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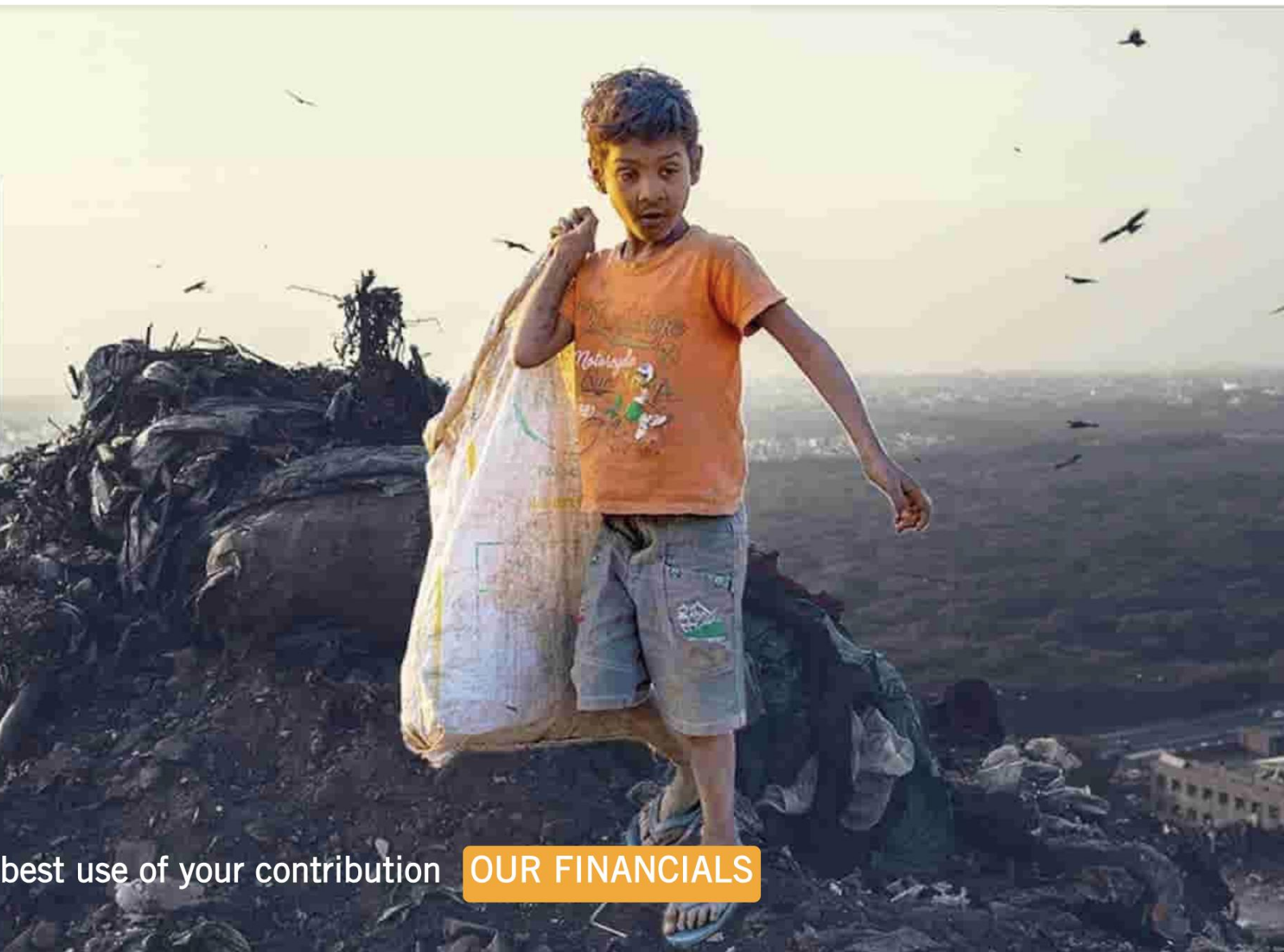
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Poor Muslims want Wakf Act amended: Rijju

NEW DELHI
As the union government prepares to amend the Wakf Act, 1996, Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju said on Tuesday that there has been a long-standing demand from "poor Muslim groups" to amend the legislation. » PAGE 4

Rajasthan Cong. MLA suspended for 6 months

JAIPUR
Mukesh Bhakar, Congress MLA in Rajasthan, was on Tuesday suspended from the Assembly for six months following a night-long dharna staged by the Opposition legislators. Congress MLAs had on Monday prevented marshals from evicting Mr. Bhakar. » PAGE 2

Centre refuses to share data on troop shortfall

NEW DELHI
Citing "national security", the Defence Ministry has refused to divulge details of the shortage of personnel in the armed forces, which in the past was regularly given out in written responses to questions in Parliament. » PAGE 6

Six Hezbollah fighters killed in Israeli strikes

BEIRUT
A Lebanese security source said six Hezbollah fighters were killed in Israeli strikes on Tuesday, with the group claiming attacks on northern Israel and low-flying Israeli military warplanes breaking the sound barrier over Beirut. » PAGE 14

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Teaming up: Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and Kamala Harris, VP

Harris picks Tim Walz as vice-presidential candidate

Democrats
Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris on Tuesday selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to be her running mate, choosing a progressive policy champion and a plain speaker from America's heartland to help win over rural, white voters. Ms. Harris announced the selection in a text message to supporters. "I'm pleased to share that I've made my decision: Minnesota Governor Tim Walz will join our campaign as my running mate," she said. "Tim is a battle-tested leader who has an incredible track record of getting things done for Minnesota families. I know that he will bring that same principled leadership to our

campaign, and to the office of the Vice President." Mr. Walz, a 60-year-old U.S. Army National Guard veteran and former teacher, was elected to a Republican-leaning district in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006 and served 12 years before being elected Governor of Minnesota in 2018. **Progressive agenda** While Mr. Walz has supported Democratic Party orthodoxy on issues ranging from same-sex marriage to the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, he has also been a vocal supporter of women's reproductive rights but also displayed a conservative bent while representing a rural district in the U.S. House, defending agricultural interests and backing gun rights. Ms. Harris chose Mr. Walz over Josh Shapiro, the Governor of Pennsylvania who had been seen as essential to delivering his crucial battleground State. "Kamala Harris has made a great decision in choosing Governor Tim Walz to be her running

Govt. blinks on capital gains tax on real estate

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI
Facing a backlash over changes to the long-term capital gains tax regime announced in the Budget, including critiques from MPs within the National Democratic Alliance, the government has relented to grant some relief for property transactions. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that the tax on long-term capital gains is being reduced from 20% with indexation benefits, to 12.5% without indexation benefits. An amendment is being made to the Finance Bill, 2024, as per details circulated amongst Lok Sabha members, to enable taxpayers to choose either of these two tax rates that work out lower for them, in cases involving transfer of immovable assets like land and buildings acquired before July 23 this year. This marks a sharp reversal from the government's firm stance on the issue after the changes in the Budget had evoked sharp critiques about the market's impact of the loss of indexation benefits on middle class homeowners, and the real estate sector at a broader level. Officials had argued that the new tax rate structure, with a lower tax rate minus the real estate sector, will benefit people in almost all cases. The Finance Minister is expected to announce the changes when she presents the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Google a monopolist, rules American judge in key anti-trust case

Agence France Presse
WASHINGTON
A U.S. judge on Monday handed Google a major legal blow, ruling in a landmark anti-trust case that it has maintained a monopoly with its dominant search engine. The court decision against a "big tech" giant could alter how the sector operates in future. District Court Judge Amita Mehta found that Google had a monopoly for search and for text ads through exclusive distribution agreements that made it the "default" option that people were likely to use on devices. "After having carefully considered and weighed the witness testimony and evidence, the court reaches the following conclusion: Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Mr. Mehta wrote in his ruling. It "has a major, largely unmet advantage over its rivals: default distribution," he wrote. The Sherman Antitrust Act of the U.S. makes it illegal to monopolise or attempt to monopolise a market for products or services. The anti-trust trial pitting U.S. prosecutors against Google ended in May. "None above law" The victory against Google is an historic win for the American people," said U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland. "No competitor, no matter how large or influential - is above the law."

