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City and suburban Mumbai has **453** dangerous fragile building

BMC To Vacate The Dilapidated Buildings

have been vacated, and the water and electricity of 17 buildings have been disconnected. While 16 cases are pending in court.

Prithviraj Chauhan, Assistant commissioner of K west said, "We have requested our legal department to fast track the cases pending in court so that we can vacate the dilapidated buildings. Also, the action on other dilapidated buildings in the ward is being taken according to standard operating procedure." The highest 25 dilapidated buildings in the city area are in GTB Nagar, Sion Koliwada.

In a pre-monsoon survey, the BMC declared 337 buildings dangerous. Out of them, the electricity and water connections of 102 are disconnected, while 113 buildings are vacated. But occupants of 122 buildings have moved to court, so the ward offices are requesting the legal department to speed up the case so that they can vacate such buildings to avoid untoward incidents.

According to BMC's policy, buildings that are more than 30 years old are eligible for audit. The civic body sends notice of evacuation to buildings that they found dangerous or at high risk. Based on these reports, BMC classifies the buildings in various categories and decides whether they should be demolished completely or need maintenance. The buildings which should be demolished immediately are tagged as C-1. As a precautionary measure, BMC has appealed to these residents to move to safer places immediately. But in some cases, either the tenant has gone to the courts and got a stay order or refuses to leave even after water and electricity are disconnected.

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As the rain approaches, the concern over the safety of occupants in dilapidated buildings has become more challenging. On Saturday, a 29-year-old man died while seven others were severely injured after the ceiling slabs of multiple flats collapsed in an eight-storied building in Nerul, Navi Mumbai. On Thursday a ground plus two-storey building in Bandra (west) suddenly collapsed and claimed two lives. This incident has increased the worry of ward officials of 24 administrative wards in the city. Most of the dilapidated buildings on the BMC's list are in the T ward - Mulund which has 49 dilapidated structures, followed by K West ward- Andheri West with 42 buildings. Out of 42 buildings, 10

Dilapidated Buildings

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People have no choice then continue to live dangerously fragile buildings

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Dr. Vaidehi

There are thousands of buildings in Mumbai that are more than 70 years old. Due to an archaic law which limits raising rents, many tenants pay as low as \$1-\$20 (65 pence-£13) a month, leaving the landlords with little money to invest in repairs and maintenance. No wonder then that 959 buildings have been branded as "dilapidated and dangerous" by the city's municipality. And every year, a number of these buildings collapse, leading to many deaths.

In a densely populated city where quality, affordable housing is scarce, realtors often cut corners to make what many call substandard buildings, putting the buyers at risk. Though there are nearly half a

million pricey apartments which lie vacant as sellers look for rich buyers, millions of middle class residents get squeezed out to the suburbs and outskirts to live in these hazardous new buildings. The corruption in the housing sector - complex regulation leading to complicity between a section of builders and government workers - worsens matters and leads to poor quality buildings coming up in the city. Corrupt builders build homes without taking mandatory permissions using poor construction material. In many cases, residents get a structural audit done and approach the court to get a stay delaying the demolition further. According to the data, 145 cases

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are pending with the court and 21 cases are pending with an internal committee.

A structural audit is mandatory for any building, which is more than 30 years old. With limited availability of open land parcels in Mumbai, major developers are now looking at venturing into the redevelopment space. Dilapidated buildings on the verge of collapse are a grim reality for thousands of housing societies across Mumbai. Developers, as an incentive to owners of older buildings, offer additional area, money, and the promise of a new flat with a better amenity. But owners should keep a few things in mind before opting for redevelopment. Housing redevelopment refers to the process of reconstruction of a residential premise by demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new one as per approvals from the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM). It ideally works best when a society is in dire need of extensive repairs but is starved of the necessary funds for it. Developers, on their part, are also on the lookout for properties with unused development rights where they can build a new and higher structure where the additional floors can be sold for a tidy profit. But redevelopment can only take place if 75 percent of the members tender their consent. Over 20,000 housing societies, 17,000 abandoned buildings and over 3,000 MHADA (Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority) structures are waiting for redevelopment proposals.

However, while redevelopment may be the latest buzz, citizens argue that developers often tear down old colonial mansions to build luxury towers for the rich. And more often than not, it is often haphazard and done without the consent of society members. The redevelopment process also causes inconvenience to the residents, as they will have to look for alternative places to stay in while the builder demolishes the old building and constructs a new one. Redevelopment is usually burdened with bitterness and complaints of high-handedness and corruption against the Managing Committee of the society, which is why people choose to live in whatever space they have.

Almost in every monsoon, some people give up their lives under the wreckage of old buildings.



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Between 2001 & 2015, an average of 7 people died per day in Collapse of Structures in the city. Data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) indicates that a total of 38363 people lost their lives due to the collapse of various structures between 2001 and 2015. From 2015 to 2021 the ratio has not changed much. The saga of such tragic deaths continued till 2022, this year Mumbai has many challenges, from sudden rise in COVID19 cases to recent building collapse just after one strong rain.. Most people lost their lives because of the collapse of residential houses. There are hundreds of people forced to live in these dangerous buildings in spite of everyday building fall incidents.

The building walls have deep cracks and the paint is peeling, much of the building just sliced and some are standing on temporary supports. But still the people are forced to live here in danger, because they cannot buy or rent a new flat in the neighborhoods because they are very expensive. Property prices and rent in Mumbai are among the highest in Asia. Many citizens

are forced to live in old, dilapidated properties in a land-scarce city where an estimated 60% of its 18 million people live in slums and purlieus.

In the western suburbs, Andheri (west) or the K/West ward has 50 buildings in the C-1 category. As part of its pre-monsoon preparedness, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) had identified 791 buildings in the C-1 category — the most dangerous. Of these, it has demolished 186 (23%) buildings and evacuated 117 (14%) buildings as of March-end. buildings as C-2 and C-3. While C-2 buildings require major structural repairs, C-3 needs minor repairs. The largest numbers of dilapidated buildings are in L ward or Kurla (113) followed by N ward or Ghatkopar, where 80 buildings are in the C-1 category. However, the BMC demolished only two buildings in L ward and evacuated around 19 others. It is yet to initiate action on 92 buildings. The F/North ward (which includes Matunga, Dadar and Sion) also has 77 structures in the C-1 category.

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Letter's to the Editor

Coronavirus is a deadly disease

Coronavirus, which is commonly known as COVID-19, is an infectious disease that causes illness in the respiratory system in humans. The term Covid-19 is sort of an acronym, derived from the "Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019". Coronavirus has affected our day to day life. This pandemic has affected and killed millions of people worldwide. Coronavirus spreads from person to person who are in close contact with each other.

- Jubel D'Cruz

Dangerous demonstration of builders

The 8 storied building in Navi Mumbai as the ceiling slabs of six flats collapses in a heap. The removal of old tiles with road drilling equipment is the cause for such a major mishap. One person died and six others sustained severe injuries after the ceiling slabs of multiple flats at a Nerul housing society in Navi Mumbai collapsed. The incident occurred at Jimmy Park society in Sector 17, Nerul. It is learnt that initially, the ceiling slab of the sixth floor flat collapsed while some drilling work of the flooring was in progress. The impact was such that the ceiling slabs of the lower floors collapsed one after the other to the ground floor. The Nerul fire brigade rescue team has rushed the injured persons to DY Patil hospital in Nerul. The said society was served with notice under section 264 of the Maharashtra Municipal Corporation Act on May 18. It was advised to get the structural audit done. Now the entire incident will be probed by the authorities.

- Akhila Gopalan

Consumption story is good enough reason for Indian Equities to prosper in the coming times!

