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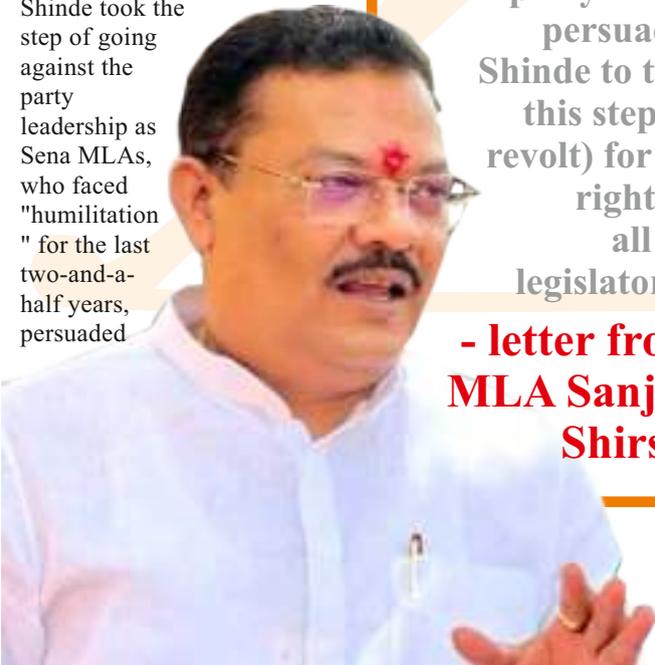
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'Only Eknath Shinde heard us out', Rebel Shiv Sena MLA writes to Uddhav Thackeray

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Rebel Shiv Sena MLA Sanjay Shirsat has written a letter to Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray and has claimed that state minister Eknath Shinde took the step of going against the party leadership as Sena MLAs, who faced "humiliation" for the last two-and-a-half years, persuaded



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- letter from MLA Sanjay Shirsat

him to do so. Shirsat, the MLA from Aurangabad (West) Assembly constituency, also said that Eknath Shinde opened doors for the party MLAs to hear their grievances, issues about development work in their constituencies and related fund, and problems with allies Congress and NCP.

"Only Shinde heard us out and took steps to resolve all the problems. The party MLAs persuaded Shinde to take this step (of revolt) for the rights of all the legislators," Shirsat wrote in the letter. Shirsat also said the party MLAs were not allowed to accompany Maharashtra cabinet minister Aaditya Thackeray (the CM's son) to Ayodhya (during his recent visit).

"The Shiv Sena votes did not split in the Rajya Sabha polls, then why so much distrust in us for the Legislative Council polls?" he asked.

"Don't want Uddhav Thackeray to Quit" says MLA Deepak Kesarkar

Rebels want Thackeray to ditch the Congress and NCP to go with the BJP owing to ideological similarities.

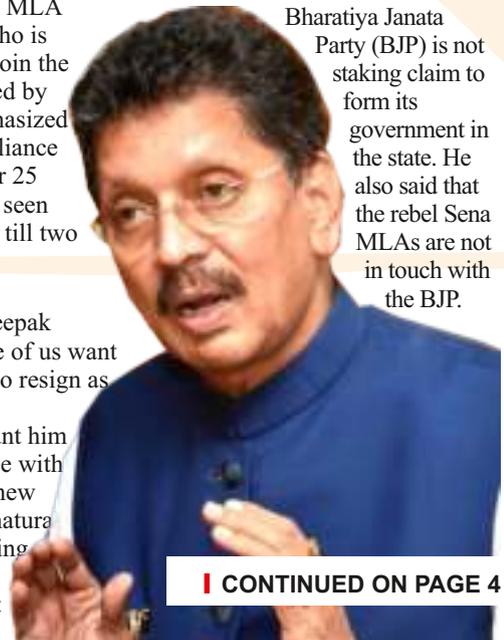
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The Shiv Sena and BJP, both of which profess Hindutva as part of their ideology, had fought the 2019 assembly election together but the Sena allied with NCP and Congress to form the government after differences arose reportedly over leadership positions. Shiv Sena MLA Deepak Kesarkar, who is among the latest to join the party's rebel camp led by Eknath Shinde emphasized that the Sena-BJP alliance had been in place for 25 years. Kesarkar was seen with the Thackerays till two days ago.

While speaking to Afternoon Voice, Deepak Kesarkar said "None of us want Uddhav Thackeray to resign as Chief Minister of Maharashtra. We want him to get into an alliance with the BJP and form a new government with a natural ally, instead of sticking to an unnatural partner. People want

Shiv Sena to ally with the BJP. All the important ministries are with NCP or Congress. We just have Industries and Urban Development. Departments related to rural Maharashtra are with NCP or Congress. We are not annoyed with the chief minister. We are irritated with the others in the coalition."

BJP's Union Minister Raosaheb Danve said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is not staking claim to form its government in the state. He also said that the rebel Sena MLAs are not in touch with the BJP.



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Shiv Sena MLA escapes from rebel camp with the horror of life

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Dr. Vaidehi

In this attempt of disassembling Maha Vikas Aghadi, Eknath Shinde the rebel goes to an extent of compromising the life of a fellow MLA. Nitin Deshmukh a Shiv Sena MLA was earlier assumed to have joined the rebel Sena gang. He reached Mumbai with great difficulties and fear of life. He told his chilling experiences to the media. Deshmukh has resurfaced voicing his support for Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. He claimed that he was "abducted" and taken to Gujarat's Surat where he ran away.

When he managed to leave the premise where all these MLAs were kept, he reached the main road at around 3 am in the midnight trying to hitch a ride from passersby. While he was asking for help, many cops

chased him and took him to a hospital. They pretended that the MLA had a heart attack and tried to conduct some medical procedure on his body. Deshmukh did not suffer any sudden health complications but was forcibly taken to the hospital. The doctors wanted to operate on him, and harm him under the pretext of some heart issue. Once again, he managed to escape from the hospital and with great difficulties reached Mumbai.

Pranjali, Deshmukh's wife, had submitted a written complaint to the Akola police station saying she last spoke to her husband on a phone

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After hearing Deshmukh neither our Chief minister demanded action nor the home minister took any strong action against the people who forced him to flee. I don't know how many such MLAs are captivated and forced to stay in those hotels in this number game. Is this the character of Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sainik? This is what Eknath Shinde boasts about being Balasaheb's Sainik?

One needs to really understand what has forced Eknath against Shiv Sena that gave him presence and survival or did the ED push Eknath Shinde into BJP's arms? Even if he joins BJP can he survive only on Hindutva agenda? Can he remain loyal to the new party when he easily gave up on his original loyalties?

call at 7 pm on June 20 and hasn't been able to communicate with him since as his phone has been switched off. She suspected a threat to Deshmukh's life. Deshmukh was not only taken to the hospital and given the wrong medication to compromise his health but his phone was also confiscated by the rebel gang. Imagine if Deshmukh wouldn't have returned back? We would have still assumed that he is with that rebel gang or if he would have lost his life, the same rebel group could have taken advantage of his death for various reasons. This is a really dangerous trend.

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Shinde used to work in Bar and later on became an auto-rickshaw driver in Thane city adjoining Mumbai. Like any other youth of Maharashtra from the 1970s and 80s, Eknath Shinde too had a major influence of Shiv Sena supremo Balasaheb Thackeray. Moreover, he was also impressed by the working style of Shiv Sena's then Thane district president Anand Dighe, who later came to be known as Dharmaveer. He joined Shiv Sena in 1980s and was appointed Shakha Pramukh of Kisan Nagar. Since then, he had been at the forefront of many agitations, undertaken by his party on social and political issues, such as inflation, black marketing, hoarding of essential commodities such as palm oil by traders etc. He also took part in Maharashtra-Karnataka Border agitation in 1985, in which he was imprisoned in Bellary jail for over 40 days.

In 1997, he was given the opportunity to contest the election of Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) as a corporator which he won with a handsome majority. In 2001, he got elected as a Leader of the house in TMC. He continued to occupy the post till 2004. In 2004, Eknath Shinde was given an opportunity to contest the Assembly Elections from Thane Assembly Constituency by Balasaheb Thackeray and he won the same with a good majority. In the very next year, in 2005, he was appointed to the coveted post of Shiv Sena Thane District Head. He was the first MLA from Shiv Sena to have been appointed The District Head as well.