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'Legal action'

"Following the victory of students and people, I am sure that the new government will arrest the cul-

prits and take appropriate legal actions against them," he said in a statement.

Many former Ministers, including former Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud, MPs, and other leaders of the Awami League and its affiliates were stopped and arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport while trying to leave the country.

The families of political

prisoners secretly jailed under the Awami League government gathered in front of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence headquarters, and were seen waiting for news of their relatives, as some of those who had been missing were released on Tuesday.

Former Army Brigadier General Abdullahil Aman Azmi, the second son of the late Jamaat-e-Islami

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leader Ghulam Azam was released, along with Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem, the younger son of executed JeI leader Mir Quasem Ali.

The Bangladesh Army made a major reshuffle in its top posts, with Maj. Gen. Ziaul Ahsan, popularly known as Major Zia, being relieved from service, while some others were reassigned.

On Tuesday, European Union diplomats in Bangla-

desh expressed their "serious concern" about the reports of attacks on minority communities.

However, in many locations, leaders from the BNP, Jamaat and other political parties were seen standing guard in front of Hindu temples to protect them from potential attacks.

Monzurul Islam, president of the Jamaat-e-Islami student wing Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, told *The Hindu*: "Those who want to attack the homes and temples of Hindu people are attempting to make the mass protests controversial. We have instructed our activists and leaders to protect the temples and homes of the Hindu community, and many have stood guard throughout the night." (Rabiul Alam is a freelance journalist based in Dhaka.)

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Yunus expressed willingness to assume the responsibility.

Opposition Leaders Freed:BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was released from prison.

Many Awami League leaders, including former Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud, were arrested.



- **Violence Against Minorities:**

- Reports of attacks on minority communities, particularly Hindus, were noted.


- Political leaders guarded Hindu temples to prevent potential attacks.

- **Army Reorganization:**

- The Bangladesh Army conducted a major reshuffle, relieving Maj. Gen. Ziaul Ahsan from duty.



- **Sheikh Hasina's Asylum:**

- Sheikh Hasina is reportedly seeking asylum in countries like the UAE and Saudi Arabia.
 - It remains unclear where she will ultimately seek refuge.
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- Which of the following statements is true about the recent political events in Bangladesh?
 - A) The 12th Parliament was dissolved, and fresh elections were promised by the President.
 - B) Sheikh Hasina was reinstated as Prime Minister after successful negotiations with protest leaders.
 - C) The European Union offered asylum to Sheikh Hasina following her resignation.
 - D) Maj. Gen. Ziaul Ahsan was promoted to a higher rank within the Bangladesh Army.

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- Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman to reach the final of the women's wrestling 50kg category at the Paris Games, marking a significant achievement in Indian wrestling history.

Journey to the Final:

Opening Rounds:

- She defeated World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki 3-2 in the opening round.
- Vinesh overcame Oksana Livach 7-5 and Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez 5-0 in the semifinals.

Overcoming Setbacks: Vinesh faced numerous challenges, including a dislocated knee and performance issues post-Tokyo Olympics.

Despite these obstacles, she displayed resilience, competing and succeeding in highly competitive environments.

Mental Strength: Her psychological fortitude was evident as she maintained focus and delivered crucial performances under pressure.

Training and Preparation:

Vinesh trained intensively in Bengaluru and Spain, honing her skills and strategy under coach Virender Dahiya.

Her dedication and preparation were pivotal in her successful journey to the finals.

What significant achievement did Vinesh Phogat accomplish at the Paris Games?

A) She became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal in wrestling at the Paris Games.

B) She became the first Indian woman to reach the final of the women's wrestling 50kg category at the Paris Games.

C) She secured a quota for the 2028 Olympics in wrestling.

D) She defeated Yui Susaki in the final match of the Paris Games.

Wayanad landslide toll revised to 224 as search operation enters eighth day

The search teams recover seven body parts from different places of Wayanad and Malappuram; no new bodies retrieved and 152 are still missing as per official statement; State govt. will provide free power for six months to affected families

The Hindu Bureau
WAYANAD

The search for bodies of missing people in the Choorimala-Mundakkal landslides continued on the eighth day on Tuesday. Although no new bodies were retrieved, the search teams retrieved seven body parts from different places. The death toll was officially revised to 224 as on Tuesday. While 148 bodies were recovered from Wayanad, 76 bodies have been retrieved from the Chayyar in Nilambur so far. As many as 189 body parts too were recovered.

An official press statement said here on Tuesday that 152 people were missing. As many as 22 unidentified body parts were buried on Tuesday.



Intense operation: An elaborate search was conducted from Panchirimattam to Mundakkal and Choorimala. THULASHI KAKKAT

An elaborate search was conducted from Panchirimattam to Mundakkal and Choorimala. The landslide originated, down to Mundakkal and Choorimala. The search extended further down to Soochippattam in the Panchayath, and Pothukal and Nilambur in Malappuram district.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters airlifted Sunrise Valley. The choppers carried rescue teams comprising the Kerala Police's Special Operations Group (SOG), Army men, and Forest Department officials. The Army's high-altitude operations experts and SOG personnel with rappelling gear were among the search team. Revenue Minister K. Rajan said the search teams scoured the dense undergrowth on the edges of the waterfall and at least two rapids downstream.

As many as 1,174 personnel of different forces took part in the search on Tuesday using 85 earthmovers. There were 1,126 volunteers on the disaster ground. As many as 18,000 volunteers have registered through the government system.

As many as 2,225 people of 648 displaced families were in 16 relief camps in the region. They included 845 women and 533 children. The students of Government Higher Secondary School, Vellarmala, which was destroyed in the landslide, will be given facility at Government Higher Secondary School, Meppadi.

The government will provide free electricity for six months for the affected families of wards 10, 11 and 12 in Meppadi panchayat.

53 children missing
General Education Minister V. Sivankutty has pegged the number of schoolchildren missing or dead in the Wayanad landslides at 53. Speaking to reporters in Wayanad on Tuesday, Mr. Sivankutty said at least three children have reported their parents missing. An estimate of 49 students had been families whose houses were destroyed or partially damaged in the landslides.