FPI's have sold equities worth over a lakh of crore in the last couple of months but the markets though down have not collapsed thanks to retail participation which has been phenomenal with record demat account getting opened during the last one year. India is an consumption story & global uncertainties like the Ukraine-Russia war and China boycott due to COVID virus has only strengthened our economy as the World looks upon India with an different perspective. Leadership under the guidance of PM Modi makes India the most popular investment destination in the world as we are well placed to exploit geo-political turbulence to our advantage. The spending power of Indians is rising & our population of over 1.4 billion people which is the world's one sixth number is good enough reason for the consumption story in our country to prosper. Inflation, unemployment etc are an challenge that will be overcome in time & we are lucky to have an democratic set-up that looks strong to absorb any constraints in the days to come. Indian Equities DNA has seen an change & youngsters investing in Indian stocks means they are here for the long haul as money can only be made from equities if you are an long term investor.

- S. N. Kabra

Scams & Frauds in india

We find Accounts Department, Audit Department, Inspection Department, Vigilance Department in any organisation in order to ensure not to manipulate the accounts at any time. There are several officials working in all these departments taking salary regularly. Then I fail to understand how scams and frauds take place in our country involving huge amounts. What we do not have is Accountability and Responsibility. Our Schools say - we take the students to excursion four times in an academic year but if any thing happens to the students we are not responsible. Then who is responsible? Star hotel says - you park your vehicle at your risk . We are not responsible. (it should be otherwise, park your vehicle, not to worry, we take care of it.) when will we learn to make laws defining who is responsible for what? That is why we will remain as developing country for ever. We will not be developed country, at all.

- KLRao

Will Congress ever revive ?



Founded in 1885, the Congress led the country to freedom from British colonial rule. It has dominated India's post-independence politics, ruling the country for 54 of the past 70 years, either on its own or as the leader of coalition governments. In the process the party has failed to reform its organization or tackle issues related to its functioning and leadership that may have contributed to its decline and fall. In 1993 when Ajitsingh with his followers joined the party, it became a majority government under P.V. Narsimaha Rao. This single dominant party system has done some good to the country. It was due to this that political stability came in the country, which otherwise the nation would have lost. But at the same time the Congressmen took it for granted that India was for them to be governed and this created many problems as well.

The party "has also not thought it fit to groom state level leaders with a popular base who can galvanize the state units of the party. Congress leaders, starting with the Gandhis, have failed to reconnect with the people. They have simply attacked PM Modi. Congress is surely losing its power base across the country, and for good reason. The results in different states are a lesson for the Congress Party; it is on a steady decline in the country's political arena. The Congress is surely losing its power base across the country, and for good reason. The decline and fall of the Congress is an arresting story written time and again; but this time the party is at the nadir of its

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influence in national politics. The Congress's failure to project a suitable chief ministerial candidate in most of the elections must have harmed its prospects. The results are a lesson for the Congress Party; it is on a steady decline in the country's political arena. The Congress' revival pivots on its ability to address its crisis of credibility, encouraging State leaders, and functioning as a vigorous Opposition in Parliament. Rahul Gandhi the scion of congress is an empty vessel as he has shown no understanding of any issues and depends on his coattail hangers to provide sound bites to media. The discarded and shamed politicians are being re-inducted into the party and given important positions of authority. Rahul has yet to prove his capacity as a vote-catcher for the party. He hasn't been able to boost the sagging spirits of the Congress rank and file.

60 years of the Nehru Gandhi dynasty has been a curse for Mother India, they have spread, nepotism, apathy and corruption across India. In the last 70 years those who have misused the laws and Constitution have mired the country in corruption. Modi has rightly said that the

Congress always tried to promote the contribution of one family — a reference to the Gandhis — and neglected contributions of Veer Savarkar, even Bhagat Singh. It is not so as there are lot of people who gave their lives during independence struggle. On 'Congress-mukt Bharat' BJP is making a deeper dent. India is completely changed in last 15 years and the new generation want development and an aggressive bold minded leader like Modi. It is clear that Rahul Gandhi's hurdles in congress are his inexperience and his inaccessibility. His image is also an aloof one. He doesn't feel he has to have his own mouthpiece website and mobile application to make himself more accessible to people. Rahul Gandhi has different plans in mind but it does not work. Why ? He may seem extremely well intentioned but does that translate to an effectual administrator and visionary leader? History and statistics show that a 'dying party' can resurrect itself. The Congress party has been suffering from a leadership crisis, with Rahul Gandhi widely seen as a failure, indifferent and incompetent. Launching Priyanka is the party's last and desperate gamble. Priyanka is the most meritorious in her generation of Gandhis. Assuming that Priyanka's arrival will eclipse Rahul Gandhi, and possibly give the Congress party an image makeover but she also failed. In politics, ultimately public perception matters. Don't we think Sonia and Rahul should focus only on welfare of People in Congress Controlled States and stop focusing on Modi?



- Vinod C Dixit

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City

Sanjay Singh meets Sharad Pawar to discuss Presidential poll

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh met NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday to discuss the upcoming presidential polls, sources said. The meeting assumes significance as the race to the Rashtrapati Bhavan gathers pace. It is to be noted that ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, it was Pawar who had urged the AAP and Congress to have an understanding in Delhi to counter the BJP.

However, this did not materialise. The AAP and the Congress are opposed to each other in several states including Delhi and Punjab. The government as well as the



Opposition is yet to name any candidate for the Presidential poll which will be held on July 18. In the 2017 Presidential election, the Opposition had forced a contest by backing Meira Kumar, who lost to Ramnath Kovind.

- PTI

Sanjay Raut comment if ED's given control to Shiv sena even BJP will vote for them

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday said if the control of the Enforcement Directorate is given to their party, then even BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis will vote for the Sena. His reaction comes in the backdrop of Shiv Sena candidate Sanjay Pawar losing the sixth seat in the Rajya Sabha polls from Maharashtra held on Friday, a contest which had become a high-prestige battle between the ruling Sena and the opposition BJP in the state.

Fadnavis, the leader of



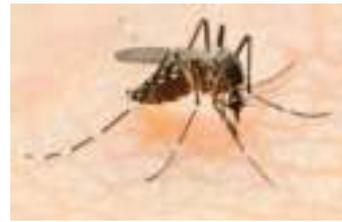
opposition in the state Assembly, is credited for the BJP's victory on the sixth seat, won by party nominee Dhananjay Mahadik by defeating Shiv Sena's Sanjay

Pawar. Prior to the polls, Raut had alleged that the BJP was using central agencies to put pressure on independents and smaller parties to vote in favour of the BJP candidates. The independents and smaller parties, some of whom had pledged support to the Sena, played a crucial role in the BJP's victory.

Talking to reporters on Sunday, Raut said, "If the ED's control is given to us for two days, then Devendra Fadnavis too will vote for us."

- PTI

BMC needs reports from Private lab of malaria cases



Malaria have been increasing and it is declared a notifiable disease by centre, BMC needs to make the records of every single cases. They are ensuring that all the Private labs and doctors data been obtaining and transfer to official channels. More than 100 cases have been reported in Private health care. Collection of all this data will help the authority to monitor and provide early warning. Dr

Mangla Gomare, executive health officer of BMC said "The same message was conveyed to the private healthcare sector."

A health officer from one of the wards said, "Each ward has a designated Malaria Control Officer, and an email ID on which the private lab can report the cases." A health official said, "To achieve the malaria elimination target it is important to get a report of every case. Accordingly, we will ask our insecticide department to survey a particular place from where cases are coming up and initiate action to neutralise breeding spots." According to data more than 100 cases have been register within spam of 40 days.

Two held for charas concealed in water purifier

Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai in its fight against Drug Suppliers and Peddlers in Mumbai launched an operation in Mumbai and seized 4.880 Kg of Charas on June 10 and arrested two persons on June 11 in the concerned case. According to NCB Mumbai, an operation was launched in Mumbai after getting specific input about a drug consignment being sent to Australia. Acting on the information, NCB Mumbai officials seized the drugs which were concealed in a special cavity made inside a water purifier.

"On the basis of specific information, a team of NCB Mumbai seized 4.880 Kgs of Charas at Mumbai on 10.06.2022. The seized drugs were concealed in a special cavity made inside a water purifier. The parcel was destined for Australia," Amit Ghawate, Zonal Director of NCB Mumbai said in a press release. Adding further, Ghawate said, "(In) follow up action, consignor and courier agent were intercepted by NCB Mumbai. During preliminary interrogation, it is found that the courier franchise owner is also involved in drug trafficking", stated NCB release.

