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Hibz case NIA raids locations across TN.

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National Investigation Agency officials on Tuesday searched many locations across Tamil Nadu in the Hibz case. The raids allegedly involved an anti-election campaign as part of a "diverse conspiracy". » PAGE 8

Army to receive Apache choppers in December

NEW DELHI
After a delay, the Army is set to receive the first batch of three AH-64 Apache attack helicopters from Boeing in December. The Army is also set to deploy the indigenous light combat helicopter in Ladakh next year. » PAGE 8

Unemployment rate has not fallen: survey

NEW DELHI
The Periodic Labour Force Survey for the period between July 2023 and June 2024 reported no major change in unemployment rate, it also reported improvement in participation of women in workforce. » PAGE 8

Railways set to overhaul ageing signalling systems

CHENNAI
Worried over many signalling systems remaining functional beyond their recommended lifespan, the Indian Railways has decided to replace ageing assets that have outlived their useful life. » PAGE 8

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Lebanon under fire



Shell shivers Rescuers inspect the site of an overnight Israeli strike on a pharmacy in the southern Lebanese village of Aklah, on Tuesday. Over 500 people have been killed in Israeli bombardments since Monday, the deadliest attacks since 2006. AP/PHOTO: NARA SA

down and escaped to India on August 5. Violence erupted in the neighbouring country, and in several cases, members of Hindu community, their temples and shops, were specifically targeted. The BSF, deployed along the 4,096 km border with Bangladesh, has been asked to not allow anyone to enter India without documents.
On August 9, the Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a five-member committee, headed by Ravji Chandra, Additional Director General, Eastern Command, BSF to communicate with Bangladesh authorities "to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals, Hindus, and other minority communities living there".



BSF personnel keep vigil at the India-Bangladesh border. © IANS

flag meeting, the jawan returned unharmed around 4 p.m. the same day, the official said.
High alert
The BSF has been on a heightened alert after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped

Actor-MLA Mukesh arrested in rape case

THE HINDU BUREAU BANGHUR
The Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing the complaints against Malayalam film industry personalities in the wake of the Home Minister's report on Tuesday, arrested the actor-legislator M. Mukesh in a rape case registered against him by the Kochi City Police.
He was released after a medical examination as a lower court in the city had earlier granted him anticipatory bail. Mr. Mukesh was among the first from the Malayalam film industry to be booked in the wake of revelations by women actors recently.

Zelenskyy meets Modi in U.S., expresses gratitude for efforts towards peace

SRIJAN LAKSHMAN NEW YORK
Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Monday, in the afternoon, before departing New York for New Delhi. Mr. Zelenskyy's team had requested the meeting, according to Foreign Secretary Vikas Khuri.
There was no discussion on India's purchase of Russian oil, Mr. Modi said as he briefed journalists on Monday. Returning to India's purchase of oil, Mr. Zelenskyy had told Indian journalists in Kyiv last month, that if Indians "change their attitude" towards Russia, the war would end.
The two leaders last met in Kyiv August 23 when Mr. Modi made a short visit to Ukraine. During Mr. Modi's interaction, they talked in three months — they discussed the Russia-Ukraine war and the Ukraine-India bilateral relationship.
Government officials were circumspect on Mr. Modi's afternoon schedule following his address at the UN's Summit of the Future, prior to the announcement that the meeting had taken place.
Mr. Zelenskyy "thanked the Prime Minister for the efforts that was making the larger toll on the world, especially the Global South, the conflict", Mr. Modi said, adding that the meeting demonstrated the Prime Minister's openness to a resolution.
There was not much discussion on a second Peace Summit, Mr. Modi's Foreign Secretary confirmed that there was a discussion on the specifics of ending the conflict.
Mr. Modi emphasised that his government's relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin and

mentioned the conference. "During the meeting, special attention was paid to strengthening interaction on international platforms, particularly within the UN and G20, as well as implementing the Peace Formula and preparing for the second Peace Summit," it said.
Both the Indian and Ukrainian sides appreciated the progress on bilateral issues, Mr. Modi said, and agreed to keep in touch, including potentially arranging a meeting of the Inter-governmental Commission, which is led by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries.
The Ukrainian readout does not mention of these issues, such as enhancing trade and economic ties, defence cooperation, India's involvement in post-war reconstruction, and collaboration in education, science, and culture.

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The Ukrainian readout of the meeting specifically

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Krishnaprasad
BENGALURU

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ercising independent discretion," the court said.

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BENGALURU

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nowhere requires a police officer to seek approval in a private complaint registered under Section 200 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, against a public ser-

vant for offences punishable under the provisions of the Act."

"It is the duty of the complainant to seek such approval" in case of a private complaint lodged before the competent courts, the court said. "The Gubernatorial order nowhere suffers from want of application of mind," the High Court said, rejecting Mr. Siddaramaiah's claim that the Governor had not applied his mind in granting permission for investigation.

'Not mandatory'

The court also made it clear that grant of an opportunity of hearing or issuing a show-cause notice prior to grant of approval for investigation under Section 17A is not manda-

tory. However, if the competent authority [Governor in this case] chooses to do so, it is open to it, the judge said.

It was argued on behalf of Mr. Siddaramaiah that the Governor had issued notice to him only on the complaint filed by Abraham T.J., and not on the two other complaints, filed by Snehmayi Krishna and Pradeep Kumar S.P.

The court also clarified that the Governor's order is read to be restrictive to an approval for investigation under Section 17A and not an order granting sanction for prosecution under Section 218 of the BNSS as it was clarified on behalf of the Governor that the order has to be contained only for investigation under Section 17A.

Discretionary powers

CONSTITUTIONAL DISCRETION OF GOVERNORS INCLUDES

- When they have to reserve the Bill for the consideration of the President
- When he has to recommend for President's rule in the State
- When given additional charge as administrator of union Territory

SITUATIONAL DISCRETION OF GOVERNORS

- For appointing Chief Minister after no party get clear majority or when the incumbent dies in the office
- When he dismisses Council of Ministers on an inability to prove confidence in the legislative Assembly
- When he dissolves the Assembly when it loses its majority

Execution of discretion beyond the constitutional permissibility is considered an attack on the elected government of the State and people's mandate

GOVERNOR

POWERS

•EXECUTIVE

Can Appoint

- 1) Council Of Ministers
- 2) Advocate General
- 3) PSC Members

(Can Only Remove By President, (Article 317))

•No Power To Appoint HC Judge

•Can Nominate Person With Special Knowledge, Social Service etc to legislative council (Article 171(5))

•LEGISLATIVE

•Part Of State Legislature Having Right To Address and Send Messages, Summoning and Dissolving State Assembly

•**Article 200** Can Refer Any Bill to President For Approval

•JUDICIAL

•Power To Grant Pardons, Remission etc of punishments (Article 161)

QUALIFICATION (ARTICLE 157)

- Citizen Of India
- Age:-35 Years
- Should Not Be Any Member Of The Union Or Any State

APPOINTMENT (ARTICLE 155)

- President Appoints
- Term**=5 Years
- May Be Terminated By
 - Dismissal Of President (Article 156-1)
- Resignation**=(Article 156-2)



•EMERGENCY

- No Power
- Article 356 Power To Report to President About State'S Status

APPOINTMENT

Governor is appointed by the President. This makes Centre alone responsible

TENURE

Governor holds office during the pleasure of the President. This does not guarantee a fixed term.