A delegation from Tamil Nadu discussed the issue with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi on Tuesday.

T.N. CM announces ₹10 lakh aid to kin of missing fisherman

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday announced an assistance of ₹10 lakh to the family of a fisherman, who remained missing even after five days of search operations by the Indian Coast Guard.

Four fishermen: Mookalaiah, 54, Muthu Munivanthi, 57, Malaichamy, 59 and Ramachandran, 74, from Ramawaram fishing harbour in Kannathapuzha district, went fishing.

"When a Sri Lankan patrol vessel hit their boat, it was damaged," according to an official release from the Tamil Nadu government. While Malaichamy died, Ramachandran went missing and the remaining two were taken into custody by the Sri Lankan authorities. The body of Malaichamy was handed over to Indian authorities and a trolley for the organ box from the ambulance to the airport at the point of origin and from the aircraft to an ambulance at the destination.

to Union Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar in New Delhi and urged him to take steps to release Tamil Nadu fishermen who were in Sri Lankan custody. The delegation was led by Thoothukudi MP Kanimozhi, an official release said. Tamil Nadu's Minister for Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Anitha R. Radhakrishnan, Nilgiris MP A. Raja, Ramanathapuram MP Navas Kani were part of the delegation.

Raising the issue of fishermen from Tamil Nadu being targeted by Sri Lankan Navy in the Lok Sabha, DMK member Ms. Kanimozhi said that a solution must be found so that fishermen don't suffer. "This year alone, 27 boats have been taken away by the Sri Lankan navy and around 177 Indian boats have been confiscated. At present, they are with the Sri Lankan government. They are nationalised, they [Sri Lanka] make it their own and the boats are never given back," Ms. Kanimozhi said during the two-hour session in the Lok Sabha.

39 Hindutva activists acquitted in homestay attack case

Raghava M.
MANGALURU

More than 12 years after the infamous assault and harassment of 13 college students at a homestay in the city, a Mangaluru court on Tuesday acquitted all the 39 accused persons.

Judge S.V. Kantharaju acquitted Subash Padil and 38 other activists of Hindu Jagaran Vedike.

On July 28, 2012, the 13 students got together for the birthday party of their friend Vijay and his friend, at the Morning Mist homestay in the city.

As they were arranging food and also the music systems after birthday celebrations, a group of 40 Hindu Jagarana Vedike activists led by Padil trooped into the homestay around 6 p.m. Three video journalists recorded the scene of the attack. Among the victims included the daughter of the former Police inspector.

The activists were accused of assaulting the students, including tearing clothes of some girls and misbehaving with them. The victims alleged that the activists forced five girls to sit along with a male friend, who was bare chested, in a room and their victims' photographs were taken. The videos and photographs of the incident was widely circulated and this caused lot of mental trauma.

The police had arrested 44 persons and filed the chargesheet.

Centre issues norms for organ transport in India

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

In a first, the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a set of guidelines for the transportation of live human organs.

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While transporting the organs by air (commercial/non-commercial aircraft/helicopter/air ambulance etc., except drones), the Ministry recommended that the box containing the organ should be screened without opening it. Passengers carrying it shall not be exempted from security checks.

Staff carrying/accompanying the organ box should be given priority in de-boarding for which an in-flight announcement could be made by the Pilot-in-Command. Seating in front row seats, priority reservation, and provision for late check-in for organ transport may be facilitated by the airline concerned. It would be the responsibility of the officials to define a green path (free from obstructions) and a trolley for the organ box from the ambulance to the airport at the point of origin and from the aircraft to an ambulance at the destination.

Karnataka Governor to consult lawyers in plaint against CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid speculation over Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot's next move on sanctioning prosecution against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Corporation (MUDC), the complainant in the case, T.J. Abraham, on Tuesday met the Governor to "clear the air" about the doubts over his integrity expressed by the Minister and the Chief Minister.

While the Governor returned to Bengaluru late on Monday from New Delhi, he is consulting legal experts and could take time

to respond "since it is a sensitive matter", Raj Bhanu sources said.

Mr. Abraham said, "The Governor has neither rejected nor answered my complaint. Instead, it has raised doubts about my integrity. He wanted to know about that aspect," he said. "The State's motto had said, 'The Governor has failed to take note of the fact that T.J. Abraham comes with criminal antecedents having cases of blackmail and extortion registered against him and his conduct in missing the public interest jurisdiction has also been frowned upon by the Supreme Court. His acts are motivated and suffer from factual and legal mala fides."

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Ground work



Tilling hard: Workers removing weeds at a farm field on the outskirts of Vijayawada on Tuesday. K.V.S. GURI

Four years on, painful memories return to Pettimudy landslide site near Munnar

The Hindu Bureau
DIXON

Days after a series of landslides claimed hundreds of lives and left a large number of people homeless in Wayanad, tragic memories returned to the tea estate of Pettimudy near Munnar on the fourth anniversary of a landslide that had taken away 70 lives in 2020. On Tuesday, family members and officials of the Kannan Devan Hills Plantations returned to Bengaluru late on Monday from New Delhi, he is consulting legal experts and could take time



Hemalatha and Gopika, who lost parents in the landslide, offering prayers at the cemetery on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

person buried there. Among the relatives who came to Pettimudy to attend the birthday function, Hemalatha and Gopika, who lost their parents in the landslide, also attended prayers. Hemalatha said that the government must ensure the rehabilitation

of the affected people in Wayanad. "After the landslide in Pettimudy, groups and government announced packages and support for the victims. But after two months, most people forget it. In Pettimudy, the government did not construct homes for the survivors while it directed the KIDRP to construct homes. In Wayanad, the government should also ensure the protection of the children who lost their parents," he said.

His sons Dinesh Kumar, 22, and Nishith Kumar, 20, who came to Pettimudy to attend the birthday function, said that the government must ensure the rehabilitation

Rain pushes up storage in Karnataka's hydel reservoirs to record level of 86%

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The recent spell of heavy rains in Karnataka's Western Ghats region has brightened its power scenario as the cumulative storage in all three major hydel reservoirs increased to a record level of 86% as against the level of 49% during the corresponding period last year. Officials of the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited observe that this is the first time in recent years that the cumulative storage has touched such a high level within a span of 10 days. Mr. Shrinivasan said the monsoon period. Generally, the storage in these



Power boost: The present cumulative storage could help generate 7,529 million units of energy. FILE PHOTO

reservoirs reaches the maximum or near the maximum by September. But copious rains in the Western Ghats in the last few weeks have resulted in these reservoirs getting a

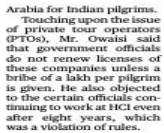
high quantum of inflows. In fact, the last 10 years' data shows that the highest level by this corresponding period was in 2018, when the cumulative storage had touched

Owaisi says Haj panel is 'corrupt', demands investigation by CBI

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday alleged rampant corruption in the Haj Committee of India (HCI), which is an agency of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, and demanded a probe into the matter by the CBI.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Owaisi said that the HCI did not have a permanent Chief Executive Officer. This, he implied, has led to several instances of corruption and hardship faced by Indians who recently flew to Saudi Arabia to make the Haj pilgrimage. He alleged that officials had selected sub-standard buildings in Saudi



Asaduddin Owaisi. ANI

Arabia for Indian pilgrims. Touching upon the issue of private tour operators (PTOs), Mr. Owaisi said that government officials do not renew licenses of these companies unless a bribe of a lakh per pilgrim is given. He also objected to the certain officials continuing to work at HCI even after eight years, which was a violation of rules.