A fake identity was used by the consignor to ship the parcel through the courier. This network has sent many such types of parcels in the past. The kingpin had created layers in the delivery network, added NCB. NCB Mumbai registered a case while further investigation is under progress.

- ANI



Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev, the founder of Isha Foundation, called on Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray at his Varsha residence today and informed him about his global campaign 'Save the Soil'. While congratulating the Chief Minister on his campaign, the Chief Minister also spoke about the various initiatives being taken in the state for the conservation of the environment.

BMC has now extended the deadline for Marathi sign board



On April BMC made compulsory all shops and establishment to have their sign board in Marathi transcript. If any shop have multiple transcript the Marathi devnagari transcript needs to be bigger and more visible. The earlier for this the last date was given to establish is 31st May 2022 that was extended by BMC and new day is 30th June.

The Federation of Retail Traders Welfare Association, wrote a letter to the Uddhav Thackeray requesting to extend the deadline for six month, the letter said, "requires the help of an architect and board maker to give a decent look to the board and to the Mumbai city's skyline." He also added, "There are more than 5 lakh shops and establishment's license holder and many of them have Marathi font size smaller in many areas and to make it bigger it requires professional help to redesign name board so it looks neat and standard design [sic]. We urge you to look into this genuine concern,".

Young Muslim man detained in Bhiwandi for 'objectionable' remark on Prophet

Police on Sunday detained a 19-year-old Muslim man at Bhiwandi town in Maharashtra's Thane district for allegedly posting a derogatory remark on Prophet Mohammad and showing support to now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma over her controversial comments, a senior official said.

The accused was taken into custody by the police after tense situation prevailed in the town over his viral social media post, which angered the members of the Muslim community, he confirmed. A video, which has gone viral on social media, shows a group of people marching towards the house of the man and later hitting and questioning him over his post. In his social

media post, the man praised Nupur Sharma, whom the BJP has suspended on June 5 over her alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad, calling her a "bravelady".

He also posted some derogatory remark against the Prophet, police sources said. After his post went viral, hundreds of any members of the Muslim community protested outside his house in Bhiwandi. The local police had a tough time in bringing the situation under control as tempers ran high among the protesters, they said. "Considering the sensitive situation and the unrest, the man was taken into custody," the official said.

- PTI

News

Maha Home Minister: Police of 4-5 states working together on Moosewala murder case

Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil on Sunday police teams from four-five states were working together on the case of murder of popular singer and Congress leader Sidhu Moosewala in Punjab last month and the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) was also keeping an eye on it. The Delhi Police recently said gangster Lawrence Bishnoi was the mastermind behind the murder and that they had identified six shooters allegedly involved in the killing of Moosewala.

The singer's death was an organised and brazen killing,



the Delhi police had said. Investigators had also revealed that Mahakal alias Siddhesh Kamble, arrested by Pune rural police in Maharashtra recently, knew that Moosewala was going to be murdered, and was in touch with gangster Vikram Brar a week before the killing.

Kamble is an alleged member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang,

which is said to be behind Moosewala's murder. Brar is a close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, who is currently in the Delhi Police's custody. Notably, an affiliate of terror outfit Al-Qaeda recently issued a letter warning of suicide bombings in some Indian cities and states to avenge the insult to the Prophet. Asked if the police department will review the security of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) headquarters in Nagpur in the wake of such threats, Walse Patil said he will conduct a review on this with police officials here on Sunday.

- PTI

End of year famous Matheran toy train will get resume



The famous Matheran toy train which was close due to cyclone in June 2022 now planning to get resumed by the end of the year 2022. The train was running for 21KM between Neral to Matheran. The project budget is Rs 5 crore allotted in Union Budget 2022 to 2023. The budget will focus on walls and better drainage system to prevent flooding. Currently train is running in small area between Aman Lodge and Matheran railway station.

"In order to provide continuous smooth travel, multiple works were undertaken on the railway line. Provision of anti-crash barriers, new railway lines, and strengthening of the existing railway tracks were undertaken. The new drainage system will help prevent flooding on the tracks," said a senior Central Railway official.

"Right now, taxi charge as much as between Rs 200 to Rs 400 for a single journey right between Matheran and Neral station. Ola and Uber can't go beyond a point. Once the other options are available, this monopoly will end," said Ranjeet Kumar Sandhu, a tourist guide.

Villagers say won't part with land for Metro Line 9 carshed



Image Courtesy : Midday

A sizable number of villagers from Murdhe, Rai and Morva in Thane district's Bhayander region have expressed opposition to the acquisition of their cultivable lands for the construction of a metro carshed. The carshed, for the 13.5-kilometre Metro Line number 9 between Dahisar in Mumbai and Bhayander, is expected to come up over 27.70 hectares of land.

Ashok Patil, president of the Bhumiputra Samajik Samanvay

Sanstha, a group formed by disgruntled villagers to carry forward their fight, on Sunday said some 300 property owners and their kin will be affected if land is acquired for the carshed. The carshed is to come up 2.5 kilometres from their villages, and the Maharashtra government and MMRDA want to take over land of villagers instead of opting for salt pan plots or a privately held plot of 225 acres in the vicinity, he alleged.

- PTI



Maharashtra Governor attends Europe Day celebrations on 60th anniversary of Indo – EU diplomatic relations

Rane demands Uddhav's resignation after RS polls results

Union minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane on Sunday demanded Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's resignation over the Shiv Sena's performance in the Rajya Sabha elections, and claimed that his Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government was in minority. Talking to reporters, Rane, known to be a bitter critic of the Shiv Sena and Thackeray, said the defeat of Sena's second candidate in the polls was an embarrassment for the chief minister, who is also the president of the party. In the fiercely-contested polls for the total six seats on Friday, Sena's Sanjay Pawar lost to BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik – its third nominee. Other MVA partners-NCP and Congress won one seat each. The BJP won all the three seats it had contested.

"They (Shiv Sena) didn't even get votes necessary to keep them in power. They did not even get the MVA alliance votes. The chief minister is in minority. You (Thackeray) resign and step aside. He has taken



Maharashtra 10 years behind," Rane said.

Taking a dig at Thackeray, Rane said he has no credibility and he cannot even take care of his MLAs. "They (MVA candidates) did not even get enough votes that are necessary to ensure a majority (to form the government). Your MLAs defect and that shows that there is no credibility. You cannot take care of your MLAs but talk big. We (BJP), despite being in the opposition, got more votes than what you got," the former chief minister claimed. The BJP secured an impressive win in the Rajya Sabha polls held on Saturday that saw Sena candidate Sanjay Pawar losing to BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik in a bitter contest.

- PTI

On 14th June PM Modi to visit Maharashtra



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra on June 14 during which he would inaugurate Jal Bhushan Building and Gallery of Revolutionaries in Mumbai and Jagatguru Shrisant Tukaram Maharaj Temple in Pune. According to Prime Minister's Office (PMO), PM Modi will also participate in Dwishatabdi Mahotsav of Mumbai Samachar, a newspaper which has been published continuously for 200 years. The Prime Minister at around 1:45 pm will inaugurate Jagatguru Shrisant Tukaram Maharaj Temple in Dehu, Pune.

"Sant Tukaram was a Warkari saint and poet, famously

known for Abhanga devotional poetry and community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in Dehu. A Shila Mandir was built after his demise, but it was not formally structured as a Temple. It has been rebuilt in stone masonry with 36 peaks, and also carries an idol of Sant Tukaram," said the PMO. At around 4:15 pm, PM Modi will inaugurate Jal Bhushan Building and Gallery of Revolutionaries at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai. Thereafter, at around 6 pm, the Prime Minister will participate in Dwishatabdi Mahotsav of Mumbai Samachar at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai. The printing of Mumbai Samachar as a weekly was started on July 1, 1822, by Fardunjee Marzbanji. It, later on, became a daily in 1832. The newspaper has been published continuously for 200 years. To commemorate this unique feat, a postal stamp will also be released on the occasion.