REMOVAL

Removal is at the centre's discretion. And Governor has no right to know reasons and no right of hearing.

DISCRETIONARY POWERS

Article 200: Reservation of Bills for President's Consideration

Article 356: Imposition of President's Rule

Appointment of Chief Minister when no party has attained clear majority

Article 163: What amounts to discretion is also the Governor's discretion

Governors delaying crucial Bills a matter of concern, says SC

CJI asks why govts. should be made to approach the court for Governors to act; he adds matters must be sorted out between them and the CMs

7th Nov 2023

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday expressed acute displeasure at Governors holding back key Bills, especially in non-BJP-ruled States such as Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Telangana, until State governments approach the top court for judicial intervention.

"This is a serious issue we should look into... Why should parties be made to approach the Supreme Court for the Governors to act. We are a democracy in operation since the birth of the Constitution. These are matters to be sorted out between the Governors and Chief Ministers. We



The Governors should not be oblivious of the fact that they are not elected by the people

D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
Chief Justice of India

will ensure that the Constitution is complied with," Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three-judge Bench, observed.

'Do soul-searching'

The Chief Justice said it was time everybody, including Governors and Chief Ministers, did "a little bit of soul-searching".

"The Governors should

not be oblivious of the fact that they are not elected by the people," he noted.

The Bench was hearing a petition filed by the Punjab government accusing the Governor of sitting on seven key Bills related to subjects including fiscal and State-affiliated colleges.

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Discretionary Powers of Governor

Discretion of Governor is Final

↳ validity of anything done by him cannot be called into question

Types

→ Constitutional

→ Situational

* Constitutional

↳ Reservation of Bill
↳ Recommendation for imposition of President's rule
↳ Seeking info. from

* Situational CM

↳ Appointing CM
↳ Dismissal of CM

Karnataka HC's Decision:

The Karnataka High Court dismissed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the Governor's order.

कर्नाटक उच्च न्यायालय ने मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धारमैया की याचिका को खारिज कर दिया, जिसमें उन्होंने राज्यपाल के आदेश को चुनौती दी थी।

- **Governor's Approval for Investigation:**

- The Governor had approved an investigation into alleged illegalities in the allotment of 14 sites by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to his wife, valued at ₹56 crore.
- राज्यपाल ने मैसूर शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण (MUDA) द्वारा उनकी पत्नी को ₹56 करोड़ की 14 साइटों के आवंटन में कथित अनियमितताओं की जांच को मंजूरी दी थी।

- **Court's Reasoning:**

- The court emphasized that the allegations necessitate an investigation.
- न्यायालय ने कहा कि आरोपों की जांच आवश्यक है।
- The fact that Siddaramaiah's wife is the sole beneficiary of the allotments makes the investigation more significant.
- चूंकि आवंटन का एकमात्र लाभार्थी सिद्धारमैया की पत्नी हैं, इसलिए जांच का महत्व और बढ़ जाता है।



- **Governor's Role:**

- The court stated that while the Governor must act on the advice of the Council of Ministers, he can take independent decisions in exceptional cases.

- न्यायालय ने कहा कि सामान्य परिस्थितियों में राज्यपाल को मंत्रिपरिषद् की सलाह पर कार्य करना चाहिए, लेकिन असाधारण मामलों में वे स्वतंत्र निर्णय ले सकते हैं।

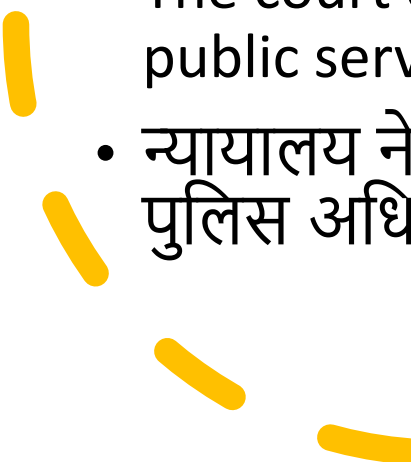
- The Governor's order was considered valid as an exceptional situation.

- राज्यपाल का आदेश एक असाधारण स्थिति में सही माना गया।



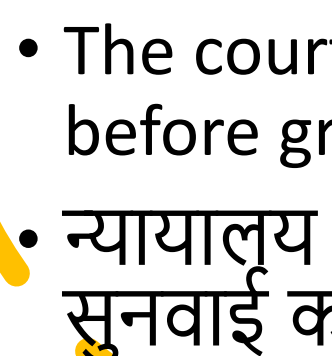


- **Rejection of Other Claims:**

- Siddaramaiah's argument that the Governor did not apply his mind in granting approval was rejected.
 - सिद्धारमैया का यह तर्क कि राज्यपाल ने मंजूरी देने में विवेक का प्रयोग नहीं किया, खारिज कर दिया गया।
 - The court clarified that a police officer does not need approval to investigate a public servant under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.
 - न्यायालय ने स्पष्ट किया कि धारा 17ए के तहत किसी सार्वजनिक सेवक की जांच के लिए पुलिस अधिकारी को अनुमति लेने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती।
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- **Court's Clarification:**

- The High Court reiterated that seeking approval for investigation is not mandatory under Section 17A in this specific case.
 - उच्च न्यायालय ने फिर से कहा कि इस विशिष्ट मामले में धारा 17ए के तहत जांच के लिए अनुमति लेना अनिवार्य नहीं है।
 - The court also dismissed the need for a show-cause notice or hearing before granting approval.
 - न्यायालय ने यह भी कहा कि अनुमति देने से पहले कारण बताओ नोटिस या सुनवाई की आवश्यकता नहीं है।
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Kerala smuggler-turned-forest protector bags award

Sandeep Vellaram

IDUKKI

A smuggler-turned-forest protector in the Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Thekkady, Kerala, has bagged the prestigious Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation Service Award.

Sabu Varghese, also known as Kunjumon, a member of the Ex-Vayana Bark Collectors Eco Development Committee (EDC) in Thekkady, has received the award in recognition of his inspiring transformation. Mr. Kunjumon, once involved in smuggling Vayana bark (the bark of cinnamon trees), has now dedicated his life to conserving the very forest he once exploited.

Mr. Sabu was part of a group that illegally harvested Vayana bark from the PTR and sold it in Tamil



Sabu Varghese, aka Kunjumon, a member of the Ex-Vayana Bark Collectors Eco Development Committee. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Nadu. “In 1996, Sabu, along with 23 other Vayana collectors, stopped such illegal practices and became associated with forest protection,” said a Forest Department official.

Livelihood issues

The smuggling gang used to earn a substantial income by smuggling forest

produce such as sandalwood. Once they renounced the illicit activities, the need to provide them with a sustainable livelihood arose.

This led to the creation of Periyar Tiger Trail, an ecotourism initiative that soon became a national model. The programme provided former smug-

glers with a legitimate income and brought them social acceptance.