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Legal Framework:

The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 allows organ harvesting from living donors or brain-dead patients with family consent.

The transportation of organs involves moving them from one hospital to another via air or road, based on the location of the recipient.

- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):**

- Issued to guide healthcare institutions in States/Union Territories on transporting organs using various modes, including metro trains and water.
- Organs must be transported only within India, and no organ shall be transported outside the country.

Air Transportation Guidelines:

Organs can be transported by commercial and non-commercial aircraft, helicopters, and air ambulances, excluding drones.

The box containing the organ should be screened without opening, but passengers carrying it must undergo security check

- **Priority Measures:**

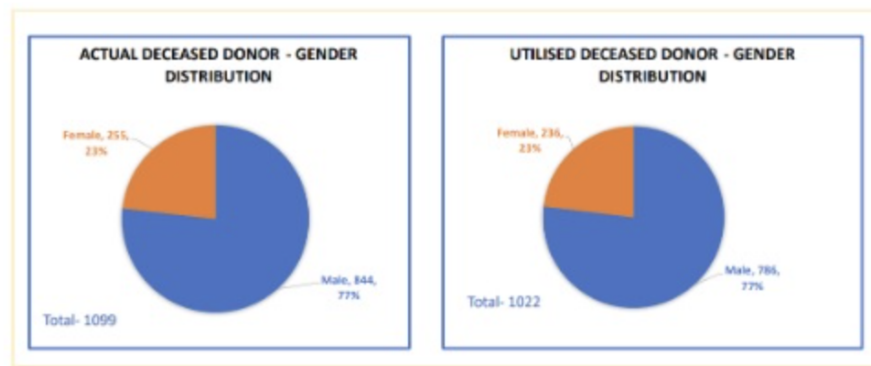
- Staff carrying or accompanying the organ box should receive priority boarding.
- The airline may facilitate front-row seating, priority reservations, and late check-ins for organ transport.
- Officials are responsible for defining a clear path and providing a trolley for organ transport from the ambulance to the aircraft and vice versa.

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- The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) released its annual report for the year 2023-24 on Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) on August 3, 2024.
 - According to NOTTO, in 2023, India reached a significant milestone by surpassing 1,000 deceased organ donors in a single year for the first time, breaking the record set in 2022.

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- **In 2024, “Angdaan Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan” was launched for various awareness activities.**
 - **Under the Abhiyaan, the month of July was observed as the Organ Donation Month.**
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Finding	Details
Gender Distribution of Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 63% of living donors were women. ▪ 77% of deceased donors were men.
Transplants by Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delhi-NCR: Nearly 78% of foreign national transplants. ▪ Delhi: 4,426 transplants total, with foreign nationals accounting for over 32%. ▪ Rajasthan: 116 transplants to foreign nationals. ▪ West Bengal: 88 transplants to foreign nationals.
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Deceased Donor Milestone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than 1,000 deceased organ donors in a single year for the first time. ▪ Deceased-donor transplants increased from 837 in 2013 to 2,935 in 2023.

<p>Transplants with Organs from Unrelated Deceased Donors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nine transplants to foreigners with organs from unrelated deceased donors. ▪ Locations: Three in Tamil Nadu, two each in Delhi, Maharashtra, and Gujarat.
<p>Foreigners' Allocation Rule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organs from deceased donors are allocated to foreigners only when no matching Indian patients are available.
<p>Organ Donation Rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Less than 1 per million population.



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- **National Organ Transplantation Guidelines:Removed Age Cap: The upper age limit has been removed as people are now living longer.**
 - **Earlier, according to the NOTTO guidelines, an end-stage organ failure patient above 65 years of age was prohibited from registering to receive the organ.**

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- What is the main objective of the guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the transportation of live human organs?
 - A) To promote international collaboration in organ transplantation.
 - B) To ensure the expeditious movement of life-saving organs using available infrastructure.
 - C) To allow the transportation of organs outside the country.
 - D) To exempt organ transportation staff from security checks.

- **Consider the following statements: (2020)**

- 1. Genetic changes can be introduced in the cells that produce eggs or sperms of a prospective parent.**

- 2. A person's genome can be edited before birth at the early embryonic stage.**

- 3. Human induced pluripotent stem cells can be injected into the embryo of a pig.**

- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- **(a) 1 only**

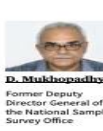
- (b) 2 and 3 only**

- (c) 2 only**

- (d) 1, 2 and 3**

Counting the 'poor' having nutritional deficiency

The National Sample Survey Office recently released a detailed report based on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES): 2022-23. Along with the report, the unit-level data on household consumption expenditure (HCE) is available in the public domain. The HCES collected data on the quantities of various food items consumed by households during specified reference periods and the total value of consumption of different food and non-food items. This analysis uses this information to convert the quantities of consumed food items into their total caloric value, and then compare the estimated per capita per day calorie intake of household members in the lower expenditure classes with the average per capita daily calorie requirement for a healthy life.



Approach of measurement
This analysis addresses two key issues: one, how one defines the 'poor' and two, the measurement aspect of the nutritional level. In the Indian context, the various committees constituted earlier by the government, including the Lakdawala, the Tendulkar, and the Rangarajan Committees, have defined the poor as the persons below the 'poverty line' (PL). The PL is a monetary equivalent based on household monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) that should be sufficient for the household to purchase the food and non-food items included in the poverty line basket (PLB). The Lakdawala Committee anchored the PL and the PLB, which included food and non-food items, to calorie norms of 2,400 kcal per capita per day for rural areas and 2,100 kcal per capita per day for urban areas. In contrast, the Tendulkar Committee did not anchor the PL to a calorie norm. The PL, according to Rangarajan Committee is based on 'certain normative levels of adequate nourishment, clothing, house rent,

conveyance and education, and a behaviorally determined level of other non-food expenses'. The methodology of this analysis first derives the average daily per capita calorie requirement (PCR) for a healthy life based on the recommended energy requirements for Indians of different age-sex categories as per the latest (2020) report of ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition. The PCR has been worked out as a weighted average of the calorie requirements of persons in different age-sex category groups. The PCR is then compared with the proportion of estimated persons in these categories as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2022-23. In the second step, estimated persons are arranged into 20 fractile classes of MPCE (poorest to richest), each comprising five per cent population, with the estimates of average per capita per day consumer expenditure (PCE) and average MPCE (food and non-food) derived for each class based on the data of HCES 2022-23. From this all-India distribution, the average MPCE on food linked to the normative level of PCR is derived. In a common man's language, the average per capita expenditure on food can be considered the minimum amount a household must spend on food items for its members to maintain a healthy life. In this all-India distribution, the average per capita expenditure on food, combined with the average MPCE on non-food items for the poorest five per cent is added to derive the total MPCE threshold (at average India prices) that is necessary for spending on food items (ensuring adequate nourishment) and on the non-food items with a bare minimum expenditure on the rest. This all-India total MPCE threshold is adjusted for price differentials across States/UTs in terms of General Consumer Price Index numbers to derive the corresponding State/UT-specific total MPCE thresholds. State/UT-wise proportion of 'poor' (deprived) is derived by