- ANI

Nation

Rural development key for self-reliant India: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that India cannot become self-reliant unless rural development is made a contributor to the country's economy. Addressing the 41st convocation ceremony of the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) Shah said that the institute is playing a major role in strengthening the rural sector through innovations in education and professional management. "The aspect of rural development is to make villages convenient. For this, remote connectivity of villages is necessary. There was no electricity in the villages earlier, we provided electricity connections to villages," he said.



Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, Shah said, "Gandhi ji had said country's soul resides in villages. The country can never become self-reliant unless rural development is made the contributor to the country's economy." He said the Centre's priority is to amp up rural development and bring prosperity to every person living in villages. The Union Minister said Prime Minister Narendra

Modi government has done the work of providing electricity, clean water and toilets to every household in the country.

Shah said, "Unless there is a development of the individual, there cannot be the development of the village. Unless the area is developed, the village cannot develop. Making the life of the individual convenient, developing the area and village, then only this dream of rural development is achieved. This began when Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power in 2014." He said the Centre opened bank accounts of crores of people in every nook and corner of the country in the last eight years.

- ANI

Sonia Gandhi admitted to Delhi's Ganga Ram Hospital

Indian National Congress President Sonia Gandhi was admitted to Ganga Ram Hospital due to COVID-related issues on Sunday. As per sources, the throat infection team and ENT specialist of the doctors are examining her. The party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said that she is in a stable condition and will be kept at the hospital for observation, according to sources at the hospital.



"Congress President, Sonia Gandhi was admitted to Ganga Ram Hospital today owing to Covid-related issues. She is stable and will be kept at the hospital for observation. We

thank all the Congress men and women as also all well-wishers for their concern and good wishes," tweeted Randeep Singh Surjewala. According to sources, earlier she was tested positive on June 2 for COVID-19 infection.

- ANI

IAF plans to build 96 fighter jets in India

Amid a big push for the Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme by the PM Narendra Modi-led government, the Indian Air Force is planning to acquire 114 fighter jets of which 96 would be built in India, and rest 18 would be imported from the foreign vendor chosen for the project. The Indian Air Force has plans of acquiring 114 Multirole Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) under 'Buy Global and Make in India' scheme under which Indian companies would be allowed to partner with a foreign vendor.

"Recently, the Indian Air Force held meetings with the foreign vendors and asked them about the way they would carry out the Make in India project," government sources told ANI. As per the plan, after the initial 18 aircraft are imported, the next 36 aircraft would be manufactured

within the country and the payments would be made partially in foreign currency and Indian currency, the sources said. The last 60 aircraft would be the main responsibility of the Indian partner and the government would make payments only in Indian currency, the sources said.

The payment in Indian currency would help the vendors to achieve the over 60 per cent 'Make-in-India' content in the project, the sources said. Global aircraft manufacturers including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Saab, MiG, Irkut Corporation and Dassault Aviation are expected to participate in the tender. The Indian Air Force has to rely heavily on these 114 fighter jets for maintaining its superiority over the neighboring rivals Pakistan and China.

- ANI

Two held for raping minor girl in Assam

Assam Police on Saturday arrested two persons for allegedly raping a minor girl in the Hojai district. The accused were arrested from Jugijan Kandhulimari area in the Hojai district. According to police, the arrested persons were identified as Muktar Hussain and Azizur Rahman.

"Two accused were arrested for raping a minor girl under sections of POCSO Act following a complaint lodged by the victim's family. According to the victim girl, the accused took her in a car and raped her. We have arrested them and will produce them in court," said T Medhi, Station House Officer, Hojai police station. The investigation is underway.

- ANI

Demolition drive at Javed Ahmed's residence in Prayagraj



Image Courtesy : Inext live

A day after violence broke out during protests after Friday prayers in Prayagraj, demolition drive was carried out by Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) at the 'illegally constructed' residence of the mastermind of violence, Javed Ahmed. Earlier, the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) had issued a demolition notice at his residence, asking him to vacate the house by 11 am today as it is "illegally constructed". Posters and flags were taken out of the residence of Prayagraj violence accused Javed Ahmed, during the demolition drive. Protests erupted in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh,

Jharkhand and West Bengal over the controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad made by suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled leader Naveen Jindal.

Uttar Pradesh Police have detained the "mastermind" of the violent protest which broke out in Prayagraj after Friday prayers on June 10. Names of people linked with All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) have surfaced, said Prayagraj Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ajay Kumar, adding that there could be more masterminds.

"Mastermind Javed Ahmed detained, there could be more masterminds...The antisocial elements used minor kids to hurl stones at the police and administration. A case registered under 29 crucial sections. Action will be taken under Gangster Act and the NSA," he told reporters here. "Names of some people from AIMIM have surfaced, we are gathering evidence against them," Kumar said.

- ANI

Man arrested on charges of drug peddling in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam police conducted a raid in the city and apprehended a person involved in drug peddling while also seizing 63 LSD (Lysergic acid diethyl amide) blots from the spot. "The City Task Force team under the supervision of K Aanand Reddy, ADCP, Special Branch, the Asst. Commissioner,

Task Force A Trinad Rao along with his team and the law and order police conducted a joint raid and apprehended the accused and seized the case property from the possession of the accused and LSD 63 (Lysergic acid diethyl amide) blots along with mobile phone," said Visakhapatnam city police commissioner Ch. Srikanth.

The accused in the case was identified as Girish Teja Naidu who has been trading the synthetic drugs at Gajuwaka and surrounding areas.

As per the police, he procured the drugs online through social media platforms and sell it at higher prices. "In continuation of a drive against Drug peddlers

and drug users in Visakhapatnam City, the Task Force team have identified that the accused Girish Teja Naidu has been trading the synthetic drugs at Gajuwaka and surrounding areas. He used to procure the Drugs from his online friends over Instagram and sell the same for a higher price to his known

circle. The investigation is continuing to unearth the forward and backward linkages of the accused involved in the chain," the police official added. Srikanth further appealed to the parents to "keep a close watch on the behaviour of their children".

- ANI

World

Security and Defence Consultations held in Brussels

The first-ever India-EU Security and Defence Consultations took place on June 10 in Brussels where both sides agreed to "increase India-EU defence and security cooperation", said the Embassy in Brussels in its press release. "The first-ever India-EU Security and Defence Consultations took place on 10th June 2022 in Brussels pursuant to a decision taken at the India-EU summit in July 2020," read the release.

The consultations were co-chaired by Sornnath Ghosh,



Image Courtesy : republic.com

Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence, Sandeep Chakravorty, Joint Secretary (Europe West), Ministry of External Affairs (India Side) and Joanneke Balfoort, Director Security and Defence Policy (EU Side). The wide-ranging discussions covered the evolving security situation in Europe, India's neighbourhood and the Indo-Pacific.

During the consultations, the two sides also discussed various means of increasing India-EU cooperation on maritime

security, implementation of the European code of conduct on arms export to India's neighbourhood, cooperation in co-development and co-production of defence equipment including India's participation in Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO). Both sides agreed to increase India-EU defence and security cooperation as an important pillar of the bilateral strategic relations. The next consultations will be held in Delhi at a mutually agreed convenient time.

- ANI

Moscow-Delhi multidimensional cooperation is one of world's most elaborate ones: Russian envoy



Image Courtesy : network.com

Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov said that the multidimensional cooperation between India-Russia is one of the world's most elaborate ones and the countries succeeded in "building true friendship and mutual trust" exemplified by numerous proud milestones. Marking the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Russian-Indian diplomatic relations, he made these remarks in a foreword in the special edition of the Russia Digest magazine.

The remarks further coincide

with the occasion of Russia's National Day, June 12, stated the Embassy of Russia in India on its website. The year 2022 marks both 75 years of India's Independence and the 75th Anniversary of the Russian-Indian diplomatic relations, which were established in April 1947. Speaking on the milestones achieved in the relationship between the two countries, Alipov wrote about the industrialization and power plants construction in India with the Soviet assistance in the 1950-1960s, setting up of the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay in 1958, the groundbreaking Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation of 1971, the flight of the first Indian cosmonaut on the "Soyuz T-11" spacecraft in 1984, the Declaration of Strategic Partnership of 2000 and many more.