Sabu has been instrumental in leading anti-poaching efforts in the Periyar Tiger Reserve. He was a member of the Cheetah Squad, which apprehended sandalwood smugglers from Tamil Nadu.

His efforts also extended to helping smugglers reintegrate into society through the ‘Vidiyal’ ecotourism programme, providing livelihoods for 17 former smugglers.

Benefits abound

Reflecting on his past, Mr. Sabu said, “Joining the EDC changed everything. We gained social acceptance and it transformed the lives of my children too, who are now receiving a better education and opportunities.”

Mr. Sabu was presented the Wildlife Service Award at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Former Indian cricketer Gundappa Vishwanath presented him with the award, which included a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a memento.

Cricketers’ role

The award, established by the Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation, aims at recognising the unsung heroes of forest conservation.

The initiative was conceptualised by former Indian cricketers Sandeep Patil, Yusuf Pathan, and Harbhajan Singh to motivate the foot soldiers protecting India’s forests. M.N. Jayachandran, an environmentalist from Idukki, bagged the award in the Wildlife Crusader category.

Transformation of Sabu Varghese:

Sabu Varghese, also known as Kunjumon, was once a smuggler of Vayana bark but has transformed into a forest protector in the Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Kerala.


साबू वर्गीज, जिन्हें कुंजुमोन के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, पहले वायना छाल के तस्कर थे, लेकिन अब वे केरल के पेरियार टाइगर रिजर्व में वन रक्षक बन गए हैं।

- **Recognition and Award:**

- He was awarded the prestigious Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation Service Award for his efforts in forest conservation.
- उन्हें वन संरक्षण में उनके प्रयासों के लिए प्रतिष्ठित 'क्रिकेटर्स फॉर वाइल्डलाइफ कंजर्वेशन सर्विस अवार्ड' से सम्मानित किया गया।




- **Anti-Poaching Efforts:**

- Sabu played a significant role in leading anti-poaching efforts and was part of the Cheetah Squad, which apprehended sandalwood smugglers from Tamil Nadu.
 - साबू ने वन्यजीवों के शिकार को रोकने में अहम भूमिका निभाई और चीताह दस्ते का हिस्सा थे, जिन्होंने तमिलनाडु के चंदन तस्करों को पकड़ा।
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- **Livelihood Programme:**


- To provide a legitimate livelihood to former smugglers, he initiated the 'Vidiyal' ecotourism program, which offers employment to 17 former smugglers.
 - पूर्व तस्करों को वैध आजीविका प्रदान करने के लिए, उन्होंने 'विदियाल' इकोटूरिज्म कार्यक्रम शुरू किया, जो 17 पूर्व तस्करों को रोजगार देता है।
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- **Award Presentation:**

- Former cricketer Gundappa Vishwanath presented Sabu with the award, which included ₹1 lakh in cash and a memento.

- पूर्व क्रिकेटर गुंडप्पा विश्वनाथ ने साबू को यह पुरस्कार प्रदान किया, जिसमें ₹1 लाख नकद और एक स्मृति चिन्ह शामिल था।



- **Role of Cricketers:**

- The award was established by cricketers Sandeep Patil, Yusuf Pathan, and Harbhajan Singh to recognize unsung heroes of forest conservation.
- यह पुरस्कार क्रिकेटर्स संदीप पाटिल, यूसुफ पठान और हरभजन सिंह द्वारा वन संरक्षण के अनसुने नायकों को मान्यता देने के लिए स्थापित किया गया था।

- Which of the following statements is true regarding Sabu Varghese?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा कथन साबू वर्गीज के बारे में सही है?

1. He was never involved in illegal activities.

उन्होंने कभी भी अवैध गतिविधियों में हिस्सा नहीं लिया।

2. Sabu was awarded the Cricketers for Wildlife Conservation Service Award for his efforts in forest conservation.

वन संरक्षण में उनके प्रयासों के लिए साबू को 'क्रिकेटर्स फॉर वाइल्डलाइफ कंजर्वेशन सर्विस अवार्ड' से सम्मानित किया गया।

3. He refused to work with the Periyar Tiger Reserve to protect the forest.

उन्होंने वन की रक्षा के लिए पेरियार टाइगर रिजर्व के साथ काम करने से मना कर दिया।

4. Sabu continues to be involved in smuggling activities.

साबू अभी भी तस्करी गतिविधियों में शामिल हैं।

MVA leaders pay tribute to CPI(M) leader Yechury

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Tuesday paid tribute to veteran Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Sitaram Yechury at a condolence meet, where National Congress Party (Shivrajchandra Pawar) supreme leader Sharad Pawar and State Congress chief Nana Patole remained absent.

Addressing the gathering at Y.B. Chavan Centre in South Mumbai, Mr. Pawar reflected on Mr. Yechury's significant influence in Indian politics, particularly during his time in Parliament. "We used to discuss various issues during our time in Parliament. His commitment to the CPI(M) was unwavering, even during the Emergency when he took a firm stance," he



Sitaram Yechury

said. Mr. Patole said that he admired Yechury since his college days and recalled how he had been inspired by him since his college days.

"Though I came from an MSU background, I have always been inspired by Sitaram Yechury. I closely followed his influence in Indian politics, particularly during his time in Parliament. We used to discuss various issues during our time in Parliament. His commitment to the CPI(M) was unwavering, even during the Emergency when he took a firm stance," he

Good beginning, says India on UNSC reform document

World leaders recognise the urgent need of being more 'inclusive', UN officials describe the language in 'Fact of the Future' on the long-pending Security Council reforms as groundbreaking

Press Trust of India NEW YORK

India said that a UN summit document for "reform of the Security Council" on Tuesday contained a "groundbreaking" paragraph on UN Security Council reform. The document, which is a "fact of the future", looks forward eventually to the beginning of a new round of negotiations in a fixed time frame to reform the 15-nation body.

World leaders on September 22 adopted by consensus the "Fact of the Future", promising to "reform the Security Council, recognising the urgent need to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, effective, democratic and accountable". UN officials have described the language in the UN Security Council reform as "groundbreaking".



Addressing the UN Foreign Secretary Vilmer Brundage during a special briefing on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S.

"I would only point you to the disclaimer in the fact that for the first time, the summit document has a detailed paragraph on UN Security Council reform," said Foreign Secretary Vikramjit Singh. "The document looks forward 'eventually to the beginning of a new round of negotiations in a fixed time-frame going forward'." Mr. Modi was briefing reporters here as Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrapped up his three-day

visit to the U.S. during which he attended the Quad Leaders' Summit in Delaware. Following bilateral discussions with President Joe Biden, addressed a media dinner at the Longwood Island, spoke in the UN General Assembly at the "Summit of the Future", and held bilateral discussions with world leaders. In the "Fact of the Future", world leaders agreed to reduce the historical injustice against Africa as a priority and, while treating Africa as a special case, to improve the representation of the under-represented and under-presented regions and groups including Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. They agreed to "enlarge" the Security Council to be more representative of the United Nations membership and regional, social, and residential diversity.

