificates; activists fear fresh hurdles

Abhinay Lakshman In a hid to tighten the re-

quirements for obtaining a disability certificate, the Union government on Wednesday published draft amendments to the Rules of the Rights of Per-sons with Disabilities Act (RPwD Act) of 2016.

The proposed changes including mandatory dentity proof, medical authority involvement, and a longer process -come in the wake of the row over Puia Khedkar, a accused of faking her disaccused of laking her dis-ability certificate, among other transgressions. Go-vernment sources told *The Hindu* that this controver-

The draft suggests that the time taken to process each

ments propose that only medical authorities be considered competent to re ceive and process applica-tions for disability certificates, further suggesting that the time taker o process each application uld be increased from one to three months.

Experts and activists in the disability sector said t these proposed endments will not do amendments will not do much to tackle the menace of fake disability certifi-cates, which they argued was a result of systemic corruption. Instead, they said, the potential new Rules will make it harder for gengine amplicants to Rules will make it harder for genuine applicants to get through the system. These amendments to the Rules governing the

RPwD Act. 2016 were pu-RPwD Act, 2016 were published by the Ministry of Social Justice and Emporoll and the Ministry of Social Justice and EmpoIndia as a draft and made public on Wednesday for objections and suggessent to Vineet Singhal, Disector, Department of Empowerment of Fersons
V. Muralidharan of the National Platform of the National Platform of the Rights of the Disabled told

The Hindu, "These amend-ments would not help cut the corruption that leads amount of rules might help this. It will only make things unnecessarily com-plex and difficult for genuine applicants to obtain their disability

their disability certificates."
He added that the co-lour-coding of Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards was another redundant proposal that will most likely add to hostility and harassment faced by people with disabilities.

Court reserves order on Puja Khedkar's anticipatory bail plea

The Hindu Bureau

A Delhi court on Wednesav reserved order on an anticipatory bail applica-tion moved by former trai-nee Indian Administrative nee Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Puja Khedkar, who is accused of using fraudulent means to pass the Civil Services Exmination conducted by he Union Public Service

ommission (UPSC). The public prosecutor rgued that custodial inter-ogation of Ms. Khedkar was necessary as she had luped the system and so ciety while counsel repre-senting Ms. Khedkar senting Ms. Khedkar claimed that she was being

against the Pune Collector.
The Delhi Police have
booked Ms. Khedkar for
fraudulently availing the
reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) and
Persons with Benchmark
Disabilities to clear the

from the UPSC. Ms. Khed kar deceitfully availed at tempts beyond the permis-sible limit under the examination rules by fakexamination rules by fak-ing her identity, changing her and her parents' name along with her photo-graph, signature, email ID, mobile number, and

address. The Delhi Police told the court that Ms. Khedkar would not cooperate in the investigation if given bail. Additional sessions judge Devender Kumar Jangala of Patiala House

Court will pronounce the order on Ms. Khedkar's bail on Thursday.
As senior advocate Na-

calming Ms. Khedkar claimed that she was being targeted after she lodged a magnist the Pune Collector.

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Ap per a communique

India. China hold 30th round of border talks; both agree to uphold peace, tranquillity

The Hindu Bureau

India and China on Wed-India and China on Wed-nesday held the 30th meet-ing of the Working Me-chanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) in New Delhi dur-ing which the discussion was "in-denth, construcwas "in-depth, construc-tive and forward-looking", and both sides agreed to maintain the momentum through established diplonatic and military char nels, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The talks come amid indications that the two dications that the two countries are making ef-forts to resolve the stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern

Control (LAC) in eastern all relations; the MEA said in a statement. The 29th WICC meeting was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. WICC meeting was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Boundary and the Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Boundary and the Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Boundary and the Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Boundary and the Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Boundary and the Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling. Begling was held on Mearch 24 in Begling.



view to finding an early resolution of the outstanding issues. Restoration of peace and tranquillity, and peace and tranquility, and respect for the LAC are an essential basis for restora-tion of normalcy in bilater-al relations," the MEA said in a statement. The 29th WMCC meeting was held on March 24 in Beijing.

protocols reached bet ween the two gos the

Ex-Health Secretary Preeti Sudan is new UPSC Chairperson

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Former Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan was appointed Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after Manoj Soni resigned from the post earlier this month, according to an official order. She would take the oath of office on Thursday.