"Today's Russia-India multidimensional cooperation

is one of the world's most elaborate ones with regular meetings of the two intergovernmental commissions, sector-wise ministerial, security advisors' and senior officials dialogue, foreign office consultations and coordination in the global arena, complemented by diverse business, cultural and people-to-people contacts," he wrote.

Concluding his foreword, the Ambassador said that Russia will further strive to strengthen international peace and ensure global security and stability with a view to establishing a fair and democratic international system that addresses global issues on the basis of collective decision-making, the rule of international law, indivisible security and the generally accepted principles of equal rights, mutual respect and non-interference in domestic affairs.

-ANI

North Korea appoints nuclear negotiator as first woman foreign minister

North Korea has named a top nuclear negotiator as the nation's first female Foreign Minister, state media reported Saturday. This comes amid warnings from the US that Pyongyang is preparing to conduct a nuclear test. Career diplomat Choe Son Hui was appointed at a plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea from June 8-10, overseen by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, CNN reported citing state-run outlet KCNA.

The International Atomic Energy Agency also said Tuesday that North Korea is "readying their nuclear test site," warning the situation surrounding Pyongyang's nuclear program "is quite concerning because we have seen a fast-forward in every line," based on the activity at the Punggye-ri site, CNN reported.

This year alone, North Korea



has conducted 17 missiles including two successful tests of presumed intercontinental ballistic missiles. However, in response to North Korea's missile launch, South Korea and the US fired a Hyunmoo-II ballistic missile and an Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missile into the East Sea to establish their rapid strike capabilities, said the JCS as reported by Yonhap News Agency.

- ANI

Over 14,430 acres damaged due to wildfires in Khyber

An area of 14,430 acres was damaged after more than 200 wildfires continue to rage in various districts of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during the past two weeks, according to a report. The area includes forests and pastures, Dawn reported on Sunday.

Of the 210 wildfire incidents, around 55 blazes have been started intentionally by local people and 12 ascribed to dry weather conditions while the

cause of another 143 blazes is unknown, according to a report compiled by the provincial forestry, environment and wildlife department. These figures are based on daily situation reports generated by the department between May 23 and June 9.

Latifur Rehman, a spokesperson for the department said that rumours had been circulating in the affected areas that the government would pay compensation for any damage to forests due to wildfires.

- ANI

For 'harming public order' Tunisia military prosecutors journalist

Tunisian military prosecutors said on Saturday they had begun investigating a journalist on suspicion of "harming public order" for saying the president had asked the army to close a powerful labour union's headquarters, and a witness said the reporter had been arrested. The journalist, Salah Attia, told Al Jazeera on Saturday that President Kais Saied had asked the army to

close the headquarters of the UGTT union and put political leaders under house arrest, but that the army had refused.

"Police in civilian clothes arrested Attia in a cafe in the suburb of Ibn Khaldoun in the capital," the witness, who was with Attia, told Reuters by phone. Authorities could not immediately be reached for comment. Saied has been facing growing criticism that he seeks to consolidate one-man

rule since seizing power last summer in a move his opponents called a coup. He subsequently set aside the 2014 constitution to rule by decree and dismissed the elected parliament. The leader of the UGTT, which has about a 1 million members, said on Thursday it was being "targeted" by authorities after it refused to participate in the talks.

- Reuters

Business

FPIs pull out Rs 14,000-cr from Indian equities in June



Wary of the scenario on the global and domestic fronts, foreign investors continued to withdraw from Indian equity markets and pulled out close to Rs 14,000 crore in this month so far. With this, net outflow by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from equities reached Rs 1.81 lakh crore so far in 2022, data with depositories showed.

Going forward, the FPIs' selling may continue in the near-term, however, a moderation in sell-off is expected during short to medium-term, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. "This is because a large part of the changeover like economic slowdown, hawkish monetary policy, supply constraints and high inflation is factored in, in the

market prices, which was consolidating over the last 7 months. And for central banks to maintain the aggressive policy in long-term, the inflation must remain high," he added.

According to the data, foreign investors withdrew a net amount of Rs 13,888 crore from equities during June 1-10. FPIs have been incessantly withdrawing money from Indian equities since October 2021. Nair attributed the latest FPI outflow to anticipation of a hawkish Federal Reserve meeting.

"Global markets witnessed selling pressure in anticipation of record high inflation numbers in the US, which could force the Fed to accelerate increasing interest rates. At 8.6 per cent, the US inflation is at a 40-year high. Talks of stagnation and China announcing another round of lockdowns all weighed down on investors, prompting another round of selling," Vijay Singhania, Chairman, Trade Smart, said.

- PTI

2.33 Lakh units dispatches through Railways in FY22, Maruti Suzuki



The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has shipped 2.33 lakh units through Railways last fiscal, its highest ever dispatch in a financial year so far, since commencing the initiative eight years ago, as per a senior company official. The company's dispatch in 2021-22 was 23 per cent up from 1.89 lakh units it transported using Railways in the 2020-21 financial year. Cumulatively, the auto major has transported close to 11 lakh vehicles through Indian Railways in the last eight years, helping avoid over 4,800 MT of carbon dioxide emissions. The move has helped save over 1,56,000 truck trips and over 174 million litres of fuel.

"Railway logistics offers a significant potential over road logistics to lower carbon footprint and reduce road congestion. Over the years we have consciously increased the share of car dispatches from our factory to dealers using railways," MSI Executive Director Rahul Bharti told PTI in an interaction. From around 66,000 units in 2014-15, it has reached an all-time high of 2.33 lakh units in 2021-22, he noted.

"To further increase the share, we are taking several steps. As an industry first initiative, we have formed joint ventures with the governments of Gujarat and Haryana to set-up in-plant railway sidings at Hansalpur and Manesar manufacturing plants," Bharti said.

- PTI

ISA seek Government to interfere in coking coal price

Industry body ISA has sought the government's immediate intervention to check coking coal price, which has grown three-fold to around USD 450 a tonne. "Coking coal prices is something, which is impacting the industry drastically and the production cost is impacted, affecting the steel prices," Alok Sahay, Secretary-General of Indian Steel Association said during an interaction with PTI. Indian Steel Association (ISA) represents the domestic steel industry. Explaining the situation, Sahay said the price of coking coal used to be in the range of USD 120-130 per tonne around a year back. In March 2022, coking coal prices had peaked at about USD 670 per tonne, he added.

At the current price range,

the industry expert said, the cost of coking coal alone in steel making is around Rs 28,000 to Rs 30,000 per tonne, which works to about 40-45 per cent of the production cost. Besides, there are other input materials like iron ore, ferroalloys, logistics, fuel costs and other fixed costs.

Sahay further noted that when crude oil prices go up, prices of petrol and diesel also go up, impacting the entire supply chain. Similarly, steel prices also rise in line with increasing coking coal rates. However, ISA has been apprising the government since February 2022 to take a note of coking coal prices as the association is of the view that "the price needs to be checked so that the cost of steel production can be reduced".

- PTI

M-cap top 10 firms lose 2.29 lakh crore

The market capitalisation (m-cap) of the top-10 most valued companies eroded by over Rs 2.29 lakh crore last week, with Life Insurance Corporation taking the biggest hit. On a weekly basis, the domestic equity benchmarks witnessed heavy selling. The Sensex tumbled 1,465.79 points or 2.63 per cent, while the Nifty lost 382.50 points or 2.31 per cent as investors rushed to safer assets because elevated crude oil prices triggered inflation fears.

Corporate major Reliance Industries' m-cap fell by Rs

44,311.19 crore to Rs 18,36,039.28 crore. IT bellwethers TCS and Infosys lost Rs 45,746.13 crore from their cumulative market cap. The valuation of TCS stood at Rs 12,31,398.85 crore, while that of Infosys was Rs 6,21,502.63 crore.