Father of accused in Badlapur sexual assault case moves HC

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

A day after the accused in the Badlapur sexual assault case, Akshay Shinde, died in police custody, his father on Tuesday moved the Bombay High Court seeking probe with respect to the extra-judicial killing of the accused. Akshay Shinde was accused of sexually assaulting and molesting girls at a school in Badlapur town of Thane district.

Advocate Anil Sarode, Shriya Asale and Ajitkumar Gokwad, representing the victims in the case, have also expressed concern about delay in justice.

"I am not at all concerned with the death of the accused, but I am unhappy that he died in custody upon as a way to deliver justice," he added. "Further investigation would have led us to trace the role of the officers accused who are still absconding, as per the police reports. Their role in the present matter would have been identified. Had the investigation would have been framed applicable to all the accused, the police would have been directed to provide safe and secure environment for all school-going girls in Maharashtra thereby deterring others to commit similar incidents. The death of the accused has destroyed the judicial process of justice," he said.

EY affiliate was not registered under Shops and Establishments Act, say Labour officials

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

A major irregularity has been found in the registration of an EY affiliate under the Shops and Establishments Act, say Labour Department officials of the Maharashtra government.

The department has ordered an investigation into the matter, which was found to be a violation of the Shops and Establishments Act. The department officials said that the EY affiliate was not registered under the Act, which is a violation of the law. The department has ordered an investigation into the matter, which was found to be a violation of the law. The department officials said that the EY affiliate was not registered under the Act, which is a violation of the law.



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shop, her compensation details. We got details about her employment period. The team found that ₹26.8 lakh was deposited in her account for her employment for the period from March 11, 2024 to July 19, 2024. The company said they provided double remuneration for extra work. They also inspected the digital registers of the company, and directed them to provide hard copies of the registers in seven days," Mr. Patil said.

"Our shop inspector and government labour officers were sent there. They conducted the inspection under Minimum Wages Act, Contract Labour Act, Contract Labour Act, Bombay Shops and Establishments Act. The team also inspected the digital registers of the company, and directed them to provide hard copies of the registers in seven days," Mr. Patil said.

Auditors must ensure digital infrastructure is open to all: Murmu

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said supreme audit institutions (SAI) had the unique responsibility and opportunity to ensure that digital public infrastructure was designed and implemented in a way that was inclusive and accessible to all. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 10th National Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (NOSA) Assembly, being organised by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Mr. Murmu said the financial world was often lured by opaque accounting practices and in that setting, the role of independent supreme audit institutions was to see that public resources were managed efficiently and with the utmost integrity.

The President said audits and evaluations by such institutions not only safeguarded public funds but also enhanced public confidence in government. Stating that in many parts of the world, women and vulnerable sections of society had less access to digital technologies, and were under-represented in the

Army to receive Apache choppers in Dec.; deploy LCH in Ladakh next year

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

After a delay of more than six months, the Army is set to receive the first batch of three AH-64 Apache attack helicopters from Boeing in December.

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The Army Aviation formally raised the 4th Aviation Squadron at Badli that would operate the Apaches. The Apaches would be the second attack helicopter in the Army after the indigenous Chinook. India signed a deal with Boeing for six Apaches, for a net cost of ₹4,892 crore. The Apaches are around 3,000 million in price (₹1.15 billion). The deal, its pilots and 24 technicians were trained by Boeing in July. The Army Aviation, which has four special attack utility helicopters, inducted its first dedicated Apache unit, the 4th Aviation Squadron, in August. The LCH is specifically designed for high altitude conditions, the official added.

SC considers petitions on sub-quota division

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

A seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court is considering a series of petitions seeking a review of its August 1 ruling that States to sub-classify the seven judges on the

sub-classify Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates for preferential treatment in employment and education. The review petition was filed by a group of SC and ST groups headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud. The lead opinion of the Chief Justice and Justice Manoj Misra that was constitutionally premature, the President had the exclusive power to identify the SC and ST.

M.P. Cabinet sets MSP for soya bean purchase at ₹4,892

The Hindu Bureau BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved the MSP for soya beans at ₹4,892 per quintal. The MSP for soya beans will be around ₹4,892 per quintal. The MSP for soya beans will be around ₹4,892 per quintal. The MSP for soya beans will be around ₹4,892 per quintal.

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NEW DELHI/LEH

After a delay of more than six months, the Army is set to receive the first batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from Boeing in December.

While the Apaches are for the deserts, the Army is set to deploy the indigenous light combat helicopter (LCH), manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., in Ladakh next year.

“The manufacturer has communicated that there have been manufacturing delays due to supply chain issues. The first batch of three Apaches is now set to be delivered in December and the next three a few months after that,” a defence source said. As per the original schedule, three helicopters were sup-



The light combat helicopter is specifically designed for high-altitude conditions, while the Apache is meant for deserts. ANI

posed to be delivered in May and three in July.

The issue of delays was taken up with the U.S. at the political level and it was requested to prioritise the deliveries, the source added. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was on an official visit to the U.S. in August.

On the LCH, a second source said the plan was to

deploy them in Ladakh in 2024-25. The Apaches are ideal for countering armour and would be deployed in the deserts, another official said, adding that their capability gets limited in high altitudes due to their operational envelope. The LCH is specifically designed for high-altitude conditions, the official added.

In March, the Army Aviation formally raised the 451 Aviation Squadron at Jodhpur that would operate the Apaches. The Apaches would be the second attack helicopters in the Army after the indigenous LCH.

India signed a deal with Boeing for six Apaches, for the Army, at a cost of around \$800 million in February 2020. As part of the deal, six pilots and 24 technicians were trained by Boeing in the U.S.

The Army Aviation, which has for long operated utility helicopters, inducted its first dedicated attack helicopter with the LCH and the first squadron, 351 Army Aviation, was moved to Missamari, Assam in the Eastern sector near the Line of Actual Control in November 2022.

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IAF'S NEW COMBAT MUSCLE APACHE AH-64E

IAF inducts 8 Apache AH-64E attack helicopters on Sept 3, 2019

Manufactured by Boeing; used by US Army and international defence forces

To replace old Russia-made Mi-35 attack helicopters

THE APACHE ADVANTAGE

Two high-performance turboshaft engines for maximum cruise speed of 284km/hr

World's most advanced multi-role combat helicopter

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Wing Span: **17.15 ft**

Height: **15.24ft**

SPECIFICATIONS

Primary mission gross weight
Vertical rate of climb
Maximum rate of climb

6,838Kg
More than **2000ft per min**
More than **2,800ft per min**

Source: Boeing, news reports



APACHE'S TECH SPECS

It is considered to be the world's most lethal attack helicopter



6,838 kg

Gross
Weight

150 knots

Max Level
Flight Speed

Over
2,000 ft/min

Vertical Rate
of Climb

Over
2,800 ft/min


Max Rate of
Climb

**WEAPONRY: 30-mm machine gun, can fire 1,200 rounds;
anti-tank Hellfire missile; Hydra Unguided Rocket**



- **Apache Helicopters Delivery:**

- The Indian Army will receive the first batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from Boeing in December, after a delay of more than six months.