Ms. Sudan, currently a member of the UPSC, will take charge on Thursday and will have a tenure till April 29, 2025 or till further orders. She will turn 65 in April next year.

Ms. Sudan is only the second woman to head the UPSC since R.M. Bathew served as the chairperson from 1992 to 1996.

"The President has approved the appointment of Preeti Sudan, Member, UPSC under clause (1A) of the Article 316 of the Constitution for performing the duties of Chairman, UPSC with effect from August 1, 2024, till further orders or till April 29, 2025, whichever is earlier," a July 29 letter addressed by Additional Secretary, Depart-



Preeti Sudan

ment of Personnel and Training to Secretary, UPSC said.

The same communication said that Mr. Soni submitted his resignation on July 4 and the President has accepted the same with effect from July 31 under Article 316(2) of the Constitution.

A 1983-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, Ms. Sudan has served in various capacities, including as Union Health Secretary for three years till July 2020.

The Hindu reported on July 19 that Mr. Soni resigned for "personal reasons," almost five years before his tenure ends in 2029.

New Chairperson (नए अध्यक्ष) Former Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan appointed as Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) (पूर्व केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य सचिव प्रीति सूदन को संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (UPSC) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया).

She succeeds Manoj Soni, who resigned earlier this month (वह मनोज सोनी की जगह लेंगी, जिन्होंने इस महीने की शुरुआत में इस्तीफा दे दिया था).

• Tenure Details (कार्यकाल का विवरण)

- She will take the oath of office on Thursday (वह गुरुवार को पद की शपथ लेंगी).
- Her tenure will last until April 29, 2025, or until further orders (उनका कार्यकाल 29 अप्रैल, 2025 तक या अगले आदेश तक होगा).

Second Woman Chairperson (दूसरी महिला अध्यक्ष) Ms. Sudan is the second woman to head UPSC since R.M. Bathew (प्रीति सूदन आर.एम. बाथ्यू के बाद दूसरी महिला हैं, जिन्होंने UPSC की अध्यक्षता की है).

R.M. Bathew served from 1992 to 1996 (आर.एम. बाथ्यू ने 1992 से 1996 तक सेवा की). • 1983-batch IAS officer from Andhra Pradesh cadre (1983 बैच की आईएएस अधिकारी, आंध्र प्रदेश कैंडर से).Served as Union Health Secretary for three years until July 2020 (तीन साल तक केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य सचिव के रूप में सेवा की, जुलाई 2020 तक).

- President's Approval (राष्ट्रपति की मंजूरी)The President approved her appointment under clause (1A) of Article 316 of the Constitution (संविधान के अनुच्छेद 316 के खंड (1ए) के तहत राष्ट्रपति ने उनकी नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दी).
- Resignation of Manoj Soni (मनोज सोनी का इस्तीफा) Manoj Soni resigned on July 4 citing personal reasons (मनोज सोनी ने 4 जुलाई को व्यक्तिगत कारणों का हवाला देते हुए इस्तीफा दे दिया).

- Consider the following statements about the new UPSC Chairperson Preeti Sudan:
- 1. Preeti Sudan is the first woman to head the UPSC.
- 2. She has served as the Union Health Secretary for three years until July 2020.
- 3. Her tenure as UPSC Chairperson will last until April 29, 2025.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3

Sport

INBRIDE



Wiffen makes Irish history with 800m freestyle gold

Daniel Wiffen become the first Irishman to win Daniel Walen become the first institution of what an Olympic swimming gold medal on Tuesday when he powered home first in the men's 800m freestyle. The 23-year-old hit the wall in 7min 38.19sec, the fifth fastest of all time, ahead of American defending champion Bobby Finke (7:38.75) and Italian Gregorio Paltrinieri (7:39.38).



McKeown pips Smith to retain 100m backstroke crown

Australia's Kaylee McKeown retained her Olympic crown in the women's 100m backstroke, Olympic crown in the women's 100m backstroke, record holder Regan Smith of the USA, McKeown won with a time of 57.33sec while Smith was 57.66. USA's Katharine Berkoff (57.98) took



Great Britain defends men's 4x200m freestyle title

A British team anchored by Duncan Scott stormed to victory in the men's Olympic 4x200m stormed to victory in the men's Olympic 4x200m freestyle relay Tuesday to successfully defend its title. Led off by James Guy and brought home by Scott, with Tom Dean and Matt Richards in the middle legs, it touched in 6mins 59-43secs ahead of the United States and Australia.