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The purpose of writing all this is to tell that the auto puller can become such a nig political leader with all riches just because Bala Saheb Thackrey supported and encouraged him. He is indebted to Shiv Sena and its leaders who supported him. He emerged victorious in the subsequent assembly elections in 2009, 2014 and 2019. After the 2014 elections, he was elected as the leader of the legislative party of Shiv Sena and subsequently the Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly. Within a month, as Shiv Sena decided to join the state government, he took oath as the Minister for Public Works Department (Public Undertakings) and went on to take the additional responsibility of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry in January 2019. His son, Dr Shrikant Shinde, is an orthopaedic surgeon who got elected as a Member of Parliament to the Lok Sabha from the Kalyan constituency, defeating the NCP's Anand Paranjape, who had defected from the Shiv Sena and Raju Patil of the MNS. For the past 40 years, Shiv Sena gave him positions, opportunities and support. Today whatever he is, all that is because of Shiv Sena. Whatever riches he earned are given by the status he possesses. His greed has taken him on new excursions, he rebelled against the party that gave him existence. He is falsely using Bala Saheb Thackrey's name and political sentiments of Hindutva. I am sure money mesmerizes all of us, and power plays a vital factor in human brains. According to a source, the list of Shiv Sena leaders was on the radar of investigating agencies including Eknath Shinde and his close associates like Ajay Ashar, a real estate businessman. One needs to really understand what has forced Eknath against Shiv Sena that gave him presence and survival or did the ED push Eknath Shinde into BJP's arms? Even if he joins BJP can he survive only on Hindutva agenda? Can he remain loyal to the new party when he easily gave up on his original loyalties?

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Letter's to the Editor

New threat

It seems that another contagious disease is spreading in various parts of the world. The norovirus, which induces vomiting and diarrhoea, is notorious for quickly spreading through contaminated food and surfaces. It can affect people of all ages. We must thoroughly wash our hands before eating and maintain proper hygiene while cooking or serving food. The entire household should be disinfected after each bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Those infected with this virus should remain isolated for at least three days after recovery to minimise the spread of the disease.

- Jubel D'Cruz

'Operation Kamal: now unfolding in Maharashtra?'

It is a good read but the way things happened it seems to be a wrong projection by CM of a few of his party people which was not digested by the MLAs. The mouthpiece of Shiv Sena, Mr Raut was speaking so harsh after the Rajya Sabha election results that it gave grave results at MLC elections and moved Mr Eknath Shinde to take shelter elsewhere along with his group. If there was no communication between the Party head aka CM and the MLAs and juniors like Aditya Thackeray were playing pivotal roles, the senior party members are bound to feel degraded. Whether it is Operation Kamal or not only time will tell but the explosion was due to noncommunication and not giving due respect to seniors in the party.

- Maya Hemant Bhatkar

Maintain academic quality

After the record result of class X, the students will have to work harder to get admission to the college. Therefore, the students should be ready for that. It is a good thing to have a record result like this. But there should be no lack of quality. Otherwise, such education is of no use. So, everyone needs to think about it.

- Uday Waghvankar

Blood bath on Dalal Street is buying opportunity for investors waiting on the sideline to enter the markets

Blood bath on Dalal Street has investors losing their shirts in a frenzy that sans logic to explain. A steep fall in stock prices was triggered by margin calls as brokers went on the defensive to square positions wherever there was a shortfall in margins. There is nothing wrong with the economy though as 'Advance Tax' figures which were up almost 50 per cent suggest there is no 'Gloom & Doom' as far as our growth story is concerned which is pretty much on track. The weak hands are selling while the stronger hands are still waiting on the sidelines which is the reason why we are seeing a sea of red on the bourses. All bad news is factored in the stock prices & the brave who will put in money at this stage will make a lot of gains in the days to come. Buy when everybody sells & vice versa is the golden rule to make money in the stock markets & the timing is perfect to put in your mullah to make hay while the sun shines in the days to come.

- SN Kabra

Apprehensions of the Career Aspirants cannot be ignored, let the new scheme (Agnipath) be explained clearly , arson is condemned by all means

It is the duty of the government to explain the Agnipath scheme to the career aspirants and suggestions may be invited for improving it further. Arson is condemned always. The apprehensions of the youth cannot be ignored. The people at the higharchy are aged. And the career aspirants are young. There is a generation gap and communication gap too. Government has to bridge the gap. Government should publish the scheme in detail in all the leading news papers. Suggestions feasible may be implemented to improve the scheme further.

Govtment should not be in haste to recruit till the target group is satisfied with the scheme and the measures taken up by government to explain them. After all youth is the future of this country and Defence career is given utmost importance by the youth. I would like to pinpoint that government should play the role of a parent here in this context.

- KLRao

Career in Branding



What should you do to start a career in branding?

What are the traits required for a successful career in branding?

Branding is much more than what is taught in B-schools. It is about dreams, big ideas, bold transformations and the constant desire to evolve. Some of the world's most influential brands are born out of a certain kind of daring and imagination, one that is rarely taught in classrooms.

Branding, today, rests at the heart of corporate strategy. While it may rest under the marketing manager's mandate, it actually starts from the top and becomes the heart and pulse of the entire organisation. Leaders who have understood this have built their brands inside out by becoming beacons of change, helping transform the world through the power of their brands and creating continuous engagement, relevance and excitement in the most turbulent of times. While having an MBA or a Marketing degree may be a requirement on paper, there are many softer traits that make for a good branding professional. Here are a few:

Power of observation:

Observe and understand the world around you, people, how they live, and what moves them. Comprehending and decoding behaviour lies at the heart of branding, as

brands are built as reflections of people and their lives. While observing through first-hand experience is key, one can get interesting insights from pop culture such as movies, books and songs which also have a great understanding of the behaviour and society. Make it a point to absorb it all like a sponge, and your mind and heart will make the necessary connections to help you build and spark off a great brand conversation.

Always be inspired:

Branding is a creative, intuitive science; one that comes from a space of inspiration, which is why it becomes all the more imperative to experience the world around you with your heart and gut. Great inspiration comes from the arts and culture. Like a great piece of music, literature or art can become the basis for inspiration. And it doesn't necessarily need to be the kind of things that appear in museums or concerts. Great inspiration can come from street art or folk music. At the end of the day, all forms of art are about creating something meaningful and memorable, which is exactly what branding is also about. Soak in the fine arts to develop a side to your personality that can never be learnt through a book or in a classroom.

Dissolve boundaries: We have learnt to live our world in silos. In organisations as well, it is common to work in departments or teams that don't necessarily interact

much. A good branding professional needs to be a cross-pollinator, one who can traverse multiple teams and boundaries and understand the big picture easily. For example, understanding product design and its challenges and marrying it with a consumer insight to deliver a meaningful experience at a store require the ability to zoom in and zoom out simultaneously, multiple times over. While you may want to become a branding professional, always realise that at the heart of every brand is a product, business, and idea that needs you to constantly go beyond and dissolve boundaries.

Keep your ego in check:

Branding is not about you. The brand is at the centre. Having the ability to cross yourself out from the equation and being able to build for another, with a sense of non-attachment, is key. A good brand is not created out of individual brilliance, but the amalgamation of many moving parts.



- Vijay GarG

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Maharashtra Crisis



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"No Shiv Sena MLA in touch with us. We haven't spoken to Eknath Shinde. This is Shiv Sena's internal matter. BJP has nothing to do with this. We're not staking a claim to form a govt,"

Meanwhile, an emotional Uddhav Thackeray yesterday offered to quit as Chief Minister and extended an olive branch to rebel MLAs led by Eknath Shinde, saying he will

be happy if a Shiv Sainik succeeds him, adding a new twist to the ongoing political crisis that threatens to bring down his coalition government of two-and-a-half years. Breaking his silence over the revolt led by Shinde, Thackeray said he was ready to step down if the rebel leader and MLAs supporting him, all camping in Guwahati in the BJP-ruled Assam, declare that they don't want him to continue as CM.

Party 'still strong', says Sanjay Raut after more MLAs join Eknath Shinde's camp

I won't talk about any camp, I will talk about my party. Our party is strong even to this day...About 20 MLAs are in touch with us...when they come to Mumbai, you will get to know...will soon be revealed, in what circumstances, pressure these MLAs left us, "Shiv Sena senior leader Sanjay Raut said on more Maharashtra MLAs joining Eknath Shinde's camp. I won't talk about any camp, I will talk about my party.

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Just 13 MLAs at Uddhav Thackeray meet

Eknath Shinde, leading a revolt against Uddhav Thackeray, has claimed the backing of 40 MLAs but this has been challenged by party leader Sanjay Raut, who said at least half of them were "in touch" to come back.