- भारतीय सेना को छह महीने से अधिक की देरी के बाद दिसंबर में बोइंग से तीन AH-64E अपाचे अटैक हेलीकॉप्टरों की पहली खेप मिलेगी।
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- **Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) Deployment:**

- The indigenous Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), will be deployed in Ladakh next year.

- स्वदेशी लाइट कॉम्बैट हेलीकॉप्टर (LCH), जिसे हिंदुस्तान एरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL) द्वारा निर्मित किया गया है, को अगले साल लद्दाख में तैनात किया जाएगा।



- **Apaches and LCH Purpose:**


- Apaches are ideal for desert warfare, while the LCH is specifically designed for high-altitude conditions.

- अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टर रेगिस्तानी युद्ध के लिए उपयुक्त हैं, जबकि LCH विशेष रूप से ऊँचाई वाले क्षेत्रों के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है।



- **Cost and Training:**

- India signed a deal with Boeing for six Apaches in February 2020 at a cost of \$800 million. Six pilots and 24 technicians were trained in the U.S. as part of the deal.

- भारत ने फरवरी 2020 में छह अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टरों के लिए \$800 मिलियन की लागत से बोइंग के साथ एक समझौता किया था। इस समझौते के तहत छह पायलटों और 24 तकनीशियनों को अमेरिका में प्रशिक्षित किया गया।
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- **LCH Deployment Timeline:**

- The Army plans to deploy the LCH in Ladakh in 2024-25, and the LCH is well-suited for operations in high-altitude areas.
- सेना 2024-25 में लद्दाख में LCH तैनात करने की योजना बना रही है, और यह ऊंचाई वाले क्षेत्रों में संचालन के लिए उपयुक्त है।

- Which of the following statements is true regarding the deployment of Apache helicopters and LCH?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा कथन अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टरों और LCH की तैनाती के बारे में सही है?

1. Apaches will be deployed in Ladakh next year, and LCH will be deployed in deserts.
अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टरों को अगले साल लद्दाख में तैनात किया जाएगा, और LCH को रेगिस्तान में तैनात किया जाएगा।
2. Apaches are designed for desert warfare, while LCH is meant for high-altitude operations.
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3. The Army will receive only one Apache helicopter in December.
सेना को दिसंबर में केवल एक अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टर प्राप्त होगा।
4. The Indian Army has been using Apache helicopters since 2020.
भारतीय सेना 2020 से अपाचे हेलीकॉप्टरों का उपयोग कर रही है।

GENEVA

Tens of thousands of Lebanese are fleeing Israeli bombings, says UN



Tens of thousands of people have fled their homes in Lebanon as Israel strikes pummeled the country, the UN said, calling events 'extremely alarming'.

BANGKOK

'Monumental step' as Thailand signs same-sex marriage into law



The Thai king has signed same-sex marriage into law, making Thailand the first country in Southeast Asia to recognise marriage equality.

VATICAN CITY

Pope offers refuge to Myanmar's jailed Suu Kyi in Vatican report



Pope Francis has offered to give refuge on Vatican territory to Myanmar's detained former leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

TOKYO

Japan seeks safety of its citizens in China after boy is stabbed to death



Japan's top diplomat Yoko Kamikawa asked China to ensure the safety of Japanese citizens there after the fatal stabbing of a Japanese schoolboy.

Top Hezbollah commander killed as toll from Israeli strikes rises to 560

The Lebanese militant group says it launched missiles overnight and in the morning at eight sites in Israel, including an explosives factory located 60 km from the border.

Associated Press BEIRUT

Israel said it killed a top commander with Hezbollah's missile and rocket unit on Tuesday as the Israeli military traded fire with Hezbollah again and the death toll from a massive Israeli bombardment climbed to nearly 560 people.



Final rites in Beirut carry the body of a young girl, killed in an Israeli strike, during her funeral procession in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, thousands of people fled from southern Lebanon with the two Israeli strikes on the brink of all-out war.



coastal city of Sidon. With hotels quickly booked to capacity or rooms priced beyond the means of many families, those who did not find shelter slept in their cars or at the seaside.

Meanwhile, the border crossing with Syria saw massive traffic jams as a result of people escaping from Lebanon to the neighbouring country.

Israel said it targeted sites without giving details. They also said they carried out a 'targeted strike' in Beirut without giving details.

Bangladesh Army chief bats for Yunus, moots polls to be held in 18 months

DHAKA

Bangladesh's Army chief vowed to back the country's interim government 'come what may' to help it 'complete key reforms' after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



Waker-us-Zaman

support and outlined a pathway to end the military's political influence.

Following the reforms, Mr Zaman said a transition to democracy should be made between a year and a half, but underlined the need for patience.

General Waker-us-Zaman told Reuters on Tuesday that the army would like elections to be held at the earliest opportunity.

'Hurricane effect'



People walk along a beach littered with debris in the aftermath of Hurricane John in Acapulco in Mexico on Tuesday.

Mr Zaman said he meets Mr Yunus every week and the two have 'very good relations', with the military supporting the government's efforts to stabilise the country after a period of turmoil.

President Dissanayake picks MP and former academic Harini Amarasuriya as PM

NEWS ANALYSIS COLOMBO

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Tuesday appointed MP and former academic Harini Amarasuriya as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, as part of a new member Cabinet under him that will lead policy until the parliamentary elections scheduled on November 15.

Ms Amarasuriya, 54, is Sri Lanka's third woman Prime Minister, after Sirimavo Bandaranaike — one of the first woman leaders in the world — and her daughter Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, who held the post briefly before being elected President.

Ms Amarasuriya's appointment will inspire women of all ages, talents, strengths, and vision to the forefront.

Ms Amarasuriya has co-authored a long-time scholar of Sri Lanka and an emerita professor at the University of Edinburgh, who supervised Ms Amarasuriya's doctoral degree, described her as someone with 'extraordinary capabilities'.

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BANGKOK

'Monumental step' as Thai king signs same-sex marriage into law



AFP

The Thai king has signed same-sex marriage into law, making Thailand the first country in Southeast Asia to recognise marriage equality. King Maha Vajiralongkorn gave royal assent to the new law, passed by parliament in June, which will take effect in 120 days — meaning the first weddings will take place in January. AFP