Sjostrom sprints to women's 100m freestyle gold

Sweden's Sarah Sjostrom won the women's 100 metres freestyle gold medal on Wednesday. The evergreen Sjostrom, who holds the World record, touched the wall in 52.16 seconds at La Defense Arena, 0.13 seconds ahead of American silver medallist Torri Huske. Siobhan Haughey took

Marchand claims men's 200m butterfly for a second gold

France's Leon Marchand won his second gold medal at the Paris Cames with a brilliant final lap holder and defending champion fixing Milak of Hungary had led until midway through the final stages when Marchand, who already has gold from the 400m medley, made his dramatic late surge, roared on by the home crowd.

GOING FOR GOLD

Athletics: Men's and Women's 20km Walk

Canoe Statom: Men's Kayak Single Fencing: Women's Foil Team Judo: Men's -100kg, Women's -78kg Rowing: Women's & Men's Double Sculls, Women's and Men's Four

Sailling: Women's and Men's Skiff Medal race

Shoeting: Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
Swimming: Women's 200m Butterfly, Men's 200m Backstroke, Women's 200m Breaststroke, Women's 4x200m Frees-

Djokovic and Alcaraz | Gaekwad, 71, passes away stay on course

The Serb breezes into the quarterfinals to set up a clash with Tsitsipas: Spaniard also makes the last eight; Swiatek enters the semifinals





ovak Djekovic and Carlos Akearac overcame crushing humidity on Wednesday topic final showdown as Igapic final showdown as IgaSwiatek shrugged off a
blow to the chest to reach
the semitinals.
Olympic title to add to his
record-breaking collection, defeated German lefterf 2-5, 6-3, becoming the first
man to reach four singles
quarterfinals at the Cames.
The 37-year-old Djokovthe 37-year-old Djokovshowdown as the Comment of the collection of t

Beijing 16 years ago, but he was rarely troubled by his 70th-ranked opponent.

"I'm soaking wet, hon-estly," said Djokovic, who has won three of his 24 Grand Slam crowns on Pa-ris's famous red clay. ris's famous red clay.
"It's a very, very humid
day as it was yesterday. But
you have to accept and em-

it."

Djokovic, who had breezed past old rival Rafael Nadal in the second round, goes on to face lithranked Stefanos Tsitsipas, who got past Argentina's Sebastian Baez 7-5, 6-1.

Alcaraz brushed aside Roman Safiullin, the Rus-sian playing in Paris as a neutral, 6-4, 6-2. Up next for Alcaraz is Tommy Paul, the Ameri-can he defeated in the

Wimbledon quarterfinals. Medvedev ousted Russia's Daniil Medvedev, also appearing as a neutral and seeded to face Alcaraz

Daniel Wiffen (Irl): Mon's 800m

Leon Marchand (Fra): Men's

Kaylee McKeown (Aus): Wo- Alex Yee (GBr): Men's Triathlon Cassandre Beaugrand (Fra): Women's Triathlon Jose Torres Gil (Arg): BMX Freestyle Men's Park

Barbara Matic (Cre): Judo Wo China (Quan Hongchan & Chen Yuxi): Women's Synchro-Adriana Ruano Oliva (Gua):

Auger-Aliassime. In women's singles, World No.1 Swiatek pro-gressed when Danielle Col-lins retired injured in the fi-

nal set. She will face China's Zheng Qinwen, who ended

the career of former World

winner Swiatek racked up her 25th successive win on

the clay courts of Paris but

only after being pole-axed by a fierce backhand from Collins in the first game of

Collins in the first game of the deciding set. Swiatek next faces Aus-ralian Open runner-up Zheng, who became the first Chinese woman since Li Na in 2008 to reach the semifinals with a 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-6(6) win over Kerber. Stowalds' Arna Karoli. August and the control of the the first Slowaldan player to make the semifinals since

make the semifinals since Miloslav Mecir won the men's title at Seoul in 1988. The 67th-ranked Schmiedlova stunned Wimbledon champion Bar-

Meanwhile in doubles, Ra-fael Nadal and Carlos Alca-raz were dumped out by

Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram. The Spanish dream team lost 6-2, 6-4 to the US

Netherlands: Men's Quad. Sculls

Great Britain: Women's Quad.

bora Kreicikova 6-4, 6-2 Nadal-Alcaraz duo exits

No. 1 and three-time Major winner Angelique Kerber. Four-time French Open

Shinnosuke Oka (Jpn): Gym-nastics Men's All-Around

1952-2024

Press Trust of India

Former India cricketer Aunshuman Gaekwad passed away on Wednes-day after a long battle with cancer. He was 71. Gaekwad played 40 Tests and 15 ODIs for India.