Eknath Shinde, camping in Guwahati with around 41 MLAs, tweeted a stinging letter by a legislator accusing the Maharashtra Chief Minister of shutting his doors to them and keeping them waiting for hours. "We were denied entry to the Chief Minister's house for 2.5 years," wrote Sanjay Shirsat, one of the MLAs in Guwahati with the rebels.

The MLAs, however, do not want Uddhav Thackeray to resign as Chief Minister of Maharashtra. "Instead, we want him to get into an alliance with the BJP and form a new government with a natural ally," said Deepak Kesakar, who is

among the three MLAs who joined the rebel camp this morning.

The Congress and Sharad Pawar's NCP -- the alliance partners of Shiv Sena in Maharashtra -- have suggested that rebel Eknath Shinde be named as Chief Minister as a way out of the huge political crisis that has engulfed the ruling coalition, sources said.

The BJP says the political crisis in Maharashtra is the Shiv Sena's internal matter and that the party is not staking claim to form a government in the state. "We haven't spoken to Eknath Shinde. This is Shiv Sena's internal matter. BJP has nothing to do with this. We're not staking claim to form the government," Union Minister Raosaheb Patil Danve, who met party leader Devendra Fadnavis, told the media.

Trouble mounts for CM Thackeray



Amid the ongoing political crisis in the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra, three more Shiv Sena MLAs have joined the cabinet minister Eknath Shinde-led rebel camp in Guwahati. The three leaders - Deepak Kesakar (MLA from Sawantwadi), Mangesh Kudalkar (Chembur) and Sada Sarvankar (Dadar) - took a morning flight from Mumbai and reached the Radisson Blu Hotel in Guwahati, where Shinde and fellow leaders have camped.

Shiv Sena faces 4th rebellion in 56 years, 1st under Uddhav Thackeray's watch

Despite being a party of committed cadres with unflinching loyalty to the leadership of the day, the Shiv Sena party has been vulnerable to rebellions in its ranks. With Eknath Shinde becoming the latest leader to join the list, Shiv Sena has seen revolts by prominent figures on four occasions, three of them

under the watch of its founder Bal Thackeray.

The rebellion by Shinde, a Cabinet minister who has walked away with a bunch of Shiv Sena MLAs, is most significant in the outfit's 56-year-old history as it threatens to bring down the party-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra,

while the other revolts took place when it was not in power in the state.

The present revolt, which started taking shape post-Monday midnight after Legislative Council poll results, has thrown a big challenge before Maharashtra Chief Minister and Sena president Uddhav Thackeray.

TMC Assam President Ripun Bora leads protest outside Guwahati hotel



TMC Assam President Ripun Bora is leading a protest outside the Guwahati hotel where the Maharashtra MLAs are putting up. They are protesting against the Assam government hosting the MLAs amidst severe floods. Mamata Banerjee's TMC members and workers are currently sitting outside the hotel.

Eyeing govt formation, BJP's Devendra Fadnavis likely to reach out to Governor

Amid the current political turmoil in Maharashtra, the BJP, led by former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, may stake claim to form a government in the state, several media reports claimed.

According to reports, Fadnavis

is likely to reach out to Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and hand him over the list of its MLAs and apprise the latter of the possible assurance of support the party has received from the independent and non-BJP MLAs.

We're true Balasaheb Bhakts, says Raut

He who leaves the party under ED pressure is not a true Balasaheb Bhakt. We're true Balasaheb Bhakts...even we're under ED pressure but we will continue to stand with Uddhav Thackeray...When the floor test happens everyone will see who's positive and who is negative," Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut told

reporters amid Maharashtra political crisis. He who leaves the party under ED pressure is not a true Balasaheb Bhakt. We're true Balasaheb Bhakts...even we've ED pressure but will continue to stand with Uddhav Thackeray...When floor test happens everyone will see who's positive and who is negative...: Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena

Complaint filed against Uddhav Thackeray



Delhi BJP spokesperson Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga on Wednesday night filed a complaint against Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray for allegedly violating Covid-19 related protocols by meeting his supporters while heading to his personal residence from his official house in Mumbai.

Amid the ongoing Maharashtra political crisis triggered by rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde,

Thackeray moved out of 'Varsha', his official residence in south Mumbai, to 'Matoshree' his family home in suburban Bandra, at night - hours after offering to quit the top post. Party workers could be seen raising slogans and showering petals on the chief minister as he left his official house along with his family members. The complaint, which was made available on Twitter and retweeted by Bagga himself, said that as per the news, CM Thackeray has tested positive for Covid-19, and according to the protocols, such a patient cannot meet anyone and should remain in isolation. "But Thackeray was seen meeting his supporters and thereby violating the Covid-19 protocol," the complaint said.

Nation

22 Bangladeshi nationals nabbed in Assam for illegally entering India



At least 22 Bangladeshi nationals including three minors have been nabbed in Assam's Karimganj district who had illegally entered India without valid documents, police said. According to the Karimganj district police, 21 accused were nabbed on Wednesday and one on Thursday. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Karimganj Partha Pratim Das informed that these accused were coming from Maharashtra

and planned to return to Bangladesh via the Tripura border.

"Based on intelligence input, we had launched a search operation at a hotel at Badarpur area on Wednesday and nabbed 21 Bangladeshi nationals. Out of the nine are male, nine female and three are minors," Das said. During interrogation, it was revealed that the accused entered India without valid documents, police said. "In enquiry, they revealed that they are Bangladeshi nationals and entered India without valid documents. They came from Maharashtra via train," Karimganj ASP said. Further investigation is on, the police officer said.

- ANI

Kerala HC grants bail to key accused in sister Abhaya murder

Kerala High Court on Thursday suspended the sentence of life imprisonment to Sister Sephy and Father Thomas Kottoor in the Sister Abhaya murder case. Kottoor, along with Sister Sephy, a nun, was convicted on December 23, 2020, by a CBI Court, Thiruvananthapuram for the murder of 19-year-old nun Sister Abhaya. Thereafter, they were sentenced to imprisonment for life. The 19-year-old Catholic nun's body was found in a well inside St Pius Convent in Kottayam district of Kerala on March 27, 1992, and the case which was first investigated by local police was shifted to the crime branch. Both the probes



concluded it as a suicide. An action council was formed including activist Jomon Puthenpurackal who challenged the findings and the case was transferred to the CBI in 1993.

A Division Bench of Justice K Vinod Chandran and Justice C Jayachandran accordingly released them on bail with conditions, in view of the petition filed in the Court seeking its suspension. After CBI took over the case, in 2008, the CBI recorded the arrests of two

Catholic priests, Fr Thomas Kottoor and Fr Jose Puthrukkayil, and the nun, Sr Sephy. But for lack of evidence, Puthrukkayil was discharged by the court in 2018. Statements of Adacka Raju, a thief who had happened to be in the convent on the night to steal, gave a statement that he had seen the accused, proved crucial along with statements and findings of few police officers who probed the case initially. Almost eight witnesses, including crucial witnesses, had turned hostile in the case. When the incident happened, Abhaya had been a pre-degree student in college run by the Catholic Church and was an inmate of Pious Xth Convent Hostel.

- ANI

HC grants bail to 2 Youth Congress workers

The Kerala High Court granted bail to two accused and anticipatory bail to one accused who are Youth Congress workers in a case of protest inside a private airline against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Kannur natives Farseen Majeed and Naveen Kumar obtained bail from the court. Meanwhile, the court granted anticipatory bail to Sunit Narayan, the third accused in the case. The Court granted bail to Farseen Majid and RK Naveen. The Court also granted anticipatory bail to the third accused Sunit Narayan. The first two have been charged with an attempt to murder and several other sections of IPC as well as aviation laws.

The accused told the court they were arrested solely based on a statement from Vijayan's personal assistant. However, the police appealed to the court to dismiss their bail plea and requested their custody. The probe team also failed to produce the visuals of the incident as the CCTV camera inside the plane was not functioning. The accused were taken into custody on June 13, following a protest against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inside a flight from Kannur to Thiruvananthapuram.