GLOBAL LAWS REGARDING HOMOSEXUALITY

PUNISHMENT FOR HOMOSEXUAL ACTS

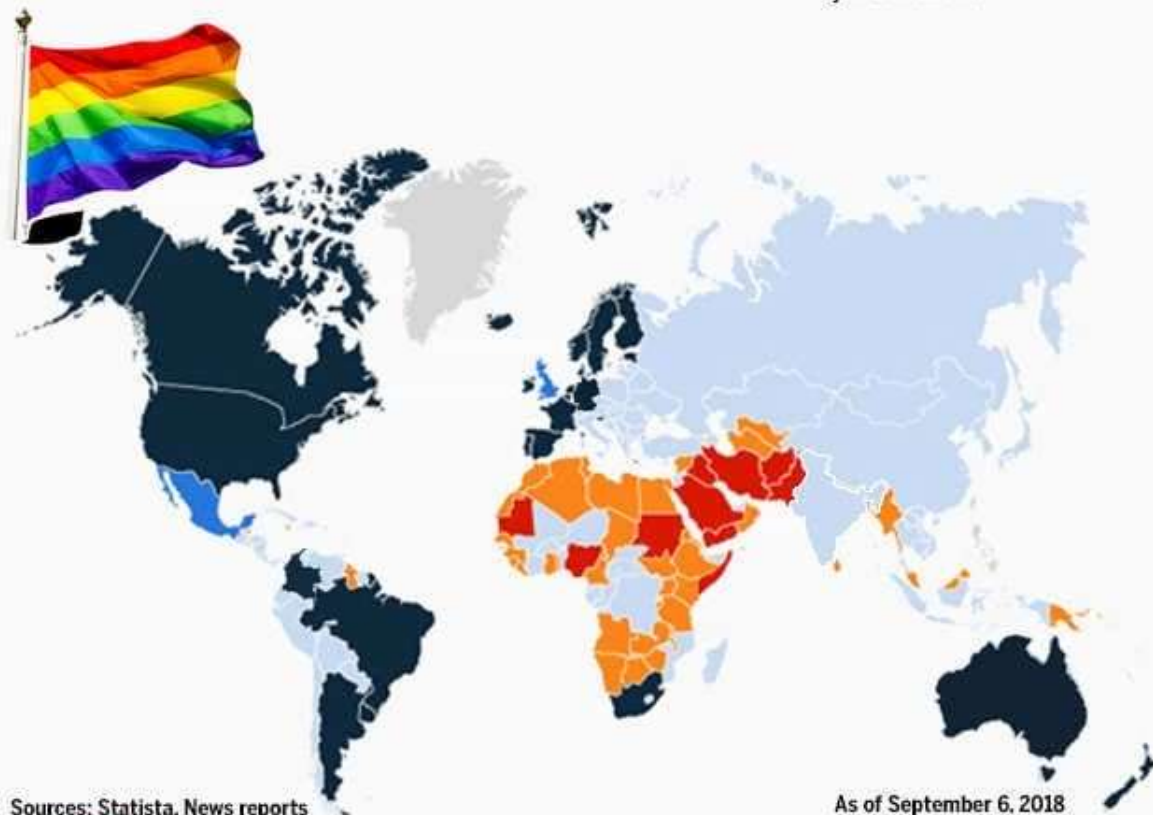
- Homosexuality acts can be punished by death
- Homosexuality acts are illegal

RELATIVELY NEUTRAL

- No specific laws on gay rights
- Homosexual acts are legal

RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX UNIONS

- Same-sex marriage is allowed
- Same-sex marriage is allowed in some jurisdictions

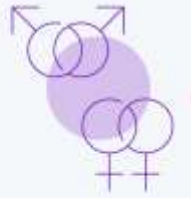


Sources: Statista, News reports

As of September 6, 2018

Where Same-Sex Marriage Is Legal

Countries legally guaranteeing same-sex couples the right to marry



2001 Netherlands	2012 Denmark	2017 Australia Malta Germany
2003 Belgium	2013 Brazil England/Wales France New Zealand Uruguay	2019 Austria Ecuador Taiwan North Ireland
2005 Canada Spain	2014 Luxembourg Scotland	2020 Costa Rica
2006 South Africa	2015 Finland Ireland USA	2021 Chile*
2009 Norway Sweden	2016 Colombia Greenland	2022 Switzerland**
2010 Argentina Iceland Portugal		

As of Dec 10, 2021.

* Enactment pending.

** Same-sex marriage becomes legal on Jul 1, 2022.

Sources: Pew Research Center, Statista research



SC VERDICT ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES: A TIMELINE



Nov 25, 2022:

2 same-sex couples petition SC for marriage recognition under Special Marriage Act, prompting notices to Centre and Attorney General for India

Dec 14: Another same-sex marriage recognition plea gets SC notice

Jan 6, 2023: SC centralizes similar cases and schedules a March 13 hearing, appointing counsels for both sides

Jan 30, February 10, February 20, March 3: More related cases receive SC notices

March 12:

Centre opposes same-sex marriage, emphasizing traditional definition of marriage

March 13:

SC refers the case to a Constitution Bench due to its constitutional significance



Marital rights same-sex couples do not enjoy in India



■ Government pensions and medical benefits



■ Claiming leave travel allowance for partner



■ Right to property or inheritance



■ Joint adoption



■ In case of separation, there is no provision to seek maintenance by the economically weaker partner



■ Right to take emergency medical decisions

Arguments in favor of same-sex marriage in India

Arguments in favor of same-sex marriage in India

- MARRIAGE AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

- RELIGIOUS DEFINITIONS OF MARRIAGE

- SURROGACY AND ADOPTION

- 'LEGITIMATE' INTEREST OF STATE

- EXTEND SPECIAL MARRIAGE ACT

- THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

- COHABITATION AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

- LEGISLATION BY PARLIAMENT

- ASSIMILATION OF SAME-SEX COUPLES

- INTERPRETING THE LAW

- INDIAN CULTURE AND VALUE SYSTEM

- ISSUES WITH THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

- HUMAN DIGNITY

- GENDERED TERMS

- LEGAL REFORMS

- DIALOGUE AND ENGAGEMENT

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Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Tuesday appointed MP and former academic Harini Amarasuriya as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, as part of a four-member Cabinet under him that will lead policy until the parliamentary elections scheduled on November 14. The date for the general elections was announced through a gazette issued late on Tuesday, which said the parliament would be dissolved from midnight.

After Sri Lankans elected Mr. Dissanayake to the country's top office in the September 21 presidential polls, he resigned as a Member of Parliament,

and a National People's Power [NPP] member took his place. The NPP alliance has three MPs in the 225-member legislature, which is expected to be dissolved soon in preparation for the conduct of the general elections.

Key portfolios

President Dissanayake holds several key portfolios, including Defence, Finance, Energy, Agriculture and Fisheries. Prime Minister Amarasuriya will helm Ministries, including Justice, Education, Health, and Trade. MP Vijitha Herath will handle Foreign Affairs, among other Ministries, an official statement said.

Ms. Amarasuriya, 54, is Sri Lanka's third woman

Prime Minister, after Sirimavo Bandaranaike – one of the first woman leaders in the world – and her daughter Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, who held the post briefly, before being elected President.

An anthropologist by training, Ms. Amarasuriya taught at the Open University of Sri Lanka, until she became a member of Parliament through the country's "national list" system that allocates seats based on a party's vote share.

Many in Sri Lanka, including in the political opposition, welcomed the appointment of Ms. Amarasuriya as Prime Minister. In a congratulatory message on social media platform 'X', Leader of Op-



New honour: Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya at her swearing-in ceremony in Colombo on Tuesday. REUTERS

position Sajith Premadasa said: "I hope your appointment will inspire women of Sri Lanka to bring their talents, strength, and vision to the forefront."

The new Prime Minister obtained her bachelor's degree in sociology in India, at Hindu College, University of Delhi. She pur-

sued her master's in Australia and obtained a PhD from the University of Edinburgh.