The country's top lenders HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and SBI saw a cumulative erosion of Rs 34,970.26 crore in their market capitalisation. HDFC Bank's valuation dipped by Rs 16,433.92 crore to Rs 7,49,880.79 crore.

- PTI

Gujarat's diamond industry hit hard by Russia-Ukraine war

The Russia-Ukraine war has adversely affected the livelihood of lakhs of workers of the diamond industry in Gujarat, especially in rural parts of Saurashtra region where many units import small-size diamonds from Russia for processing and polishing, according to industry representatives. The state's diamond industry employs nearly 15 lakh workers, the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council's regional chairman, Dinesh Navadiya, told PTI.

Due to the shortage of supply of small-size rough diamonds from Russia, businessmen in Gujarat are forced to buy the



raw material from African countries and other places, affecting their profits. Hence, the diamond units in the state have curtailed the working hours of their workers and polishers, thus impacting their livelihood, he said.

Stake worth of Rs 2060 CR buy in Flipkart

Chinese technology conglomerate Tencent has bought stake worth \$264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore) in Flipkart from its co-founder Binny Bansal through its European subsidiary, according to official documents. Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only. Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV.

The transaction was completed on October 26, 2021 and was shared with the government authorities at the beginning of the current financial year. Post the transaction, Tencent arm holds 0.72 per stake in Flipkart which is valued at around \$264 million, as per last valuation of \$37.6 billion disclosed by the e-commerce firm in July 2021.

The company's valuation surged to \$37.6 billion after raising \$3.6 billion (about Rs 26,805.6 crore) in funding round led by Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, CPP Investments, SoftBank Vision Fund 2 and Walmart. The transaction between Bansal and Tencent took place after the July funding round. Sources said the transaction took place in Singapore but Flipkart informed Indian authorities about it as a responsible entity and that the transaction does not fall under purview of 'Press Note 3' which calls for scrutiny of investment that any Indian company gets from countries sharing land border with India.

- PTI

The processing of big-size diamonds is mainly carried out at units in the state's Surat city. The US, where 70 per cent of the cut and polished diamonds are exported from India, has imposed a ban on Russian companies.

- PTI



Son of tailor win first cycling gold medals, Adil Altaf

Adil Altaf created history by winning the first cycling gold medal for Jammu and Kashmir in the Khelo India Youth Games. The son of a financially constrained tailor in Srinagar, he blazed to glory in the Boys 70 Km road race on Saturday morning. He had already won a silver in the 28 Kms individual time trial the previous day, prompting even Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to congratulate him.

It was a significant victory for Altaf on Saturday as he had to ward off the challenge posed by more fancied cyclists, including Sidhesh Patil (Maharashtra) and Arshad Faridi of Delhi. "This is a big moment for me," he conceded shortly after his victory. "I came here confident of doing well. The gold is a bonus and a huge confidence booster."

- ANI

Final clash between Riske and Haddad Maia in Nottingham open

The No. 6 seed Alison Riske reached her 13th career singles final with a victory over Viktorija Golubic at the Nottingham Open. Riske will face No. 7 seed Beatriz Haddad Maia after the Brazilian advanced to the final over an injured Tereza Martincova.

Former Top 20 player Riske reached the 13th WTA Tour final of her career with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Viktorija Golubic of Switzerland. Riske took 2 hours and 22 minutes of play to garner the victory, while also withstanding a rain delay of over an hour at the start of the third set. Riske is

now a win away from her fourth career singles title.

Haddad Maia has exhibited excellent form in recent weeks as she sits at her career-high ranking. "I think I have a game that I can adapt from the clay to the grass," Haddad Maia said.

Haddad Maia is the second Brazilian woman to reach a WTA singles final this season, following Laura Pigossi, who reached the final in Bogota on clay in April.

- ANI



Maharashtra bagged three gold medal in KIYG



Maharashtra bagged a gold medal each in tennis, table tennis and swimming to scramble past hosts Haryana in the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 here on Saturday. With only two days of competition left, Maharashtra (37 gold) are one ahead of Haryana (36), who failed to strike gold for the first time since the Games started on June 4. Haryana, however, are primed for a spectacular finish with a bounty of gold awaiting them in the boxing ring.

Maharashtra's Akanksha

Nitture bagged the Girl's Singles tennis title, beating Karnataka's Sunita Maruri 6-7(4), 7-6(4), 6-4 while Diya Chitale and Swastika Ghosh got together to defeat Haryana's Suhana Saini and Prithoki Chakraborti 14-12, 11-9, 11-6 in table tennis. Swimmer Apeksha Fernandes eventQually put Maharashtra ahead by winning the 200m Girls Individual Medley, setting a new meet mark of 2:25.18 seconds in the process.

- ANI

Five substitute per team to be written in Football

The use of five substitutes, introduced as a tweak to the rules because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be formally written into the Laws of the Game at a meeting in Doha on Monday, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) said. Further discussions, and possible decisions, on concussion substitutes and semi-automated offside technology will also be on the agenda of governing body

IFAB.

A maximum of five substitutes per team, instead of three, had been allowed since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. It will now become permanent although its use in different competitions will remain at the discretion of the body organising the matches. The Premier League, for example, had allowed five substitutes when the idea was first floated by FIFA in May 2020 but



reverted back to three subs for their last two seasons.

They have, however, agreed to five substitutes being permitted from next season. The IFAB said the five changes per team would continue to be allowed to be made in no more than three opportunities, excluding any changes made at half-time. A potential sixth substitution would be allowed if a match went into extra time. The IFAB's changes will start from July 1. - Reuters

First time India qualifies for FIFAE Nation cup 2022



India created history on Saturday as they qualified for the FIFAE Nations Cup

2022. This is the first time that India will play at the esports showpiece event, which is set

to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark this year, from July 27 to July 30, 2022. India defeated Korea Republic and Malaysia in the FIFAE Nations Series 2022 Playoffs to seal their qualification for the showpiece event. The journey for the Indian efootball team kicked-off in January 2021 when AIFF signed the participation agreement with FIFA for the FIFAE Nations Series 2021. I

ndia was among 60 countries to participate and was placed in the Middle East and Africa Zone. India finished 3rd in its zone, narrowly missing out on a place in the FIFAE Nations Playoffs 2021.

India ended the season with a global ranking of 22 and finished above heavyweights such as Italy, Argentina and Spain in the 2021 rankings. For the 2022 season, India was moved to Asia/Oceania region

and was awarded a spot in the Play-Ins, which would provide direct qualification to the Playoffs (the last stage before the Nations Cup). With this, India successfully qualified to the Playoffs by finishing second in the Consistency Points chart, moving one step closer to the FIFAE Nations Cup 2022. During this period, India also achieved its highest global ranking of 19.