- ANI

Delhi LG takes swift action to end 'land scam'

Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's "swift and decisive action" has put an end to a land scam going on in the national capital since 2015, with decision taken to order the suspension of "involved officers" so that proceedings could be started against them, sources said.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor had on Wednesday ordered the suspension of the deputy secretary in Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's office and two sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs) over corruption charges. Prakash Chandra Thakur posted as deputy secretary in the chief minister's office, Vasant Vihar SDM Harshit Jain, and Vivek Vihar SDM Devender Sharma were suspended and disciplinary proceedings were ordered

against them, Sources said on Thursday that four officers - Harshit Jain, DANICS (Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Civil Service), Prakash Chand Thakur, Adhoc DANICS, Nagender Shekhar Pati Tripathi, DANICS and Devender Sharma, Adhoc DANICS, SDM, Alipur at different times, "in criminal connivance" with private individuals and entities passed orders giving away ownership of government land (vested with the central government for being evacuee property) for apparent pecuniary benefits in return.

The sources said Devender Sharma gave 'bhumi-dari' rights on government land to SG Estate Ltd, Ramchander Mission and Madhuvan in separate orders passed by him on a single day in June, 2015.

- ANI

SC rejects plea seeking to avail 92 seats of 'in-service quota' surrendered by TN

The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a plea seeking to declare 92 "in-service quota" seats of the state of Tamil Nadu surrendered to the All India quota of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) Super Speciality (SS) 2020-21 as newly added seats. A vacation bench of Justices CT Ravikumar and Sudhanshu Dhulia dismissed the plea filed by the four candidates. The four candidates, in a petition filed through advocate Anjani Kumar Mishra, apprised the Court that they have joined in the first and second round of counselling and were holding better ranking in NEET SS All India examination but due to the paucity of seat availability in the prestigious government institute of Tamil Nadu, in the first and second round of All India Quota (AIQ) counselling they had to join the SS courses

in government colleges of other states as well as the DNB courses which are considered below par in comparison to DM/MCh from renowned colleges of Tamil Nadu. Under such constraints, they had no option but to accept the offer of MCC to join the SS courses allotted in the first and second rounds of counselling in AIQ of NEET SS, said in the petition.

The petition has also sought to direct the respondent Centre and Director-General of Health Services to reshuffle the candidates of NEET SS-2021 selected against 92 newly added seats in the last additional round of counselling transferred to other Colleges as per their merits in the Special mop-up round and award the newly added seats to candidates of super speciality cadre according to their All India Ranking.

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Congress blames BJP for Maha political crisis

Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday held the central government led by the BJP responsible for the ongoing political crisis in Maharashtra where around 40 Shiv Sena MLAs have revolted against the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government and are currently camping in Guwahati. Kharge alleged that the BJP-led Centre is attempting to "destabilise" the "strong" Maha Vikas Aghadi

government in view of the forthcoming presidential poll next month as they need numbers to get their presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu victorious in the poll slated to be held on July 18.

"The MLAs were first taken to Surat where there is a BJP rule, then they were shifted to Guwahati. The BJP wants to destabilise the Maharashtra government. MVA is a strong government that the BJP is

attempting to destabilise. The BJP wants that there should not be a single non-BJP government in this country," Kharge alleged. "The presidential poll is also forthcoming. They need the numbers also. So they want to topple the government before the presidential election. We can say that the Central government and the BJP are responsible for this. They want to gain power by destabilising the stable government

in the state," the Congress leader hit out at the BJP adding that they "did the same in the past too in Karnataka, MP and Goa".

Meanwhile, the Eknath Shinde-led rebel faction of the Shiv Sena on Thursday released photographs of Sena MLA Nitin Deshmukh who returned to Maharashtra a day ago and alleged that he was forcibly taken to Surat in Gujarat.

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World

Pakistan left with no choice but to accept IMF-dictated budget

Pakistan Federal Minister for Climate Change Sherry Rehman on Wednesday accused the Imran Khan's policies of bringing the country on the verge of bankruptcy and said that they are left with no choice but to accept the budget on the terms of International Monetary Funds.

While taking part in a debate on the federal budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 in the Pakistan National Assembly, Rehman said, "This is absolutely an IMF budget. There is no doubt about it," Dawn reported. Besides the Climate Change Minister, almost all the lawmakers criticised the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government and its leader Imran Khan for allegedly ruining the country's economy. "If this is an IMF budget, then who has tied us with the IMF?" Rehman asked while alleging that the PTI government during its four-year regime, had taken the country towards a default. She further said that PTI was still waiting to create anarchy in the country after leaving its economy on the ventilator.

"When they [PTI] came to power they said they would end corruption. Instead, Pakistan now ranks 140th in the Transparency International Corruption Index, from its



previous place of 117th. Let us not forget the foreign gifts that Imran Khan bought at steep discounts only to sell them abroad," Rehman said, adding the PTI made promises with the IMF, took loans, and spent money on unsustainable programmes.

"This is a poisoned chalice that the PTI has left for us, but as it has in the last two months, this government will take those difficult decisions; there will be hard times and harder times before we get to stabilisation," the federal minister said as quoted by Dawn. She noted that over 70 years, the different governments had negotiated about 23 IMF programmes but always tried to put the minimum burden on the common man. Notably, Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail presented the budget for the fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) in the National Assembly on Friday.

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India-Australia defence engagement will ensure closer ties: Defence Minister Marles



Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles on Thursday said that defence engagement between India and Australia will ensure closer ties between the two strategic partners. A day earlier, the Australian Defence Minister held a bilateral meeting with his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh as both sides reviewed the regional security situation and reaffirmed their shared objective of an open, free and rules-based Indo-Pacific region. Marles, who arrived in India on Monday on a four-day visit,

today said he has invited Rajnath Singh to visit Australia.

"We had a meeting with Defence Minister of India...we have invited him to Australia...we need more such engagement. Greater engagement between two Defence forces to ensure that we become more closer," said Richard Marles, who is also Australia's deputy prime minister. He also underlined the security threat emanating from China. "China is Australia's the largest trading partner and so is for India. China is our biggest security anxiety and so is for India. We are friends and are exchanging notes." "We have seen that in the South China Sea and also with India along the LAC two years back, the appalling behaviour with Indian soldiers. For us, we are experiencing that in the South China Sea," he added.

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Xi Jinping's and China's authoritarian politics

Since Chinese President Xi Jinping assumed his office, he introduced various measures to enforce discipline among the cadres and employed populist measures to destroy any kind of dissent and garnered support for his authoritarian policies. Xi's far-reaching anti-corruption campaign had targeted his political rivals as well as retired several leaders of the Chinese Communist Party. The anti-graft campaign became Xi's hallmark as a tough leader, Brijeshwar Dahiya written in Organisation for Research on China and Asia.

Citing political scientists Brian Lai and Dan Slater, the author



said that Xi is characterised by an autocratic dictatorship by a leader as opposed to juntas or oligarchic dictatorships. Internet censorship has increased considerably in China after Xi became the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party. Xi Jinping's regime has imposed stringent restrictions on the use of the internet, invoking "internet sovereignty", China has

censored the use of international platforms like Google, Facebook, and Wikipedia. In 2013, the Chinese government passed a law prohibiting bloggers from sharing 'defamatory' content on popular Chinese social media platforms like Weibo and WeChat, a violation of which will invite imprisonment for three years. Under Xi Jinping's rule, observers noticed that there is an increase in human rights violations, especially in autonomous and ethnic minority regions, including mass surveillance and sending Uyghur Muslims to detention camps in Xinjiang.

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WHO declares Monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency



A coalition of scientists formed against the Covid-19 threat has declared the Monkeypox outbreak a Public Health Emergency of Global Concern. This comes days after the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee has been convened due to the spread of the Monkeypox virus to 32 non-endemic countries. The experts will meet on June 23 to assess

whether the continuing outbreak represents a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the highest level of global alert, which currently applies only to the COVID-19 pandemic and polio.

"The World Health Network declares the monkeypox outbreak a Public Health Emergency of Global Concern, by which it indicates that this outbreak is not limited to a single country or region and should be addressed by immediate actions taken wherever community transmission is taking place in order to ensure that the least effort is needed and the smallest impact is suffered due to this outbreak," the WHN said.