analysis, is derived as the proportion of persons below such total MPCE thresholds. Finally, the proportion of 'poor' (deprived) for the country is derived as the weighted average of the State/UT-wise proportions of 'poor' (deprived) based on the respective weights as the projected populations of the States/UTs as of March 1, 2023, based on July 2020 report of the National Commission on Population. The analysis involves certain approximations in deriving the calorie intake figures at the household level in quite a few cases where the HCES data reports the aggregate quantity figures for certain items grouped. The PCR is estimated to be 2,172 kcal for rural India and 2,135 kcal for urban India. At 2022-23 prices, the all-India threshold total MPCE is ₹2,197 (food: ₹1,569 and non-food: ₹628) for rural India and ₹2,077 (food: ₹2,098 and non-food: ₹979) for urban India. The corresponding proportion of 'poor' is estimated at 17.1% for rural areas and 14% for urban areas. If the non-food expenditure of the poorest 10% is considered instead of the poorest five per cent, the threshold total MPCE increases to ₹2,305 for rural areas and ₹3,486 for urban areas, with the consequent increase in the corresponding proportion of 'poor' to 23.2% for rural India and 19.4% for urban India. Regarding nutritional deficiency, the average PCE of the poorest five per cent in rural India is 1,564 kcal and 1,764 kcal, respectively. For urban India, it is estimated to be 1,607 kcal and 1,773 kcal, respectively, which fall far short of the PCR. The government has several welfare programmes, aimed at uplifting the poor, including improving their health and nutritional status. If, in some nutritional schemes targeted towards the poorest of the poor are put in place to raise their level of nourishment to have a healthy life.

Views expressed are personal

Set for a stand-off with Governor

Government in Karnataka is clashing with Governor over a notice issued to CM

STATE OF PLAY

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Karnataka has been witnessing political theatrics for over a week with the ruling Congress-led Government. The analysis involves certain approximations in deriving the calorie intake figures at the household level in quite a few cases where the HCES data reports the aggregate quantity figures for certain items grouped. The PCR is estimated to be 2,172 kcal for rural India and 2,135 kcal for urban India. At 2022-23 prices, the all-India threshold total MPCE is ₹2,197 (food: ₹1,569 and non-food: ₹628) for rural India and ₹2,077 (food: ₹2,098 and non-food: ₹979) for urban India. The corresponding proportion of 'poor' is estimated at 17.1% for rural areas and 14% for urban areas. If the non-food expenditure of the poorest 10% is considered instead of the poorest five per cent, the threshold total MPCE increases to ₹2,305 for rural areas and ₹3,486 for urban areas, with the consequent increase in the corresponding proportion of 'poor' to 23.2% for rural India and 19.4% for urban India. Regarding nutritional deficiency, the average PCE of the poorest five per cent in rural India is 1,564 kcal and 1,764 kcal, respectively. For urban India, it is estimated to be 1,607 kcal and 1,773 kcal, respectively, which fall far short of the PCR. The government has several welfare programmes, aimed at uplifting the poor, including improving their health and nutritional status. If, in some nutritional schemes targeted towards the poorest of the poor are put in place to raise their level of nourishment to have a healthy life.

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develop a layout. She benefited from the scheme during the BJP's rule in 2023 when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Leader of the Opposition. While the alleged irregularities in the scheme had been in the public domain for nearly a year, it assumed importance when it was revealed that a family member of the Chief Minister from Mysuru district was a beneficiary. Several political leaders across the spectrum are also alleged to be beneficiaries. Facing intense pressure for the first time in this tenure, Mr. Siddaramaiah and his supporters have steadfastly denied the irregularities, citing legal and procedural provisions. Before issuing the show cause notice, the Governor sought clarifications from the government on two occasions. Clarifications were provided by the Chief Secretary on one occasion and by the Chief Minister during a personal meeting on another occasion. Eventually, on July 26, the Governor issued a show cause notice, giving the Chief Minister a week's time to respond. On the last day of the deadline, the Council of Ministers advised the Governor to withdraw the notice and reject the request for prosecution sanction. Showing solidarity with the Chief Minister, the govern-

ment fielded eight senior Ministers to speak on the decision of the Council of Ministers. Terming the Governor's action as "done in haste and without application of mind", they argued that under Article 163 of the Constitution, the Governor lacks the discretion to serve a show cause notice to the Chief Minister without a report from an inquiry or investigating agency. In 2011 when then Governor H.R. Bhardwaj gave prosecution sanction against then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, the Governor had the Lokayukta report, they contended, adding that the provisions in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, has also been modified since then. They also pointed out that the Governor's action was premature since a complaint had been made with the Lokayukta. A Minister, who did not wish to be named, said the party was anticipating a "replay of the rule book under the BJP's standard operating procedure" deployed by Governors in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Jharkhand, and were expecting Mr. Gehlot to sanction prosecution. The BJP and JD(S) have been unrelenting in their demand for the Chief Minister's resignation and are on a 140-kilometre padyatra to Mysuru from Bengaluru. In response, the Congress has been holding the annual state programme in big towns en route the padyatra to fight "misinformation", and mocked BJP for staging a protest against itself as the 50:50 scheme was implemented during the BJP regime. As Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has prided himself on his "corruption-free" four-decade political career "braces to fight the allegations, all eyes are now on the Governor's move."

Venezuela under Maduro: authoritarianism and economic chaos

The country's petrostate model and U.S. sanctions have led to a severe reversal of fortunes

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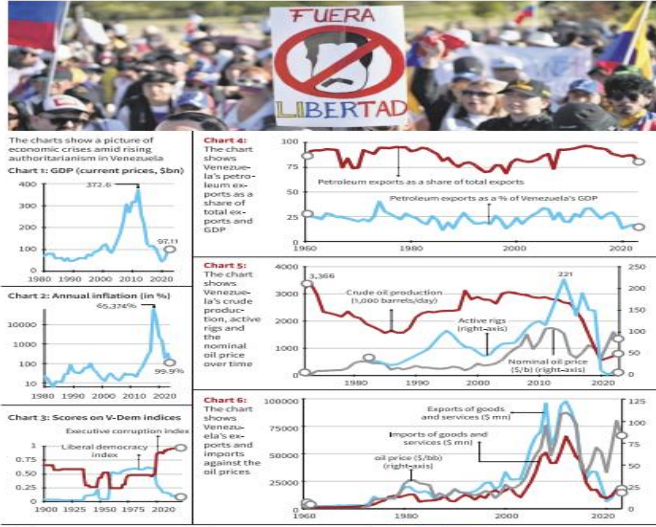
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On July 28, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro returned to power after a controversial election, whose results have been disputed by the Opposition and several countries. The unpopularity of Mr. Maduro's regime is not under question as he oversaw an economy that descended into free fall in his 11 years in power. The country's annual inflation rate skyrocketed to five digits, along with shortages of basic supplies. It slid down the democracy index and touched new highs on bribery indices. Humanitarian and economic conditions have triggered a mass exodus, with as many as 7.7 million Venezuelans fleeing the country. Chart 1 shows how Venezuela's GDP (in current prices) started declining since Mr. Maduro's ascent to power in 2013. According to the IMF, Venezuela's real GDP saw the most protracted contraction in modern history during the last decade. Between 2013 and 2022, the economy contracted by 75%, the largest for any country not at war. Chart 2 plots Venezuela's annual inflation rate. The country's inflation spiralled to a peak of 65,374% resulting in hyperinflation in 2018 and remained in more than three digits for nine years. Chart 3 shows how Venezuela fares on two indices maintained by the V-dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute — the liberal democracy index and the executive corruption index. Since 1999 — which heralded the era of Chavismo with Mr. Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, coming to power — the country dropped on the liberal democracy index and underwent a rise on the corruption index. As of 2023, V-dem classifies the country as an electoral autocracy. Mr. Chavez's rise coincided with a popular movement against the entrenched two-party system which