'Brilliant student'

Jonathan Spencer, a long-time scholar of Sri Lanka and an emeritus professor at the University of Edinburgh, who supervised Ms.

Amarasuriya's doctoral degree, described her as someone with "extraordinary capabilities".

"I have known Harini for nearly 20 years as a brilliant student and a close friend. She is a person who combines enormous integrity and striking emotional intelligence. The task facing her is extraordinarily challenging, but she is a woman of extraordinary capacities," he told *The Hindu* via email.

Prior to her entry into active politics, Ms. Amarasuriya worked for many years in the development sector, researching child protection issues and later, low-income communities in Colombo. Following her PhD, she joined Sri Lanka's public university system,

where she taught sociology and anthropology.

She was a prominent activist in the professional body of university teachers, participating in many campaigns, including strike action demanding higher investment in public education.

Along with Prof. Spencer and Sidharthan Maunaguru [a scholar of global Tamil communities], Ms. Amarasuriya has co-authored a soon-to-be launched book, which is an oral history of dissent and dissidents in Sri Lanka between the 1960s and 1990s.

The newly elected President and his small team, including the Prime Minister, that has just assumed charge, face huge challenges, as the country grapples


with the impact of the 2022 economic crisis, and citizens struggle to cope with painful austerity measures that came as part of an International Monetary Fund-led programme.

Following the elections, the IMF has said it looks forward to working with President Dissanayake and his team "towards building on the hard-won gains that have helped put Sri Lanka on a path to economic recovery since entering one of its worst economic crises in 2022."

Further, the Fund said it will discuss the timing of the third review of its Sri Lanka programme with the new administration "as soon as practicable", according to a statement issued on Tuesday.




- **New Appointment:**

- President Anura Kumara Dissanayake appointed Harini Amarasuriya as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, as part of a four-member Cabinet.
 - राष्ट्रपति अनुरा कुमारा डिसानायके ने हरिनी अमरासूर्या को श्रीलंका के प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में चार सदस्यीय कैबिनेट का हिस्सा नियुक्त किया।
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- **Role until Elections:**


- The Cabinet will lead the government until parliamentary elections scheduled on November 14.
 - यह कैबिनेट 14 नवंबर को निर्धारित संसदीय चुनावों तक सरकार का नेतृत्व करेगी।
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- **Amarasuriya's Background:**

- Harini Amarasuriya is an MP and a former academic who taught sociology and anthropology at the Open University of Sri Lanka.

- हरिनी अमरासूर्या सांसद और पूर्व शिक्षाविद हैं जिन्होंने श्रीलंका के ओपन यूनिवर्सिटी में समाजशास्त्र और मानवशास्त्र पढ़ाया है।





- **Academic Credentials:**

- She earned her master's degree in Australia and her PhD from the University of Edinburgh.

- उन्होंने ऑस्ट्रेलिया से मास्टर की डिग्री और एडिनबर्ग विश्वविद्यालय से पीएचडी प्राप्त की।



- **Key Ministries:**

- Amarasuriya will manage Justice, Education, Health, and Trade portfolios.



- अमरासूर्या न्याय, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और व्यापार मंत्रालयों का प्रबंधन करेंगी।






- **Challenges Ahead:**

- She faces significant challenges, including managing the country's economic recovery from the 2022 crisis.


- उन्हें 2022 के संकट से देश की आर्थिक सुधार को संभालने जैसी महत्वपूर्ण चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ेगा।



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- Which of the following statements is correct about Harini Amarasuriya's appointment as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister?

हरिनी अमरासूर्या की श्रीलंका के प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में नियुक्ति के बारे में निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा कथन सही है?

1. She is the first female Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.
वह श्रीलंका की पहली महिला प्रधानमंत्री हैं।
2. She was an academic before entering politics and taught at the Open University of Sri Lanka.
राजनीति में प्रवेश करने से पहले वह एक शिक्षाविद थीं और श्रीलंका के ओपन यूनिवर्सिटी में पढ़ाती थीं।
3. She will manage Finance and Defence ministries in the new Cabinet.
वह नई कैबिनेट में वित्त और रक्षा मंत्रालयों का प्रबंधन करेंगी।
4. She has no prior experience in public service.
उनका सार्वजनिक सेवा में कोई अनुभव नहीं है।

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- Sirimavo Ratwatte Dias Bandaranaike (17 April 1916 – 10 October 2000) was a Sri Lankan politician. She served as prime minister three times and was the leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party. She was the first female to be elected head of government in the world.

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IN THE NEWS

BENCHMARKS HIT NEW MILESTONES, SETTLE LOWER

EQITIES CONTINUE To set new records, with the Nifty and Sensex on Tuesday hitting key milestones of 25,000 and 85,000 points, respectively. Sensex intra-day trading reports **Ravi Kumar M.** However, the indices settled lower after selling their gains. ■ **Page 4**

₹25 AGRI CREDIT TARGET SET AT ₹27.5 LAKH CR

THE GOVERNMENT HAS set an agriculture credit disbursement target of ₹27.5 lakh crore for the current fiscal, 13% higher compared to actual loan disbursements in FY23, reports **Indira Das.** ■ **Page 4**

BURMANS LEAVE RACE TO BUY 40% N COKE BOTTLER

THE BURMANS, WHO are promoters of Zestor, have withdrawn from the race to acquire around 40% of Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages, the last-arriving arm of Coca-Cola India, near a deal, reports **Susan Pinto.** ■ **Page 5**

EXPLAINER Why Star Health data leak is worrisome

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Fresh digital Bill on the cards

March draft seen as vague, subjective

RISHI RAJ New Delhi, September 24

FACING STRONG OPPOSITION from several quarters, the government is likely to withdraw the Digital Competition Bill (DCB), the draft of which was released in March. Sources said that a fresh Bill may be drafted after taking inputs from other ministries. Most of the issues, as well as industry stakeholders. ■ **Official sources say that the**

THE STORY SO FAR

Nature of the Bill ■ Aims to put in place a wide regulatory framework to prevent any anti-competitive conduct by large digital firms ■ It is felt that only market power should be considered ■ Qualitative criteria also been factored in, which are very subjective in nature



Problems ■ Takes into account turnover and market power of digital firms ■ Where market power factors, the threshold is too low ■ Firms have been made to seek an exemption ■ Regulatory powers to CCI, which is seen as regulatory over-reach

■ It is a year followed now, when CCI intervenes after practices come to the fore

major criticism against the present draft, after their consistent consultations as well as industry inputs, is that it's vague, subjective in places

and too onerous in nature. ■ Officials said that the current draft takes into account turnover as well as market power of the digital

Brokers pitch for more sponsor banks for IPOs

VIVEK KUMAR H & ANUPRER SHAJARI Mumbai, September 24

DISCOUNT BROKERS HANDLING IPO applications wait more sponsor banks because the pressure on the system emanating from huge interest that these offers are receiving. Sources said informal talks are going on between top discount brokers, stock exchanges, banks and merchant bankers to resolve issues related to technological glitches in the last few months, affecting the investor sentiment.