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Indian delegation holds talks with Sri Lanka President

A high-level Indian delegation led by Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra held talks with Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Colombo on Thursday amid the ongoing economic crisis in the island nation. The India officials including Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth and Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran, held productive discussions on the current situation in Sri Lanka and India's ongoing support.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra called on President @GotabayaR of Sri Lanka today. FS was accompanied by Secretary @FinMinIndia Ajay Seth and CEA V. Anantha Nageswaran. Held productive discussions on the current situation in Sri Lanka and India's ongoing support," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet

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Russian Foreign Minister meets Iranian President in Tehran

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday met with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi shortly after arriving in Tehran on an official visit. During his two-day trip at the invitation of Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Lavrov is scheduled to meet senior Iranian officials to discuss the Iran nuclear deal, Xinhua news agency reported. Iranian state media said they will also discuss issues concerning Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan, trade and energy cooperation, as well as expansion of cooperation between Tehran and the regions of Eurasia and

Caucasus. Both Iran and Russia are under US sanctions, which have limited their ability to send their huge energy reserves to global markets. The two countries described their relations as strategic. Iran signed the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with the world powers in July 2015 accepting to put some curbs on its nuclear program in return for the removal of the sanctions on Tehran.

However, former President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of the agreement in May 2018 and reimposed

Washington's unilateral sanctions on Tehran, prompting Iran to reduce some of its nuclear commitments under the agreement in retaliation. Since April last year, several rounds of talks have been held in Vienna between Iran and the remaining JCPOA parties to revive the deal. Iran insists on obtaining guarantees that the succeeding US governments would not drop the deal again, and calls for lifting the sanctions in a verifiable manner. Lavrov arrived on Wednesday to discuss with the Iranian side bilateral cooperation and ways to solve the impasse on the Iran nuclear talks.

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Business

GDP likely to grow by 7-7.8% this fiscal despite global headwinds

The Indian economy can grow by 7-7.8 per cent this fiscal on the back of better agriculture production and a revitalised rural economy amid global headwinds mainly due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, eminent economists said. Eminent economist and BR Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) Vice-Chancellor NR Bhanumurthy said at present Indian economy is facing multiple headwinds largely from external sources.

Noting that global inflationary pressures and the Russia-Ukraine war have brought in risks to the economy, which is otherwise strong with all the domestic macro fundamentals being well managed, he said unlike advanced economies, India's Covid stimulus measures, especially the fiscal policy interventions, are less inflationary and rather growth-



enhancing. "With better agricultural production and revitalised rural economy India should touch 7 per cent growth in the current year despite global headwinds," Bhanumurthy told PTI.

Echoing similar views, eminent economist and Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) director Nagesh Kumar said the high-frequency indicators point to a robust growth momentum carrying through 2022-23 with a real GDP growth somewhere between 7-7.8 per cent. According to Sorman, inflation has become a global

phenomenon, caused by unanimous poor money management, an excess of public expenses (largely justified to compensate for Covid-19), and low-interest rates. "The monetary bubble is exploding everywhere. India is not different," he pointed out. Retail inflation eased to 7.04 per cent in May, mainly on account of softening food and fuel prices as the government and the RBI stepped in to control spiralling price rise by way of duty cuts and repo rate hikes. However, the inflation print stayed above the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance level of 6 per cent for the fifth month in a row.

Asked whether India's economy is in a better place than eight years ago, Sorman said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was selected to fight public corruption and stimulate the Indian economy.

- PTI

Rupee closes at 78.32 against US dollar

The rupee on Thursday closed at its all-time low of 78.32 (provisional) against the US dollar as strong American currency and persistent foreign fund outflows weighed on investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 78.26 and finally settled at its all-time low 78.32, unchanged from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee declined by 19 paise to settle at an all-time low level of 78.32 against the US dollar. The Indian rupee erased early morning gains as safe-haven demand drove the greenback ahead of quarter-end adjustments, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Parmar further said that there is a high chance of a near bounce amid a fall in commodities, strength in regional currencies and recovery in risk assets. "Spot USDINR is expected to be in the narrow range of 78.10 to 78.50



before heading towards 79 odd levels," Parmar said. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.41 per cent to 104.62.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 0.99 per cent to USD 110.63 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 443.19 points or 0.86 per cent higher at 52,265.72, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 143.35 points or 0.93 per cent to 15,556.65. Foreign institutional investors remained net sellers in the capital market on Wednesday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,920.61 crore, as per stock exchange data.

- PTI

PM Modi appeals to exporters to aim at achieving long-term targets



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday appealed to exporters and the industry to fix long-term export targets for themselves and suggest ways to the government to achieve those figures. Inaugurating the new Vanijya Bhawan here, he said the government has removed over 32,000 unnecessary compliances. He said that the new Bhawan will significantly benefit people associated with trade, commerce and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.

The Prime Minister also launched the NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly

Analysis of Trade) portal - which is developed as a one-stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade. He added that exports play a critical role in transforming a developing country into a developed nation, besides creating job opportunities.

"Last year, despite global disruptions, India's exports touched USD 670 billion To achieve new targets, collective effort is necessary. Industry, exporters and export promotion councils are here. I will urge them to fix not only short-term but also long-term export targets for themselves," he said. The government is working to promote ease of doing business and boost exports, Modi said adding new domestic products like handlooms are reaching new markets.

- PTI

Gurdeep Singh's Netplus Broadband business clocks 30 per cent growth



Netplus Broadband, Internet Arm of Fastway Transmissions which is the fastest growing broadband service network successfully achieved a 6 lac subscriber base and a phenomenal growth of 30 per cent in profit margin, over the financial year 2020-21. The company's revenue grew over the previous year and the total turnover was Rs 286 cr in the financial year 2021-22 over an increase of 36 per cent as compared to the last year 2020-21 where the company clocked

Rs 210 cr. Netplus User base also grew by 50 per cent over the last financial year and crossed a subscriber base of 6 lakh. Additionally, consistent technological development along with focus on customer reach and service delivery resulted in increase in EBITDA by 30 per cent approx. as compared to last year i.e. 2020-2021 FY. The fastest-growing broadband service provider offers next-gen services including high-speed broadband, smart telephony and OTT services. According to recent reports, India has more than doubled its mobile broadband subscribers from 345mn to 765mn in the last five years. Report of 2022 reveals that with the Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 53 per cent over the last five

years, India has one of the highest data usage in the world. The growing number of data users and consumption per user is helping the country advance towards realizing the vision of Digital India.

Fastway Netplus Broadband has already gathered momentum by gaining satisfied subscribers within a short span. However, the brand has extensive growth plans including the launch of futuristic products for the subscribers besides already having in place FTTH network which is the foundation of the broadband and internet business. Additionally, the brand has been successful in serving enterprise customers. Expressing his delight, Jujhar Group CMD S.

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BSE Sensex
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Currency exchange

Nifty **NSE**
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd
15,556.65 (0.93%) ▲

1 USD 78.6675 (INR)
1 GBP 95.5310 (INR)
1 EUR 82.7100 (INR)

Top Gainers

Scrip Name	Price	%Gain
Maruti Suzuki	8,271.00	6.27
Hero Motocorp	2,674.10	5.93
Eicher Motors	2,819.05	5.87
M&M	1,027.70	4.46
Bajaj Auto	3,784.80	4.10

Top Losers

Scrip Name	Price	%Loss
Reliance	2,464.95	-1.62
Coal India	177.15	-1.23
Power Grid Corp	208.55	-1.00
NTPC	136.50	-0.84
Grasim	1,316.05	-0.67

Sports

Pakistan name Test squad for crucial Sri Lanka series



Pakistan on Wednesday named a strong 18-member squad for the two Tests against Sri Lanka in July, a series part of the ICC World Test Championship 2021-23 cycle. Here are the key takeaways. It has been a trying year for Yasir Shah.

A vital cog of Pakistan's red-ball side for years, fitness issues meant he spent an extended spell on the sidelines - he last played a Test in August 2021. In a major boost to Pakistan, the leg-spinner Yasir Shah has put his fitness issues behind him and has been picked for the tour of Sri Lanka.

The Islanders won't be best pleased about that news given the havoc Shah wreaked the last time Pakistan toured their country for a Test series. Shah, in what was his first tour of Sri Lanka, proved a nightmare for the home batters.

In the first Test, he scalped nine wickets in total, including a magical 7/76 in the second innings to help Pakistan win in Galle. He followed that up with a six-for in the first innings of the second match, although Pakistan's batters couldn't build on his efforts.

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Four Indian women golfers to compete in Simone Asia Pacific Cup

The domestic Women's Pro Golf Tour in India has provided a massive boost for the top Indian stars, who have done well on the local Tour. Four of its players will get a chance to play in the Simone Asia Pacific Cup, which in its inaugural year will carry as much as US\$ 750,000 in prize

purse. Two Indian teams of two players each have been invited for the inaugural edition of the Simone Asia Pacific Cup in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event is to be held from August 15 to 20, 2022. The tournament will be held under the aegis of the Asia Golf Leaders Forum



(AGLF). The tournament will feature a total prize purse of US\$ 750,000, out of which US\$ 500,000 is for the Individual event and US\$ 250,000 for the Team event.