He was also the coach of the Indian team that fin-ished runner-up at the 2000 ICC Champions Tro-phy. Gaekwad was undergoing treatment for blood cancer at the King's College Hospital in London before returning back to the coun-try last month.

The BCCI gave ₹1 crore for Gaekwad's treatment and members of the 1983 World Cup-winning team also did their bit to help the cricketer.



M | Inns | Runs | HS | Avg | 100s/50s

A picture of steely calm

pace bowlers in their prime, Aunshuman Gaek-wad was always a picture of steely calm. Later as a coach, the former India opener was all grace, empathy and laughter with the last-mentioned attri-bute in full evidence when

the last-mermonaci attriand Kumble got his 'per-fect fo' against Pakistan at
However, in his battle
against cancer, Gaelewad,
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both a tribute to the way both a tribute to the way he was loved and the en-during friendships he forged.

Another maestro must Another maestro must be grieving now as the great G.R. Viswanath was one of Gaekwad's closest buddies. In his prime, the bespectacled Gaekwad was an immovable object against the fastest of bow-lers, including Michael Holding.

Holding.
His 1985 Test runs from
40 matches may not fully
reveal the quality he possessed but there was no limit to his stone-walling technique that was evident in the 201 he scored against Pakistan at Jaland-har in 1983. Resolute: Gaekwad, in his prime, was an immovable object against the fastest of bowlers. THE HINDUARCHINES Park during the 1976 tour.

Park during the 1976 tour, is the stuff of legend, and it is the stuff of legend, and it is declared to the stuff of the s

Gaekwad continued as a First Class cricketer till the 1991-92 season before seamlessly moving into coaching, selection and ad-ministration. Soft-spoken

was always accessible to the media while his close pals called him Anshu and relished their evenings of

Franchise owners divided over the mega auction

Amol Karhadkar MUMBAI

The annual meeting bet-ween the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officials and the Indian Pre-mier League (IPL) franchi-see on Wednesday was ex-pected to exchange views on player retentions, use of on player retentions, use of right to match cards, auction purse and the impact player rule. However, the meeting

took an interesting turn when at least two franchisees sought doing away with the mega auction, or at least postponing it by a year. The Hindu under-stands that three team owners were at the fore-front of having a smaller auction – meaning opti-mum player retentions –





Differing views: While SRH owner Kayva preferred to not have the mega auction, DC's Jindal was for it. BCCI secretary Jay Shah termed the meeting a "constructive dialogue". EMMANUAL YOUNG

rather than forcing a major makeover in all the squads "We do not want the mega auction this year – we would prefer a miniauction this year. It takes a lot of time to build a squad and takes quite a bit of time and investment for

the younger players to ma-ture," Kavya Maran of Sun-risers Hyderabad said after the meeting. "For exam-ple, it has taken Abhishek Sharma three years to be-come consistent with his performances." The history agree that there are many

such examples in other

tabled feedback on player regulations and other com-mercial aspects, including central merchandising, li-censing, and gaming. The BCCI will now take these The suggestion came as a surprise to most in the enclosure and led to a prolonged debate between two team owners. "I was surprised (with the debate). Some didn't want big recommendations to the IPL Governing Council for further deliberation and

lations," Shah said in a statement.

Jindal hoped that the BCCI will finalise the player regulations by August end, despite seeking the franchisee feedback, the IPL governing council does not involve the team owners in its final decision-making.

should be only smaller auc-tions," Parth Jindal, the Delhi Capitals co-owner, said.

"I am not in that camp, "I am not in that camp, as it (mega auction) evens out the playing field. It makes the IPI. competitive. It makes the IPI. what it is. It makes it competitive." Referring to the meeting.

as a "constructive dia-logue", BCCI secretary Jay Shah said the owners' feedback will be considered while finalising player

the number varied. Simi-larly, the enclosure was di-"The franchise owners vided over the need to have right to match cards. The auction purse may be increased from the existing Rs. 100 crore to Rs. 125

crore. The franchisees also sought clarity about over-seas players' availability while building the squad

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Gaekwad, 71, passes away

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Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Aunshuman Gaekwad passed away on Wednesday after a long battle with cancer. He was 71.