- ANI

Opinion

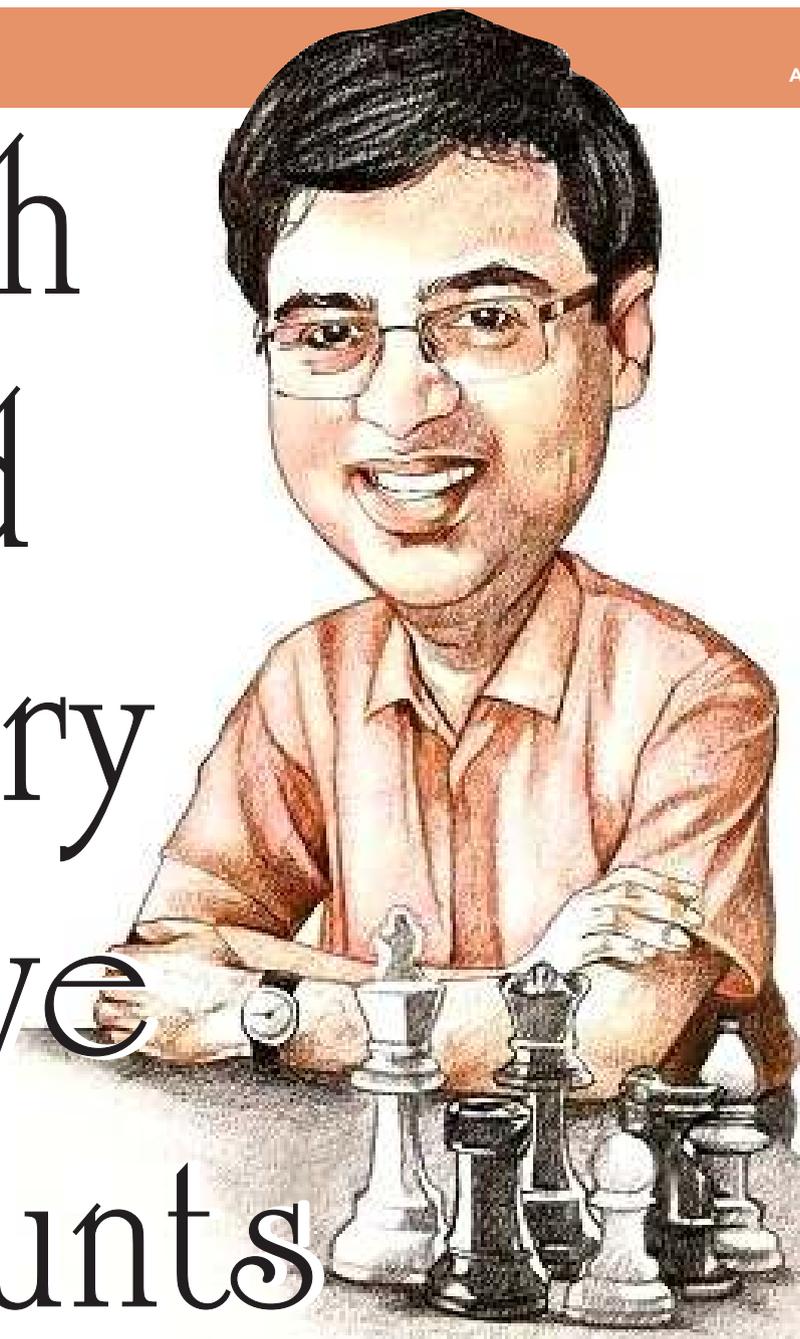
Patience in chess boils down to thinking before you move. By being patient you are able to play the best move and prevent mistakes in your play. If you think about it, we humans are like chess pieces, existing in the spacetime substrate that is the chessboard, bound by our own constraining rules. And our salvation lies in the strategy we successfully deploy.

This is the first entry in our chess tips series. Winning and losing in chess is many times a result not of what you do not know, but of your behavior over the chess board. If your improvement has stalled, many times it is due to chess psychology issues. Being impatient at the chess board is one of those chess psychology problems that need to be identified and resolved. Impatience is a behavior that leads to not fulfilling your full potential in chess. Review the games of masters and a common denominator is how they wield powerful yet patient moves whenever the opportunity arises. The virtue of patience must be acquired if you wish to cross the elusive 2000 elo threshold.

Study and practice increases your internal pattern recognition database, improves your calculation and evaluation skills and increases your knowledge of typical positions. This all adds up to making you a stronger, more skilled player, but many times you continue to lose games and improvement seems slow and arduous. Your improvement does not keep up with your investment in studying and practicing chess because of errors of chess psychology.

Chess improvement is composed of skill, knowledge and psychology. While skill and knowledge can be trained through books and coaching the psychological component is dependent on finding the weaknesses in your thought process and decision making and addressing them. Many items are not taught to chess beginners who are learning to play chess, yet it is an important component that holds many chess players

Each And Every Move Counts



Pragmatic Pragganandhaa wins Norway Open Group A chess tournament and proved his mettle as high as Vishwanathan Anand in the International arena of chess. He gained 7.5 points from rounds and that is an incredible performance. The 16 year old GM, the top seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. Former World Champion Vishwanathan Anand finished third in the same tournament for seniors, which was won by World No1 Magnus Carlsen. In the meanwhile, Rahul Srivatshav became India's 74th GrandMaster in the 75th year of India's Independence and deserves all credit as an upcoming star.

back. The game of chess as we know it today, began taking shape around 1200 AD, when the rules of Shatranj were modified in southern Europe. Around 1475, several major changes were made, along with the birth of 'Queen's Chess'.

In India it is called Shatranj, a game in theory and action. This is the obsession at the heart of this ancient game. The moment humans broke free from the toil of daily subsistence, leisure was invented. Chess arrived at the same time, as if it was there all along, waiting to take over liberated Time. From its myth-haunted origins in India to its evolution in Persia and then on to Europe, every culture has impressed its particular umwelt onto it.

There aren't many truly global sports India is ranked as high in. Anand is, of course, the main reason for India's rise as a chess power, but the All India Chess

Federation (AICF) can also take credit for setting up a system that has helped produce a large number of players by conducting several State- and National-level tournaments — more than any other body — and helping them win World and Asian age-group.

Indian chess would gain further if there were even bigger tournaments that interest the likes of Anand and World champion Magnus Carlsen. Since 2000, Anand has played just one tournament in India that wasn't an official FIDE event. For a sport that boasts a legend like Anand and some of the world's most exciting youngsters, it shouldn't be that difficult to attract corporate interest. "Today, a top Indian player needs either sponsorship or a well-paying job," says Thipsay. "We have to think about the future of talented players in the chess circuit.

You can always argue that chess is not a spectator sport; corporations wouldn't care. But it is learnt that two decades ago, one of India's largest multinational companies wanted to invest heavily in chess and had ambitious plans, including an exhibition match between Anand and actor Aamir Khan, a chess enthusiast. That could have helped chess get the attention it badly needed. The match didn't take place, but the business house did sponsor a few promising Indian players.

The chess administrators should not have let that opportunity go. It still isn't too late to meet top executives across a chessboard and talk. An Indian chess league or an idea of similar ambition will be a big step towards ensuring that the talent in the country realises its fullest potential. In chess each and every move counts and the timer plays a key role to count upon your moves. During the pandemic we came across many virtual tournaments taking place all over the world. One needs to have patience and perseverance to play the game and last longer in the chess field. The organisation will have to do a lot more, though, if India wants somebody other than Anand to feature consistently in the top 10, or to win the Chess Olympiad or to produce a serious challenger for the World title.

In the game of chess each and every move counts and there is no time for relaxation in a mind game for many centuries. In the 75th India's Independence it is timely to honour India's Grand Masters in a fitting way to keep the Indian flag aloft during the 75th Year of Independence Day of India or Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an upcoming event, where such stars and veteran sports personalities needs to get the pride of place.



- C K Subramaniam
Columnist and Writer

Sabudana Sevai Kheer

Time: 20 minutes • Serves: 2 persons



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup Sabudana (Sago)
- 2 tbsp Sevai
- 1/2 tsp pure ghee
- 3 cup Milk
- 1/4 cup Condensed Milk (Sweetened)
- 1/4 tsp Cardamom powder
- Almond Cashewnuts slices

Method:

- Soak Sabudana in water and drain all the water after a minute. Keep covered for atleast 3 hours.
- Once sabudana is soaked, proceed with the recipe. Heat a thick bottom pan over medium low heat. Add 1/2 tsp ghee. Add sevai and roast

over medium heat. Keep stirring until sevai turn into light pink color.

- Once sevai turned into light pink color, add milk and cook over medium heat. Stir from the bottom to avoid burning. Cook for 5 minutes.
- Add soaked Sabudana and cook over medium heat. After 2-3 minutes, add condensed milk, cardamom powder, and Almond slices. Also, keep stirring Kheer so that it won't burn at the bottom.
- After few minutes Sabudana become translucent and start floating on the top. This is a sign that sabudana are almost cooked. Boil over medium for about 3-4 minutes. Serve lukewarm as dessert.