The event will be a 54-hole stroke play event over three days. Initially, India were allotted one team and the two leading stars Aditi Ashok and Tvesa Malik were invited, but as per the Women's Golf

Association of India, they conveyed their regrets. They were replaced by Diksha Dagar and Gaurika Bishnoi. WGAI then made a strong pitch to be allowed a second Team, from their Order of Merit players.

- ANI

Christopher Nkunku signs RB Leipzig contract extension until 2026

Christopher Nkunku has signed a two-year contract extension at RB Leipzig, keeping him at the Bundesliga club until 2026. The fresh terms come hot on the heels of a sensational 2021/22 campaign from the attacking midfielder, who registered 20 league goals and 13 assists en route to being voted as Bundesliga Player of the Season. He also spearheaded Leipzig's triumphant DFB Cup run and becoming a full France international.

"I'm pleased to continue wearing the RB Leipzig shirt. After our great achievement in winning the DFB Cup, it remained clear that my story here isn't over yet - we want

more," Nkunku told the Leipzig website. "RB Leipzig have made a name for themselves on the international stage in recent years and have shown time and again that we can compete for titles. We want to build on that going forward and go one step further."



US artistic swimmer rescued by coach from World Championship pool

USA Artistic Swimmer Anita Alvarez was rescued from the bottom of the pool by her coach after fainting during the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest. Her coach Andrea Fuentes came to her rescue and leapt into the pool to save Alvarez after she sunk to the bottom of the pool and was not breathing after completing her routine during Wednesday's solo free final. The coach dived to the bottom of the pool and dragged the swimmer to the surface. Afterwards, he was assisted to get Alvarez to the edge of the pool.

"It was a big scare. I had to



jump in because the lifeguards were not doing it," Fuentes was reported as saying by Spanish media. The swimmer was then taken to the pool's medical centre on a stretcher.

Afterwards, the USA swim team released a statement informing that Alvarez was doing well after the incident. Fuentes also told the Spanish media that the swimmer

fainted due to efforts expended during her routine. "She only had water in her lungs, once she started breathing again everything was OK," said Fuentes. It felt like a whole hour. I said things were not right, I was shouting at the lifeguards to get into the water, but they did not catch what I said or they did not understand. She was not breathing ... I went as quickly as I could, as if it were an Olympic final," he said. The coach said that the swimmer plans to have rest on Thursday and is hoping to compete in Friday's team event after completing further medical checks.

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Rodrigues, Yadav's brilliant performances help India to defeat hosts by 34 runs

Two wicket haul of Radha Yadav was backed by Jemimah Rodrigues's unbeaten 36 powered visitors to 34 runs win over Sri Lanka in the first T20I here at Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, Dambulla on Thursday. It was a poor day for Sri Lanka's batting unit as they could not do a lot with the bat on a difficult surface and despite their bowlers dominated the proceedings in the first T20I restricting India to 138/6 in their 20 overs. With this win, India take the series lead with a comprehensive win over Sri Lanka in the three-match T20I series. Vistors were great and did not allow partnerships to prosper for long.

For Sri Lanka, Kavisha Dilhari smashed unbeaten 46 runs and was the top scorer for the team. For India, Radha Yadav bagged crucial two wickets while Pooja Vastrakar, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma scalped one wicket each. Chasing 139, Sri Lanka got off to a bad start as they lost their opener Vishmi Gunaratne with one run onboard. This big breakthrough for the Indian team was delivered by Deepti Sharma. Harshitha Madavi then came to bat on the crease and tried to anchor the innings with skipper Chamari Athapaththu.

The Sri Lanka skipper batted aggressively and in the fifth over she smashed back-to-back two fours



against Radha Yadav's delivery. In the seventh, over of the innings, Athapaththu fell prey to Radha Yadav's brilliant delivery as she tried to go for a four but was caught by Rajeshwari Gayakwad after scoring 16 runs in 19 balls.

Kavisha Dilhari then came to bat. In the same seventh over Yadav strike again and dismissed Madavi, who scored just 10 runs in 17 deliveries. Right-handed batter Nilakshi de Silva then came to bat and joined hands with Dilhari to keep the team's momentum going. Dilhari and de Silva played cautiously to make sure they don't lose any more wickets.

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Finance



Mutual fund investor?

Losing money?

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Stop it right now! Don't do this...

Sometimes mutual fund investors find that they are losing money. Unfortunately, they decide to do something that actually leads to big loss of money. They must not take this step!

Much to investors' frustration and worry, sometimes their investments, especially in debt mutual funds, get caught in bad asset performance funds. In such a case, an investor should not lose heart. In fact, it has been found that investors make the worst decision and decide to exit from their investment before time. They must not do that! This will cause money loss. Yes! That means taking their money back is the worst option to chose for investors. They should remain invested as their losses are being looked after by concerned authorities.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India or SEBI provides an

option to mutual fund houses where they can segregate portfolios to isolate the distressed debt portion into a separate fund with a separate NAV. This SEBI option is called side pocketing in debt funds. Through side pocketing option, mutual fund house's original scheme is segregated into two parts — good performing assets and distressed assets. On the basis of the empirical percentage of the distressed asset of the original scheme, separate NAV will be allocated to the mutual fund investor. This will allow investors to make money rather than lose it by exiting prematurely. An investment gives the best profit if it is for long term and the investor should remain invested in his fund for at least 5 years.

Speaking on what does it mean when we say side pocketing in debt funds, Arun Kumar, Head of Research at FundsIndia.com said, "Side pocketing is an option provided by SEBI, where the fund houses can segregate portfolios to isolate the distressed debt portion into a separate fund with a separate NAV. This can be done when there is a downgrade in the paper below investment grade or when there is a default. Investors can exit the remaining unaffected part of the debt scheme anytime and still benefit from any future recovery in the stressed company. The redemption is capped for the segregated distressed portfolio till the recovery."

On how does it work, Arun Kumar said that the original scheme is split into

two schemes. The papers that are illiquid or in the default category are separated from all the other instruments in the original scheme and moved to the second scheme. Thus we end up having two schemes — one that contains the illiquid default papers and the other holding the good ones.

Highlighting the benefits of side pocketing option for a debt mutual fund investor, Jitendra Solanki, a SEBI registered tax and investment expert said, "After side pocketing, a mutual fund investor will have to monitor two NAVs — NAV for the original scheme and NAV after side pocketing of the distressed asset." Solanki said that side pocketing in debt mutual funds helps an investor to pay the price for

only those assets that are not performing. This SEBI option helps an investor to gain from the performing assets, which might get pared by the non-performing distressed asset in the absence of side pocketing.

"Debt fund's side pocketing prevents distressed assets from adversely affecting the returns of the rest of the portfolio. The side pocket provides the required liquidity to the investor and ensures that their entire money is not stuck. Further, it also ensures that the early sellers in the fund do not benefit at the cost of the remaining investors (they may get stuck with a higher concentration of bad debt)," said Arun Kumar.

Opinion



The Woman Tribal Draupadi Murmu Gives Heights to Presidential Race

Draupadi Murmu has been declared by the Bharatiya Janata Party as its presidential candidate for the fifteenth presidential election 2022, which shows good political skills and maturity. She is a tribal representative who will be the first tribal to reach the highest constitutional post and the second woman President of the Republic of India, which will give new strength to the democracy of India, along with the world. India is also changing rapidly. A new political vision, a new political environment is taking shape in the all-pervading turmoil, in this era, with Draupadi Murmu becoming the President, not only the dignity of this highest constitutional post will get a new record, but the national existence and identity will also be strengthened. Because her image has been that of a knowledgeable and soft-spoken politician of settled democratic traditions.

It is hoped that her presence as the constitutional head of the country will reassure every Indian, especially women, tribal for their peaceful and safe life. Only the tribal can feel the pain of the tribal - that is, the pain of the reality that has been experienced. It is no surprise, in my view, that Draupadi Murmu emerged as the greatest female representative to raise the voice of the tribal's and the oppressed in today's world. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had sent a Muslim APJ Abdul Kalam to Rashtrapati Bhavan and now Narendra Modi is consecrating first a Dalit, Ramnath Kovind and then Draupadi Murmu, a Scheduled Tribe, to the highest post of the executive, which is certainly a healthy & progressive decision.