Gaekwad played 40 Tests and 15 ODIs for India.

He was also the coach of the Indian team that finished runner-up at the 2000 ICC Champions Trophy. Gaekwad was undergoing treatment for blood cancer at the King's College Hospital in London before returning back to the country last month.

The BCCI gave ₹ 1 crore for Gaekwad's treatment and members of the 1983 World Cup-winning team also did their bit to help the cricketer.

Gaekwad has also played 205 First Class matches in a career span-



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ning 22 years.

He later took over as coach of the Indian team. His glorious moments came at Sharjah in 1998 and in a Test match at Ferozeshah Kotla when Anil Kumble took all 10 wickets in an innings against Pakistan in 1999.

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₹32,400-cr GST shocker for Infy

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company and overseas branches would be treated as distinct persons," according to a document, seen by FE Infosys confirmed receipt of per-show cause notices from the Karnataka GST authorities and, later, from the DG-GST inselligence. The

and, later, from the DG-GST Intelligence. The tax demand, it said, is toward the expenses incurred by its overseas branch offices.

"The company believes that as per regulations, GST is not applicable on these expenses. Additionally, as per a recent circular (circular number 210/4/2024 dated June 26, 2024) issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes.

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■ In its notice to Infosys, the GST probe wing has invoked reverse charge mechanism

all its GST dues and is fully in compliance with central and state regulations

oranches to indian entity are not subject to GST, it added. The company claimed that 'ST payments are eligible for credit or refund "Infosys has paid all its GST dues and is fully in compliance with the central and state regula-tions on this matter."

Toyota enters Maharashtra with ₹20,000-crore EV plant

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The state of the s indicated plans to invest ₹3,000 crore for its expansion plans in the state. £2W maker Ather Energy is investing ₹2,000 crore to set up its third manufacturing plant in the state to manufacture electric two-wheelers and battery packs.

The funding winter for India's startups doesn't seem to be over. Investments into India's startups remain subdued with July seeing the smallest inflows in seven months. Investors have turned cautious and are now increasingly focused on profitability.

COMPETITION WAS TOUGH AS THE COMPANY HAD OFFERS FROM SEVERAL STATES. NEGOTIATIONS 1 MONTHS, WE MADE

a combine installed capacity of 342,000 a combine installed capacity of 342,000 units annually. The proposed investment in Maharashtra will be higher than the year-to-date investment done by Toyota in India which is ₹16,000 crore since its debut 25 years ago.

Funding for startups at seven-month low

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"The competition was tough as the company had several offers from other states. Negotiations were going on for six months. Maharashtra made them an offer which they could not refuse," he said.

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Q1 growth may take a hit as public capex plunges





invested in FY24, up 17% on year

Q-COMM VERTICAL CONTRIBUTES 50% OF BIGBASKET REVENUE

BBNow starts delivering the goods SHANTHE

SIGBASKET WAS A latecomer in quick onumerce as it entered the race as late as spril 2022. But the Tata-backed e-retailer's [-commerce vertical BBNow hasn't taken nuch time in coming up to speed with ther segment players, some of whom aunched their services in the first six

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Boeing names Kelly Ortberg as CEO

Embattled company posts bigger loss of \$1.4 billion in Q2

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July 31

BOEING ON WEDNESDAY named aerospace industry veteran Kelly Ortberg as its President and CEO after a monthslong search, tasking the former Rockwell Collins executive with the monumental job of turning around the struggling planemaker.

Ortberg, 64, faces a multitude of issues, including reviving jet production and rebuilding trust with regulators, the industry and the public. He will start on August 8.

The appointment lifted the shares of the planemaker 1.4% in early trading even as it posted a bigger loss of \$1.4 billion in the second quarter due

to struggles at its defense and space business.

One of the two global planemakers, Boeing has been mired in a reputational and safety crisis after a January 5 mid-air cabin panel blowout on an Alaska Airlines-operated MAX 9 jet carrying 171 passengers.

That led to an executive reshuffle in which CEO Dave Calhoun decided to step down by the end of the year and board chair Larry Kellner said he would not stand for re-election.

Calhoun will be a special advisor to the board until March 2025, Boeing chair Steve Mollenkopf said.

Shortly after the January accident, the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) barred Boeing from raising the production of its cashcow 737 MAX family of jets above 38 a month,

Kelly Ortberg, President and CEO, Boeing without estimating how long the limitation will last.