was seen as failing to empower the masses. His regime sought to redistribute revenues from its flourishing petroleum extraction industry into welfare and this ensured that the country's dependence on this industry became even more entrenched. Venezuela sits on the world's largest crude reserves. As Chart 4 shows, Venezuela's petroleum exports formed about 90% of the country's exports and remained in the range, 70% to 96%, between 1960 and 2023, making the country a "petrostate". Petroleum exports also amount to 14% of the country's GDP (as of 2023) and until 2019 remained over and above the 20% mark. However, the production of crude oil has reduced significantly over time. Compared to 1973, when the country was producing 3.36 million barrels a day, the figure slipped to 0.78 million in 2023. The number of active oil rigs in the country fell from 221 in 2011 to just three in 2023. Venezuela was the highest producer of crude among OPEC countries until 1969. But as of 2023, it ranks 9th in crude production. Chart 5 shows Venezuela's crude production (in LDO barrels a day), and active oil rigs and the nominal price of oil over time. The drastic production cuts are clearly linked to the sanctions imposed by the Donald Trump-led U.S. regime in 2017, a time when oil prices recovered globally. For many years, the trend of Venezuela's exports and imports of goods and services followed that of oil prices (Chart 6). However, the current spike in oil prices has not seen a commensurate rise in exports and imports due to the imposition of sanctions by the U.S. Since 2023, following the Barbados agreement, the U.S. eased some of its sanctions and this allowed an increase in exports. However, the subsequent measures taken by the Maduro regime to ban Opposition candidates resulted in a re-imposition of sanctions.

Charting a "petrostate's" downturn

The data for the charts were sourced from OPEC, IMF and V-Dem



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1974

A well-nurtured legacy

Madras, August 7: Rocked by the waves of the choppy sea, the boats came alighting into the club house, swinging and swaying. As each competitor got off his boat and climbed on to the landing, he was greeted by a burst of cheering. This was followed by general merriment, with the young and old mingling freely and swapping sea-tales long into the night. This was the scene at the club house of the Royal Madras Yacht Club last Saturday, when the Johnnie Walker Trophy donated by the Shaw-Wallace Co. Ltd., was fought out by 13 boats with their crew. Not only for this prestigious race, inaugurated this year by the club, but also for ordinary friendly races, there is also amount of enthusiasm in the air, which shows the popularity that sailing is picking up here. Sailing is one of the legacies left by the Englishmen and the Royal Madras Yacht Club has kept up the traditions, set up by pioneers like Sprig, Armstrong and Ramble and fostered by Desain and more likely by Claudius and Guinan. Actually, the Club came into being way back in October 1911 thanks to the efforts of Sir Francis Sprig, the Chairman of the Port Trust and Lord Carmichael, the then Governor of Madras was the first Commodore. The Club, which was first housed in Timber-Ford, then moved to the South Quay and at present at the club-house at Old North Beach, has now 80-odd members on its rolls housewives, businessmen, university dons school boys, etc. There is regular sailing on Saturdays and Sundays, when the sea adjoining Royapuram is dotted with sailboats playing polo on the water. Squally weather and pouring rain are not conducive to good sailing and so the sailing season at Madras extends from January to October. It is heartening that school and college-going youngsters of both sexes are coming up in large numbers to take up this sport.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1924

Counterfeit coins.

Darjeeling, August 6: The Police raided the collector's den, arrested three Chinese and recovered implements and materials for making a large number of four, anna and two-anna bits. Trained monkeys were employed to guard the approaches to the den.

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The charts show a picture of economic crises amid rising authoritarianism in Venezuela

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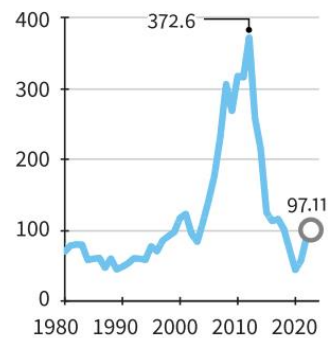


Chart 2: Annual inflation (in %)

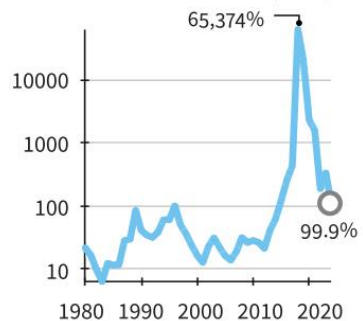


Chart 4: The chart shows Venezuela's petroleum exports as a share of total exports and GDP

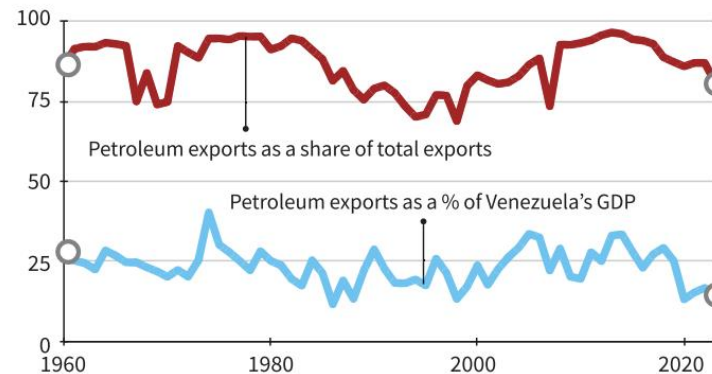


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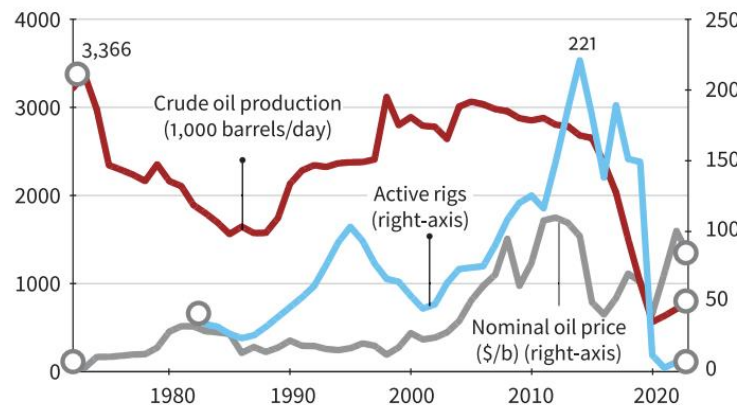