The credit for the presentation of Draupadi Murmu as a brilliant and historic presidential candidate goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP

President J.P. Nadda's strategy. Murmu's nomination is only sharpening the edge of lower class politics on which BJP has been working hard for a long time. The neglect of the tribal community across the country has been in discussion since independence, Modi has been active since the beginning for the interest and welfare of the tribals, affecting about 11 percent of the total electorate and about 25 percent of the total voter turnout. Particularly, the BJP, comprising Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Nadda, is giving special attention to the tribal community so that it can bring itself out of the limited identity of the urban party. When the names of presidential candidates were being discussed, I was hoping to get some names from the tribal community itself. Murmu was on top of them. Certainly, having a tribal woman in Rashtrapati Bhavan will enhance the image of BJP among the tribal community, whose direct impact can be seen in states like West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Gujarat.

Narendra Modi has not only stunned, surprised, but has been doing miracles with his decisions, the same has been done by announcing the name of Draupadi Murmu. Because many targets have been hit with this one arrow. The BJP has been struggling hard in these states due to the presence of very powerful regional parties like Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, BJD in Odisha and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha in Jharkhand. Whereas in these three states the dominance of Congress is negligible. In such a situation, by sending Draupadi Murmu to Rashtrapati Bhavan, BJP will not only be able to ease its fight, but will also be successful in making its place in these states. The elections are in front of Gujarat, there is also a tribal community in abundance, the effect of this decision will be seen there as

well. On the other hand, for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, its fight against the conversion of a large number of tribals on behalf of Christian missionaries may also become easier now.

BJP has been showing efficient and mature politics in these years. His leadership, while showing strategic acumen, made a man from a caste-backward background as the Prime Minister, first from a Dalit background as the President and now by declaring a tribal woman as the Presidential candidate. The meaning of bulge has changed. It has been given the name of social harmony, after a tribal politician becomes the President, there will be justice for the tribal and backward classes, it is believed.

It is wrong to say that the President in India is only an office of symbolic importance. Coming from a Dalit background, President K. R. Narayan took a tough stand on the communal violence in Gujarat in 2002, forcing the then state government to change its stand on some matters, while President Giani Zail Singh, who came from a backward background, stunned the intoxicated Rajiv Gandhi government with a thumping majority. The issues were blown away. Ramnath Kovind also strengthened the democracy of the country with his decisions taken from time to time. There is ample possibility that Draupadi Murmu will be elected as the President and after taking oath of this office, she will also display the same determination and make her tenure memorable for the country, which is free from terror, free from scams, inflation and free from communalism. In which Dalit, Adivasi and Backward Classes should get an egalitarian and fair lifestyle of living.

Being a candidate from a simple family to the highest office of the country is a testimony to the glory of Indian democracy. Nothing

could be better than being Draupadi Murmu's candidate as President and marching towards getting elected is an inspiration to crores of people with similar backgrounds. This will not only give more strength to Indian democracy, but will also increase its fame. There is no doubt that Draupadi Murmu has been an ordinary politician, but India has a history that ordinary people have done 'extraordinary' things.

Draupadi Murmu was born on 20 June 1958 in Baidposi village of Mayurganj district of Odisha. His father's name is Biranchi Narayan Tudu. They belong to the tribal ethnic group, the Santhals. She graduated from Rama Devi Women's College. After this Draupadi started the job from the State Secretariat of Odisha. She is married to Shyam Charan Murmu. In 1997, she became a local councillor for the first time by winning the election of the Nagar Panchayat for the first time. Three years later, he got the opportunity to become an MLA from the same constituency of Rairangpur, first in 2000, and then a minister in the BJP-BJD government twice. In 2015, she was made the first woman governor of Jharkhand. Former President V.V. Giri was also born in Odisha, but he was originally from Andhra Pradesh.

Murmu's life witnessed many crises and struggles, which shows her vitality. Apart from being a widow in her youth, she did not break even with the death of two sons. During this, she continued to encourage the whole family including her only daughter Itishree. Her eyes moistened when she was being administered oath as the Governor of Jharkhand. She is an ideal and courageous woman of religious rites. There is a special influence of Indian culture and rituals in them. Two days before the announcement of the name of

her presidential candidate, she went to a cowshed in Rairangpur which is in law's town of my son Gaurav Garg while feeding the cows there, and told the operators there that you pray for me. Perhaps she had some hope and possibility that her name might be announced and fortunately Gaumata heard the call of her heart.

Today, the fire of communal hatred is being deliberately fuelled in the country. All kinds of crises are being created; it is a great irony of democracy that heads are counted here, not brains. Our democracy is suffering because of this, it has been suffering. More heads are coming, not the brain. There are more masks of caste, religion and class and less faces of humanity. By deceitful use of intelligence, they create a maze of equations, from which Abhimanyu did not learn to get out. In fact, the people who drive democracy need such training so that a new definition of democracy can be rewritten. This vision made Draupadi Murmu's role not only important but also decisive. Therefore, by placing this burden on Draupadi Murmu, the country wants to assure that the governance of the Constitution from Arunachal Pradesh to West Bengal; it will run uninterrupted and the country's borders will be completely safe because the President is the Supreme Commander of the armies. This will be the first time in the history of India that the dignity of the office of a tribal woman will be increased by placing her as the President.



- Lalit Garg

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Different Strokes

Uddhav can still fulfill Balasaheb's dream if works for Hindutva



(1)- I know the defects of the SS during Balasaheb's time because I was associated with the SS from 1986 to 2003 in Navi Mumbai, Kota, Bhopal and Delhi (where I worked for the SS trade union in Navi Mumbai, was an office-bearer of the SS from City to State level and contested election for the SS for Lok Sabha in 1998 from Kota, worked for SS in Bhopal and started trade union in Delhi for the SS in 2002-03). I had to stop working for the SS in 2003 because the SS started inflicting physical violence on me because I was demanding organizational elections in the SS (by giving legal notice to even the Election Commission of India). Though like any other great person Balasaheb (who started the only garam-dal in India that is why I also worked for it) committed these mistakes as a human being anybody who has lived in India or has followed the politics of India closely from the eighties to first decade of this century knows that if there was one politician who had the immense potential of transforming India FOR THE BETTER but couldn't then he was Balasaheb Thackeray. Fortunately, Uddhav can easily fulfil the dream/mission of his father Balasaheb by doing the following.

(2)- Balasaheb is known as the first and genuine Hindu-Hriday Samrat (ruler of the hearts of Hindus) but failed in achieving 'Akhand Bharat' due to four reasons (i)- Balasaheb gave partial treatment to Maharashtra (especially Mumbai) and neglected Shiv Sainiks of rest of India (ii)- Balasaheb failed to understand that a political party is supposed to strengthen the State (which is law in modern times) but during his leadership, the SS took criminal laws of India for granted. It was of course a difficult balancing act for the SS being a garam-dal (hot-headed party) unlike another Hindutva party the BJP which is naram-dal (cool-headed party) (iii)- Like other Hindutva parties (BJP) Balasaheb also took Hindutva as anti-Muslims (iv)- Balasaheb couldn't realize the importance of military power of the USA which has been running global political order through the UN.

(3)- The SS should understand that territory is a martial subject and is always decided by military power which India didn't have in 1947 because it (unlike the USA) didn't raise guns against Britishers for independence. The USA & UK engineered India's

The political turmoil is going on in Maharashtra where Shiv Sena (SS) leader / MLA Eknath Shinde is threatening to defect along with many SS MLAs if the Chief Minister and the SS Chief Uddhav Thackeray don't dissolve his government (which is with the support of Sharad Pawar

led NCP and Sonia Gandhi led Congress party) and forms a new government with Modi led BJP.

Eknath is reportedly aggrieved because under Uddhav the SS has allegedly given up Hinduism / Hindutva.

The Hindutva was made important for the SS by

Uddhav's father Balasaheb Thackeray hence Uddhav can still fulfil Balasaheb's dream if works for removing the defects of the SS and by working for Hinduism / Hindutva not as suggested by Eknath but for realizing SAARC in tandem with US-led global order as given here: -

partition which Indian leaders like Gandhi, Jinnah, Nehru, Patel, Suhrawardy, Liaquat Ali Khan etc couldn't understand/suspect and naively trifurcated the motherland. Even in criminal law whoever gets the benefit of crime is suspected the most. The USA & UK achieved their objective when after partition Pakistan became a member of SEATO & CENTO to contain the USSR. Now the SS should take the advantage of present global political order to realize 'Akhand Bharat' [which RSS & BJP talk 24x7 but do everything (through anti-Muslim policies) to sabotage]. The West led by the USA is presently trying to win the cold war - II of 'liberal Western democracy' against 'authoritarian Chinese democracy' hence the USA is interested in SAARC under the leadership of India so that

Chinese influence can be reduced in the SAARC region.