However, Boeing has been making aircraft below that level during some weeks to plug quality gaps, Reuters has reported.

During the second quarter, Boeing delivered a total of 92 aircraft, down 32% from last year. It posted a loss of \$2.33 a share, as its troubled defense and space business exacerbated the financial strain on the company.

The Defense, Space and Security unit, one of Boeing's three main businesses, has lost billions of dollars in 2023 and 2022, which executives attributed to cost overruns on fixed-price contracts.

Such contracts have high margins but leave defense contractors vulnerable to inflationary pressures that have dented US corporate earnings in the last few years.

Amechanical engineer, Ortberg has put more than 30 years in aerospace and defense, including numerous execu-

tive roles.

After five years leading Rockwell Collins, he steered the company's integration with United Technologies and RTX until his retirement from RTX in 2021. REUTERS

- Kelly Ortberg Named CEO of Boeing (केली ओर्टबर्ग को बोइंग का सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया)
- Appointment (नियुक्ति)
 - Aerospace industry veteran Kelly Ortberg named President and CEO of Boeing (एयरोस्पेस उदयोग के दिग्गज केली ओर्टबर्ग को बोइंग का अध्यक्ष और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया).
 - He will start on August 8 (वह 8 अगस्त को पदभार ग्रहण करेंगे).

• **Key Issues (मुख्य मुद्दे)**Multitude of issues including rebuilding trust with regulators, the industry, and the public (रेगुलेटर, उद्योग और जनता के साथ विश्वास बहाल करने सहित कई मुद्दे).

• Previous Incidents (पिछली घटनाएँ)

- January 5 mid-air cabin panel blowout on an Alaska Airlines-operated MAX 9 jet (5 जनवरी को अलास्का एयरलाइंस द्वारा संचालित MAX 9 जेट पर मध्य-हवाई केबिन पैनल का फटना).
- FAA barred Boeing from raising the production of 737 MAX family of jets above 38 a month (एफएए ने बोइंग को 737 MAX जेट के उत्पादन को 38 प्रति माह से ऊपर उठाने से प्रतिबंधित कर दिया).

Outgoing CEO (प्रस्थान करने वाले सीईओ) CEO Dave Calhoun to step down by the end of the year (सीईओ डेव काल्होन इस साल के अंत तक पद छोड़ देंगे).

Larry Kellner, board chair, will not stand for re-election (लेरी केल्नर, बोर्ड अध्यक्ष, पुन: चुनाव के लिए खड़े नहीं होंगे). • Role of Calhoun (काल्होन की भूमिका)Will serve as a special advisor to the board until March 2025 (मार्च 2025 तक बोर्ड के विशेष सलाहकार के रूप में सेवा देंगे).

Second Quarter Loss (दूसरी तिमाही का नुकसान) Boeing posted a bigger loss of \$1.4 billion in Q2 (बोइंग ने Q2 में \$1.4 बिलियन का बड़ा नुकसान दर्ज किया).

Delivered a total of 92 aircraft, down 32% from last year (कुल 92 विमान वितरित किए, पिछले साल की तुलना में 32% कम).