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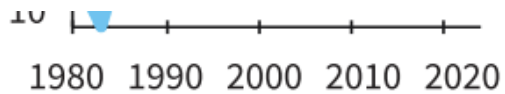


Chart 3: Scores on V-Dem indices

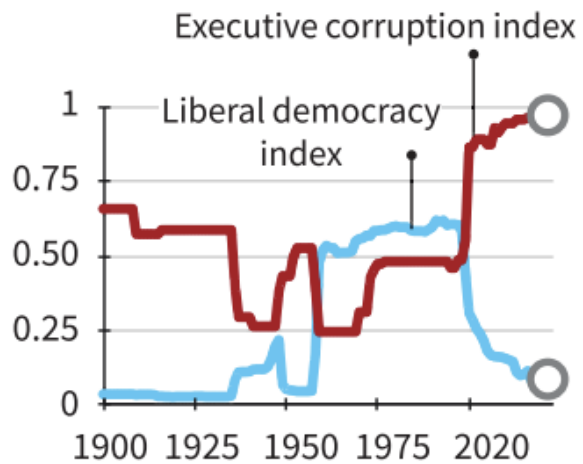
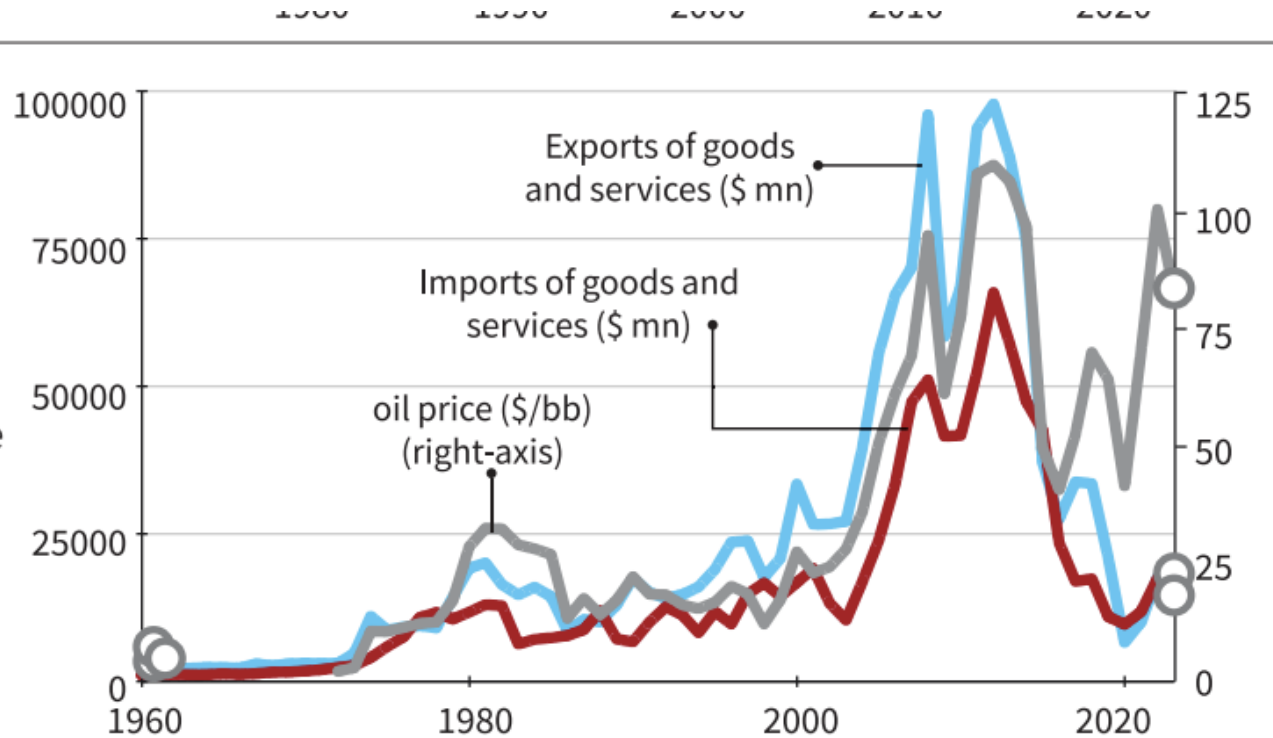


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राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू फिजी के सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार से सम्मानित

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 6 अगस्त।

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को मंगलवार को फिजी के सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार 'कम्पैनिशन आफ द आर्डर आफ फिजी' से सम्मानित किया गया। मुर्मू ने दोनों देशों के संबंधों की प्रशंसा की और कहा कि भारत एक मजबूत, लचीला और अधिक समृद्ध राष्ट्र बनाने के लिए फिजी के साथ साझेदारी करने को तैयार है। राष्ट्रपति कार्यालय ने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स पर कहा कि फिजी के राष्ट्रपति रातू विलियम मैवालिली कटोनिवेरे ने राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को 'कम्पैनिशन आफ द आर्डर आफ फिजी' पुरस्कार प्रदान किया।

यह फिजी का सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान है। फिजी की दो दिवसीय यात्रा पर पहुंचीं मुर्मू ने इस



सम्मान को भारत और फिजी के बीच 'दोस्ती के गहरे संबंधों का प्रतिबिंब' बताया। यह किसी भारतीय राष्ट्राध्यक्ष की इस द्वीपसमूह राष्ट्र की पहली यात्रा है। राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू ने फिजी की संसद को भी संबोधित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि जैसे-जैसे भारत वैश्विक मंच पर मजबूती से उभर रहा है, हम एक मजबूत, लचीला और अधिक समृद्ध

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को फिजी के सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार 'कम्पैनिशन आफ द आर्डर आफ फिजी' से सम्मानित किए जाने पर बधाई दी और कहा कि यह हर भारतीय के लिए बहुत गर्व और खुशी का क्षण है। प्रधानमंत्री ने 'एक्स' पर लिखा कि राष्ट्रपति जी

राष्ट्र बनाने के लिए आपकी प्राथमिकताओं के अनुसार फिजी के साथ साझेदारी करने के लिए तैयार हैं। आइए, हम अपने दोनों प्रिय देशों के लोगों के पारस्परिक लाभ के लिए अपनी साझेदारी की पूरी क्षमता का उपयोग करने के लिए एक साथ आएँ।

उन्होंने कहा कि आकार में बहुत अंतर होने

प्रधानमंत्री ने दी बधाई

को फिजी के सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार, कम्पैनिशन आफ द आर्डर आफ फिजी से सम्मानित किए जाने पर बधाई। यह हर भारतीय के लिए बहुत गर्व और खुशी का क्षण है। यह राष्ट्रपति जी के नेतृत्व के साथ-साथ भारत और फिजी के लोगों के बीच ऐतिहासिक संपर्क की भी मान्यता है।