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Upvas Thalipith

Time: 25 minutes • Serves: 2 persons

Ingredients:

- Cucumber/Jaldi 1 Cup, grated
- Upvasachi Bhajani 1 Cup
- Peanut Powder 2 Tbsp, dry roasted peanuts
- Salt 1/2 Tsp
- Green chilies 3 strips, finely chopped
- Coriander Leaves 2 Tbsp, chopped
- Oil for roasting thalipeeth

Method:

To Prepare the Dough:

- Peel and grate the cucumber and do not squeeze out the water.
- In a mixing bowl, add grated cucumber, peanut powder, salt, green chilies, and coriander leaves, and mix well.
- Now, add Upvasachi Bhajani and knead to make a soft dough.
- Grease the dough with some oil or ghee.

To Roll the Thalipeeth:

- Cut the plastic bag, and grease it with a little bit of oil (you can use parchment paper too).
- Divide the dough into equal portions, place the one dough ball on the plastic bag or parchment paper, and cover it.
- Spread the dough using a rolling pin.

To Fry or Roast the Thalipeeth:

- Meanwhile, turn on the flame and heat tawa for frying the thalipeeth.
- Apply some oil/ghee on the tawa.
- Once tawa is sufficiently hot, gently transfer the thalipeeth over the tawa.
- Flip and cook the thalipeeth on both sides.
- Drizzle some oil/ghee while cooking.
- Both sides should have brown spots which mean Thalipeeth has cooked perfectly.
- Serve Khamang Kakdiche Thalipith with crispy potato stir fry and yogurt.



Sooji Halwa

Time: 20 minutes • Serves: 4 persons

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup sugar 75 grams, or use 1/2 cup (100 grams) for a sweeter halwa
- 3/4 cup water 6 oz/180 ml
- 3/4 cup milk 6 oz/ 180 ml
- 1/3 cup ghee 75 grams, in semi-solid state, use 1/4 cup ghee if you prefer less ghee in your halwa
- 1/2 cup sooji (semolina) 90 grams, use fine sooji
- 10 whole cashew nuts broken into small pieces
- 1/8 teaspoon cardamom powder

Method:

- To a pan, add sugar, water and milk. Stir and let it heat up on medium heat. You don't want to boil it but mixture should be heated through and sugar should be dissolved.
- While the milk-water heats up, put a pan on medium heat and add ghee to it. Let the ghee melt. Then add sooji to the pan and stir. Add in the broken

cashews and stir.

- Stirring continuously, roast the sooji on low-medium heat. Add cardamom powder and continue to stir.
- Stir for around 8 to 9 minutes on low-medium heat. As soon as sooji is fragrant and beginning to change color, that it the time to add the liquid.
- Add the heated milk-water-sugar-mixture into the pan. It will bubble a lot as you add the liquids into the pan so be careful and add slowly.
- Whisk the sooji continuously as you add the liquids. Add the liquids in 2-3 parts, whisking continuously with one hand.
- Keep stirring, sooji will begin to absorb the liquid and thicken up. Stir for 2 minutes more until the halwa thickens and leaves the sides of the pan.
- Garnish with more cashews and serve sooji halwa warm!

Gossip

Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' trailer launched at Times Square

Bollywood actor and filmmaker R Madhavan's biographical drama movie 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect', which is based on the life of renowned scientist Nambi Narayanan, launched the trailer on the NASDAQ billboard at Times Square on Saturday.

Madhavan, who has directed, produced, written as well as starred in the film, was present at the trailer launch along with former ISRO scientist and aerospace engineer Nambi Narayan.

Speaking about the trailer being screened on the Nasdaq billboard at Times Square, R Madhavan said, "It is all very surreal! Time has gone by so quickly - it feels like it was only yesterday we were shooting the film and now, here we are, a few days away from the film's release, screening the trailer on the world's most coveted billboard! With

God's grace, I'm thankful for all the love and affection we have received so far. We are looking forward to seeing you in the theatres on July 1st!"

He also shared a glimpse of the trailer launch where the trailer was received with much applause and love with people all across the world hooting and cheering.

For those unaware, Madhavan and the ISRO scientist are on a 12-day promotional tour. Recently, while Madhavan and Nambi Narayanan were promoting the film in Stafford, Texas, Mayor Cecil Willis declared that June 3 will be celebrated as Nambi Narayanan Day.

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Kriti Kharbanda thanks her fans as she completes 13 years in film industry

Actor Kriti Kharbanda thanked her fans as she completed 13 years in the film industry on social media. The '14 Phere' actor took to her Instagram handle and shared a video where she added clips of her characters played by her in movies. Along with the video, she penned a long note where she expresses gratitude to her well-wisher.

She wrote, "As I complete 13 years in the industry today, I want to take this moment to thank each and everyone who's been a part of this journey. My family, friends and wel

l-wishers. But biggest of all, my fans and fan clubs. Every time I log onto the gram I realise how lucky I am. You guys celebrate me more than I celebrate myself. She added, "You'll have given me more love than I could have imagined which has become

my strength! I work hard for me, but I know you'll be the reason I don't give up on bad days. so u guys basically give me the strength to keep going and I love u for that! "All in all, it's been a crazy 13 years. And here's looking forward to the next 13! Yea baby! Bring it on! I'm ready! P.S. these are just some characters I've portrayed over the years. Will post the others in my stories. Love all equally but technologically challenged. Thank you for understanding," she concluded.

As soon as she shared the post, fans congratulated her on the completion of 13 years in the film fraternity. Meanwhile, on the work front, Kriti was last seen in '14 Phere' alongside Vikrant Massey which was released on ZEE5.

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Justin Bieber is displayed early signs of recovery

Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber is showing early signs of making a recovery after he was diagnosed with a virus that left half of his face paralysed, according to a surgeon who specialises in face paralysis. In a video posted on Instagram, Bieber said he had contracted Ramsay Hunt syndrome, which affected nerves in his ear and face. He noted that his right eye was not blinking.

Charles Nduka, a consultant plastic reconstructive surgeon in Britain and the co-founder of health charity Facial Palsy UK, said about 75% of patients with the syndrome who receive early treatment, including steroids and antivirals, make a full recovery.

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PeeCee drops stunning pictures from 'Citadel'

After her trip to Paris for brand promotion with fellow actor Anne Hathaway and BLACKPINK singer Lisa, Global icon Priyanka Chopra has returned to the sets of her debut web series 'Citadel'. The 'Baywatch' actor took to her Instagram handle and shared a few pictures and captioned the

post and as "Snack" in the caption. Priyanka can be spotted wearing a deep-necked white dress shirt. She styled her hair in beachy waves, and opted for a subtle nude makeup. The 'Gehraiyaan' actor took a few selfies while looking into the camera. She also recorded a short video of herself.

As soon as she shared the

pictures, fans flooded the post with likes and comments. Singer-actor husband, Nick Jonas, was one of the first to react to her post. In the comments section, he wrote "Wow" with a surprise emoji. "I'm under your spell," a fan wrote in response to the post in the comment section. Another fan wrote, "So gorgeous".



Ishaan Khattar questions 'mystery woman'

Gehraiyaan' actor Siddhant Chaturvedi shared a quirky video, on Saturday, leaving his friends and fans to wonder who is he talking about. The 29-year-old actor is quite active on social media. His recent post grabbed the limelight amid his relation with Navya Naveli Nanda. Sharing his post after a couple of hours following Nayya Naveli's Instagram post, he captioned the post and wrote, "Her Noodles".



In the video, the actor could be seen in a vanity van all dressed in a classy white shirt that he paired with blue jeans. He was also seen wearing silver-toned chains. The highlight of the video was Siddhant's curly

hair which complements his entire dapper look.

The actor's post left many of his fans and followers wondering if he is talking about his rumoured girlfriend Navya. Fans and his friends from the industry dropped

their comments over his post. 'Dhadak' actor, Ishaan Khattar dropped a quirky comment, he wrote, "Who dis mystery woman".

A fan reacted and wrote, "Are you talking about Navya Nanda?" The entire episode was started by Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter, Navya Naveli Nanda who posted a picture of her holding noodles boxes in her hand on June 11 and she captioned her post, "Made some noodles today."