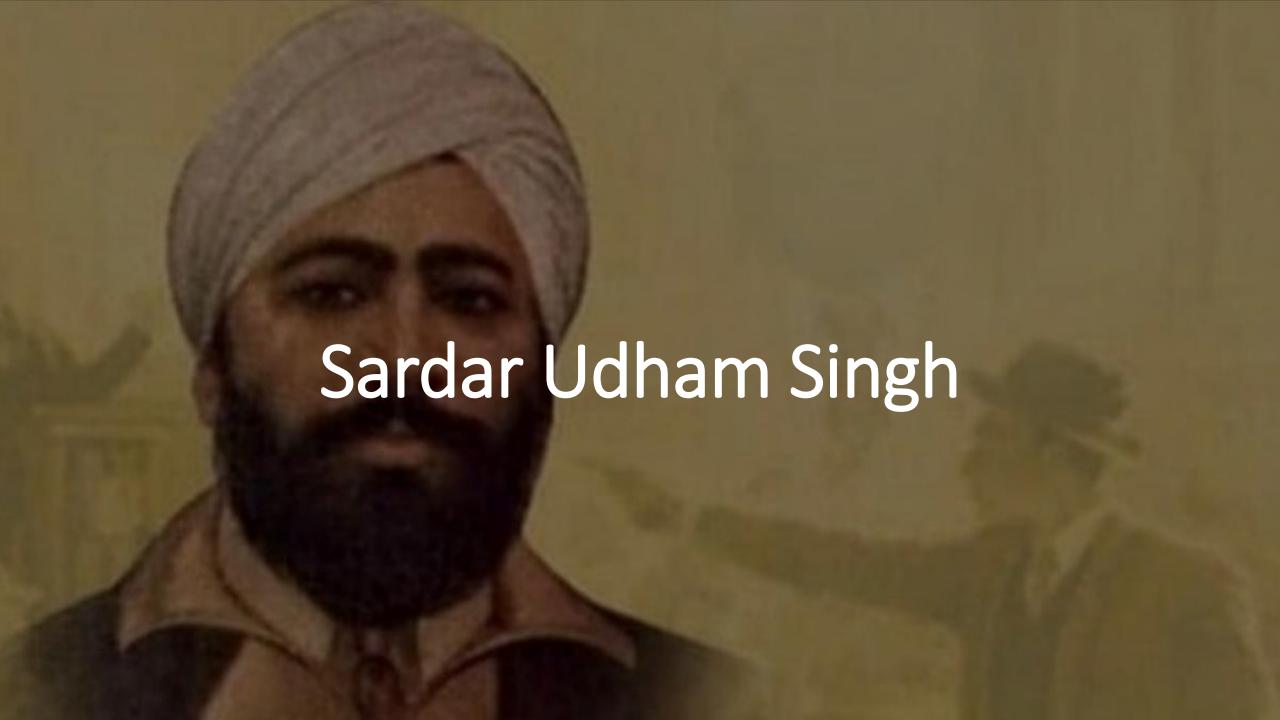
Experience (अनुभव)

• Mechanical engineer with more than 30 years in aerospace and defense (एयरोस्पेस और रक्षा में 30 से अधिक वर्षों का अनुभव).

Previous Roles (पिछली भूमिकाएँ)

• Led Rockwell Collins and steered the company's integration with United Technologies and RTX (रॉकवेल कॉलिन्स का नेतृत्व किया और यूनाइटेड टेक्नोलॉजीज और आरटीएक्स के साथ कंपनी के एकीकरण का मार्गदर्शन किया).

- Consider the following statements about Kelly Ortberg, the newly appointed CEO of Boeing:
- 1. Kelly Ortberg will start his role as CEO of Boeing on August 8.
- 2. Boeing's CEO Dave Calhoun will continue to serve as CEO until March 2025.
- 3. Boeing posted a second-quarter loss of \$1.4 billion, delivering 92 aircraft.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3



- Sardar Udham Singh, who was hanged on 31st July 1940, in London, remains a symbol of India's unwavering resolve to seek justice for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- Born on 28th December 1899, in Sunam, Punjab, Singh exposure to Sikhism and revolutionary activities, including the Komagata Maru incident and the Ghadar Party's uprising, shaped his anti-colonial stance.



- Singh was deeply affected by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, 1919, where British troops killed hundreds of unarmed Indians.
- Singh vowed to avenge the massacre by killing Michael
 O'Dwyer, the then Lieutenant Governor of Punjab, who
 had ordered the massacre.

- In 1924, Udham Singh joined the Ghadar Party to overthrow colonial rule. In 1927, he was arrested for illegal possession of firearms and sentenced to five years in prison.
 - In 1940, Singh successfully assassinated Michael O'Dwyer during a meeting at **Caxton Hall in London**. The act was a dramatic statement against British rule.

- Singh was tried and sentenced to death and was hanged on 31st July 1940, in Pentonville Prison, London.
 - A district in Uttarakhand, Udham Singh Nagar, was named after him in 1995 as a tribute.



Chandipura Virus (CHPV)



• The Ministry of Health reviewed the situation in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh after the States reported cases of **Chandipura virus and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).**

About

• Chandipura Virus (CHPV): It is a member of the Rhabdoviridae family known to cause sporadic cases and outbreaks in western, central, and southern parts of the Country, especially during the monsoon season.

- It is transmitted by vectors such as sand flies and ticks and it affects mostly children under 15 years of age
- It can be present with a febrile illness that may in some cases result in death.
- There is currently no specific antiviral treatment or vaccine for the Chandipura virus. Early diagnosis and supportive treatment are crucial.

- Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES): It is a group of clinically similar neurologic manifestations caused by several different viruses, bacteria, fungus, parasites, spirochetes, chemical/ toxins, etc.
 - The known viral causes of AES include JE, Dengue, HSV, CHPV, West Nile, etc.



E-SeHAT

• The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) has launched the Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation (E-SeHAT) module.

About

- The E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy would enable ECHS beneficiaries in obtaining online Tele-consultation for medical treatment from their homes without visiting the ECHS Polyclinic.
- The module aims to provide health care services through safe and structured video based clinical consultations.

Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

- Recently, the RBI proposed new norms that tighten the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR), a critical metric for banks.
- Understanding the LCR and Proposed Changes
- It measures a bank's ability to meet short-term liquidity needs during a crisis. It mandates that banks hold a certain percentage of High-quality Liquid Assets (HQLA) relative to their short-term liabilities.

In the fourth quarter of FY24, the LCR stood at 130%. However, the proposed changes would reduce this to a range of 113% to 116% once implemented, likely from April 1, 2025.

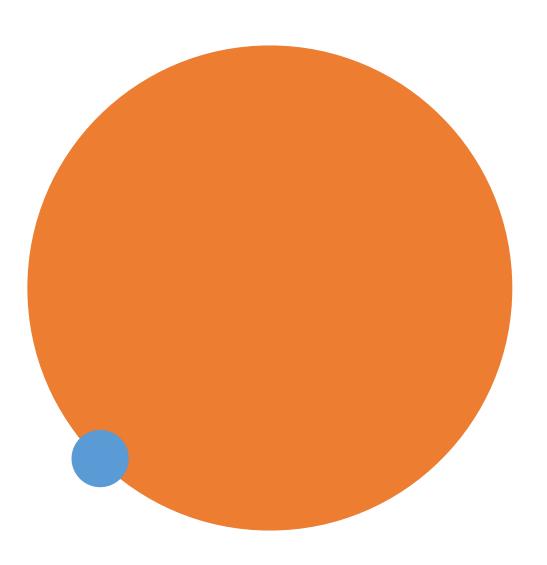
If successful, that could prevent the crisis from spreading and causing greater economic harm. Short-Term Impact: Credit Growth and NIM

Credit Growth: The immediate effect of tighter LCR norms could be a short-term slowdown in credit growth.

- Banks may need to be more cautious in extending credit, given the need to maintain higher liquidity buffers.
- Borrowers might experience a slightly tighter lending environment.

- **Net Interest Margins (NIM):** NIM, which represents the difference between interest earned on loans and interest paid on deposits, could also take a hit.
 - Banks may face pressure to maintain profitability while complying with the new norms. Reduced lending opportunities and the need to hold more liquid assets could squeeze NIM.

World's first thorium molten salt nuclear power station



 China plans to start building the world's first molten salt reactor power station next year in the Gobi Desert.

About

• The Thorium Reactor is scheduled to be completed in 2029, generating heat at a maximum power of 60 megawatts.

- Currently, the only operating thorium reactor on Earth is located in the Gobi Desert.
 - This experimental reactor can only produce 2 MW of thermal power and does not generate electricity.
- Applications: The reactors have some potential military applications due to their compact structure and safety, such as powering naval ships, submarines and even aircraft.

PM-PRANAM



- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has recently approved the PM-PRANAM scheme.
- PM-PRANAM- PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth.
- Aim- It aims to protect the environment by encouraging the sustainable use of fertilizers, adopting alternative fertilizers, and promoting organic and natural farming.

- Nodal agency
 — Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- Background- It was launched in Union Budget 2023–24.
- Coverage All States/UTs are covered under the PM-PRANAM.
- **Funding** The scheme will not have a separate budget and will be financed by the savings of existing fertilizer subsidy.

- **Benefits** If a State/UT reduces its chemical fertilizer consumption (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) in a financial year compared to the previous three years' average, 50% of the saved subsidy will be granted to that State/UT.
 - 70% of the grant provided under the scheme can be used for asset creation related to technological adoption of alternate fertilisers and alternate fertiliser production units.
 - 30% grant money can be used for incentivizing farmers, panchayats, farmer producer organizations, self-help groups, etc.

Word of the day

Debris:

the remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up; loose material (stone fragments and silt etc.) that is worn away from rocks

Synonyms: junk, detritus, dust, rubble

Usage: The victims were hit by debris from shattered windows.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/debrispro

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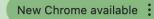


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