के बावजूद भारत और फिजी में जीवंत लोकतंत्र समेत काफी कुछ एक समान है। उन्होंने याद किया कि करीब 10 वर्ष पहले इसी हाल में बोलते हुए प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कुछ मूल मूल्यों का जिक्र किया था जो भारत और फिजी को जोड़ते हैं। राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू ने कहा कि इनमें हमारा लोकतंत्र, हमारे समाज की विविधता,

हमारी नस्ल कि सभी मनुष्य समान हैं, तथा प्रत्येक व्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता, सम्मान और अधिकारों के प्रति हमारी प्रतिबद्धता शामिल हैं। ये साझा मूल्य शाश्वत हैं और आगे भी हमारा मार्गदर्शन करते रहेंगे।

इससे पहले, राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू का 'स्टेट हाउस' में राष्ट्रपति कटोनिवेरे ने स्वागत किया जहां दोनों नेताओं ने द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को और मजबूत बनाने के तरीकों पर चर्चा की। उनके कार्यालय ने 'एक्स' पर कहा कि स्टेट हाउस में राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू ने 'राष्ट्र प्रमुखों के आवासों का सौरीकरण' परियोजना (सोलेराइजेशन आफ हेड्स आफ स्टेट रेजीडेंसेज) की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। यह एक भारतीय पहल है जिसकी शुरुआत पिछले साल फरवरी में की गई थी। प्रधानमंत्री सिटिवेनी राबुका ने मुर्मू से मुलाकात की।

Hiroshima Day 2024

Hiroshima Day is observed on August 6th to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, by the US during World War II on August 6th, 1945.

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the US dropped an atomic bomb called "Little Boy," on Hiroshima using the B-29 bomber Enola Gay.

Approximately 70,000-80,000 people were killed instantly, with many more dying later from injuries and radiation.

On August 9, 1945, the US dropped a second atomic bomb, "Fat Man, on Nagasaki, leading

to Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, and ending World War II. It marked the first use of nuclear weapons in warfare and led to Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, effectively ending World War II.

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- **General Douglas MacArthur and other top commanders supported continued conventional bombing and a planned massive invasion, “Operation Downfall,” which was estimated to result in up to 1 million US casualties.**
 - **To avoid such high casualties, President Truman decided to use the atomic bomb.**

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- In December 1941, the US government launched the Manhattan Project to develop the bomb under the leadership of J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Word of the day

Lethargic:

deficient in alertness or activity

Synonym: unenergetic

Usage: *I am so lethargic in the evenings.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/lethargicpro

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ləˈθɑːdʒɪk/



Fun fact

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The Olympic Rings: The Olympic rings, designed by Pierre de Coubertin in 1913, symbolize the five continents of the world united by Olympism.

The colors (blue, yellow, black, green, and red) were chosen because every nation had at least one of these colors in its national flag.

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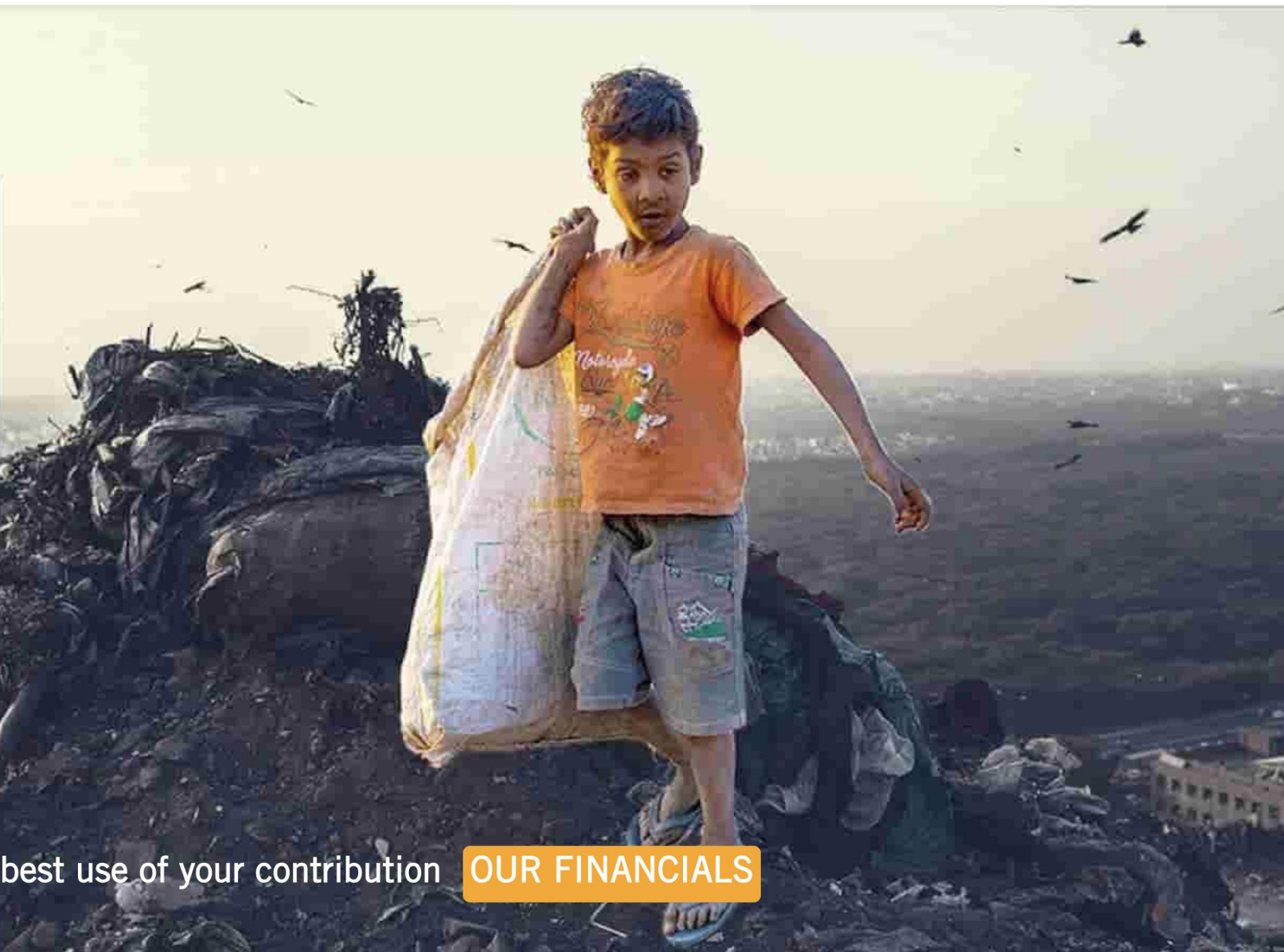





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A group of people are clapping in a dimly lit room. The focus is on the hands and forearms of several individuals, some in the foreground and some blurred in the background. The lighting is soft and moody, with a blueish tint. In the top left corner, there is a solid orange horizontal bar.

Thank you
guys.