PAIN POINTS ■ To resolve issues that has hit investor sentiment due to tech glitches in the last few months ■ Distributing the work and more banks could ease the pressure on the system



1.4 million or 54% of applications were rejected by major issuers (Source: IIFL) ■ Sponsor banks Axis Bank and HDFC Bank were blamed by brokers for non-alignment ■ Bankers blame exchanges, say greater number of IPOs in a single day clog the system

For example, 1.4 million or 16% of applications were rejected by the Bajaj Housing Finance IPO, which received a record ₹3.2 lakh crore in bids and 8.2 million applications. This was the

second largest number of rejections in absolute terms after LIC's IPO in May 2022. "There is a bottleneck at the bank level, the simplest solution is to have more banks. Besides, if the process is to be revamped, it will need

a more detailed study into what exactly caused the delay and rejection. None of the brokers has made visibility about this," a source said. ■ **Continued on Page 7**

₹30,000-cr GST demand: Relief likely for Infosys

THE CBI MAY modify in June 26 circular, in what could pave the way for granting the ₹30,000 crore GST liability of Infosys for its business as usual. **Deepa** **Varma** The move would enable the expanding of the tax burden on the firm and others who received such notices. ■ **Page 3**

Swiggy's confidential filing for IPO gets Sebi nod, launch likely in Nov

SWIGGY HAS RECEIVED approval from Sebi to launch its IPO, which is likely to happen in November, after seeking public comments for 21 days. Under the confidential filing route, this nod will be followed by the filing

Byju's loses control of US arm Alpha Inc

THE DELAWARE SUPREME Court has upheld a ruling that Byju's defuncted on its 1.3 billion term loan, reports **Anand** **Das**. This is a setback for Byju's to raise its options of monetising platforms like Edu and Great Learning, which are part of the US arm, which it was looking to sell to raise funds. ■ **Page 4**

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Six i-banks under Sebi lens over small IPOs

JAYSHREE UPADHAYAY Mumbai, September 24

WORRIED ABOUT THE PRACTICE in a fresh IPO market, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is investigating six domestic investment banks that have sought an offtake by small transactions, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter said. ■ **It has found that at least half a dozen small investment banks have**

changed companies face equivalent to 15% of funds raised via their IPO. That's much higher than the standard practice of 1-3%.

Sebi seeks FPI registration ■ **Page 4**

The probes began earlier this year and are focused on the net worth of the banks under investigation. Sebi did not respond to requests for comment.

The investigations follow efforts by Sebi to warn investors about the dangers of investing in some small businesses as well as plans for tighter rules for such IPOs.

Smaller businesses with annual turnover of ₹5 crore to ₹30 crore face an opaque culture of the BSE and NSE. There are fewer disclosure requirements and the IPOs are vetted by the exchanges as opposed to large IPOs which have to be cleared by Sebi. ■ **Continued on Page 7**



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Dr. Mary Poonen
Lukose



- **Dr. Mary Poonen Lukose, born in 1886, was Kerala's first woman doctor and the first woman to be a member of a legislative council in an Indian princely state.**
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- After facing initial barriers in India, **she pursued a medical degree in London**, specializing in gynaecology. **Returning to Travancore**, she made history by **performing Kerala's first cesarean section and pioneering midwifery training**. In 1924, she became the first woman head of **Travancore's health department and its first surgeon general**. She also served in the **Travancore Legislative Council**, impacting public health policy until 1937.
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The Food Import Rejection Alert portal

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- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has launched the **Food Import Rejection Alert (FIRA) portal**, which will **notify authorities about food consignments rejected at Indian borders due to safety concerns.**
 - **The portal, unveiled at the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024, will facilitate quick information sharing to prevent health risks from rejected food.**
 - In the past year, **over 1,500 imported food items were rejected by FSSAI** for failing to meet Indian standards.



Other government healthcare achievements include expanding the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to cover all senior citizens aged 70 and above, benefiting 60 million people.



The U-WIN portal has digitized vaccination services, registering 64 million beneficiaries so far.



Additionally, a new TB treatment regimen and diagnostics have been introduced to shorten treatment time, with plans for nationwide rollout.

Wildlife Habitats Development Scheme



- The Union Cabinet has approved the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats scheme for the 15th Finance Commission cycle.
- The scheme supports key initiatives like Project Tiger, Project Elephant, and Development of Wildlife Habitat.
- The initiative focuses on boosting technological interventions, including the use of AI, camera traps, and conservation genetics for wildlife monitoring.





1. Additionally, it supports **projects like Project Dolphin and Project Lion**, leveraging advanced tools for species conservation.
2. The scheme benefits **55 tiger reserves, 33 elephant reserves, and 718 protected areas**, contributing to both wildlife conservation and climate resilience.






Gingee Fort Nominated
for UNESCO World
Heritage Site

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- Recently, the Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram district has been nominated for UNESCO's World Heritage Site list as part of the Maratha Military Landscapes proposal, which includes 11 other forts.
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- What are the Key Facts Regarding Gingee Fort of Tamil Nadu?
 - **Geographical Feature and Significance:** Gingee Fort is renowned for its historical importance and strategic location atop three hillocks: **Rajagiri, Krishnagiri, and Chandragiri.**
 - It is also known as the "**Troy of the East,**" as it is one of the most impregnable fortresses in peninsular India.

- **Historical Overview:** The fort was originally built by **Ananta Kon** of the **Konar Dynasty** in **1200 CE** and named it **Krishnagiri**. **Vijayanagar Empire** undertook significant renovations of the fort.
- In **1677**, the fort was captured by **Chhatrapati Shivaji** and remained under **Maratha control until 1698**, when it fell to the **Mughals**.
 - The Fort became the **last stronghold for the Marathas** (**Rajaram I, son of Shivaji**) during their resistance against the Mughal forces.


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- Briefly ruled by **Raja Desingh (Tej Singh)**, it was taken over by the **Nawabs of Arcot in 1714** and remained under their dominion until 1749.
 - From **1750 to 1770**, the **French** held the fort before it eventually passed into **Britishers**.

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- **Process for nominating a site to UNESCO's World Heritage List**

- A country creates a list of important cultural and natural heritage sites.
 - The **country selects sites from the Tentative List** and prepares nomination details.
 - The **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** and **IUCN** evaluate the nominated property.
 - The **Committee meets annually to decide which sites to add** to the World Heritage List, based on advisory recommendations and criteria fulfillment.
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Indian Army Inducts Robotic Mules





- The Indian Army has inducted 100 robotic mules (**Multi-Utility Legged Equipment**) in forward areas.
- **About**
- The **four-legged** robotic mules have a sleek design and are equipped with **thermal cameras and other sensors**, which enable them to carry out surveillance.





They can climb stairs, steep hills and other hurdles and can operate in extreme temperatures, ranging from **-40 to +55 degrees Celsius** and carry a payload of **15kg**.



They can also be **integrated with small arms**, and can engage with an enemy without putting a human life at risk, if needed.

Word of the day

Patently:


unmistakably

Synonyms: obviously, plainly, apparently, manifestly, evidently

Usage: *His claims were patently false.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/patentlypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpeɪtəntli/

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 focused on the clapping action. An orange horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

Thank you
guys.