(4)- The above said the first defect of the SS can be removed if the SS carries out regular organizational elections and the elections of the candidates of the SS (for Parliament, State Legislatures and Local bodies) are financed by the SS because elected representatives generally work only for those who finance their elections.

(5)- The second defect of the SS can be removed if the SS makes it clear to its members and office bearers through its constitution that the SS believes in remaining on the right side of the laws of the land.

(6)- The third defect of the SS can be removed if the SS mentions in its constitution that it will work for the realization of SAARC and hence will not tolerate anti-Muslim sentiments and policies. For this, the SS

should not oppose if Muslims file the following 8 writ petitions in the Supreme Court of India (SCI) (though Muslims may not do it for all of these 8):-

(ii)- In the present situation after the 'Nupur controversy' Muslims can also file two more writ petitions in the SCI for giving guidelines to governments of the Union and all the States of India (by recommending a tribunal etc) which will give permission for lodging FIRs for religion-related crimes (blasphemy etc) and for so-called sedition (by understanding that in a democracy the patriotism of citizens is never questioned). The criminal cases about these two matters are mainly harming/harassing Muslims.

(7)- The fourth defect of the SS can be removed if the SS mentions in its constitution that - "[The SS believes that in this age of advanced science & technology

globalization is inevitable which is not possible without a global political order. Because the present global order of the UN (with many defects) has been destroyed by Russia through the Ukraine war but Russia is not prepared to launch an alternate global order hence India will work for global order under the leadership of the USA, the leader of the free world (the secular democracies) either by improving the existing global order of the UN or otherwise]".

(8)- The SS should also mention four points/issues in its constitution (i)- Any problem of law & order faced by Hindus / Sikhs who would go to Pakistan and Bangladesh with above mentioned 'dual citizenship' would be solved by first realizing mini-SAARC of India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan (which doesn't recognize Durand Line) (ii)- the Indo-China border dispute is a legal dispute unlike India's dispute with Pakistan (which is a political dispute about united-J&K). Hence this Indo-China border dispute can easily be resolved and should be resolved by referring it to the 'UN Judicial Commission' which China can't refuse being a permanent member of the UN (iii)- Along with a plebiscite in united J&K India should work for a plebiscite in Balochistan too, the IoA which was procured by Pakistan under military pressure (iv)- India shall actively work for the realization of 'Federation of Secular Democratic SAARC'.

(9)- In order to achieve its objectives of realizing FSD-SAARC quickly (and otherwise also), it should be mentioned in the SS constitution that for rapid economic progress of India the SS shall ensure the recovery of about Rs 1,000 Trillion (Lakh Crore) from about 1 million Tax evaders.

It is hoped that Uddhav Thackeray will fulfil the dream/mission of his charismatic father Balasaheb Thackeray by ensuring that the Shiv Sena works for 'Akhand Bharat' (FSD-SAARC) which in the present situation can easily be achieved by working in tandem with US-led global political order during the on-going cold war - II.



- Hemraj Jain

Author of 'Betrayal of Americanism'

Gossip

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 rock steady in theatres despite OTT release



Kartik Aaryan's 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' is rock steady in theatres! The film entered its fifth week on Monday and continues to amaze the audience with its stellar performances and comic timings. The film hit the OTT platform Netflix last Friday and despite that, it is having a steady run in the cinema halls. Since its release on the OTT platform, it has been number one on the charts, beating blockbusters like RRR and Spider-Man: No Way Home. The film earned a total of 7 crores in theatres in the last five days, inching closer to the 200- crore club. 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' hit the screens on May 20 and surpassed everyone's expectations as far as the numbers were concerned.

- ANI

'HIT -The First Case' trailer out



The trailer of Rajkumar Rao's much-awaited film 'Hit - The First Case' is finally out! The trailer that has left fans in awe of the actor's brilliance, starts with a girl getting abducted. Rajkumar Rao is seen in an intense avatar playing a cop. Looking sharp, Rajkumar is seen trying to resolve the case of the missing girl as he deals with trauma. Sanya Malhotra is Rajkumar's love interest in the film.

Full of thrill and suspense, the trailer is being lauded by fans who are waiting with their bated breaths to unfold the mystery that this movie has to offer.

'Hit - The First Case' will hit the screens on July 15. Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, the

upcoming thriller is the Hindi remake of the Telugu film of the same name. The film is set to hit the theatres on July 15 and is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Dil Raju, Krishan Kumar, and Kuldeep Rathore. Apart from 'Hit-the first case', Rajkumar will be seen in a bunch of movies. He is shooting for 'Mr And Mrs Mahi' opposite Janhvi Kapoor. The film is helmed by 'Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl' director Sharan Sharma. Rajkumar is also a part of Anubhav Sinha's 'Bheed', the sequel to his hit film 'Stree', Abhishek Jain's 'Second Innings', Shrikanth Bolla Biopic, Hansal Mehta's 'Swagat Hai', and Anurag Basu's 'Life in a metro' sequel.

- ANI

Sanjay Dutt shares why he loves playing antagonists in films

If we talk about villains of the industry, it's hard to miss out on Sanjay Dutt's contribution to the same. Be it 'Khal Nayak', Vaastav: The Reality' or 'Agnepath', 'K.G.F: Chapter 2', Sanjay has won many hearts with his strong antagonist roles over the years. And now he is once again to show his wicked side with 'Shamshera'. Talking about the same, Sanjay said, "It is always exciting to play the antagonist because you get to bend the rules, break the rules. I realised that when you play the antagonist, there are actually impositions or moral boundaries. You can be disruptive. You can take a character from paper and play it the way you want to. I have a lot of fun when I play an antagonist and I'm fortunate that people have loved my performances as the nemesis of a hero so far.

On Wednesday, the makers of Shamshera unveiled the film's trailer and since then netizens have been praising Sanjay for his spine-chilling act.

Sanjay was thrilled to know about the casting coup in Shamshera that pitted him against Ranbir Kapoor because four years back Ranbir had played Sanju. "It is also quite interesting that I'm pitted against Ranbir, who played me in Sanju. So, the on-screen enmity between him and me



becomes all the more interesting for people. Ranbir is a brilliant actor but this film sees him in a new gaze. His boyish charm is inimitable, but in this film, he is a man who finds his footing and looks glorious on screen," he added. Helmed by Karan Malhotra,

'Shamshera' is set in the fictitious city of Kaza, where a warrior tribe is imprisoned, enslaved and tortured by a ruthless authoritarian general Shudh Singh. This is the story of a man who became a slave, a slave who became a leader and then a legend for his tribe. He relentlessly fights for his tribe's freedom and dignity. His name is Shamshera. Produced by Aditya Chopra, 'Shamshera' is set to release in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu on July 22, 2022.

- ANI

Sushmita Sen sizzles in black monokini in Maldives

Sushmita Sen is soaking up the Maldivian sun with daughters Renee and Alisah. The 'Arya' actor, who is currently on a vacation in the Maldives has shared some pictures that have set the internet on fire!



Sushmita shared a string of pictures on Instagram and it looks like she is having the time of her life. In the first post, Sushmita shared a video where she can be seen taking a dive



into the pool. She wrote, "I want YOU to know...you're the love of my life. I love you guys!! #duggadugga".

In the next photo, she is seen chilling by the pool in a black monokini. She captioned the image writing "#bliss (red heart emoji)

#yourstruly #maldives #eaglesview I love you guys!!! #duggadugga". Sushmita also mesmerized her fans with a selfie wearing a beach hat and oversized rose-tinted sunnies.

- ANI

Is 'War 2' in making?

Bollywood action star Tiger Shroff, on Thursday, shared a cryptic post on his Instagram account and the fans are assuming that the actor might reunite with Hrithik Roshan for 'War 2'. In a recent Instagram story, the 'Baaghi' shared a monochromatic collage image of two half faces, the first one is of Tiger himself and the other face is of his 'War' co-actor Hrithik Roshan. Sharing the post, the actor started a poll, in which he asked the fans "Part -2 Anyone?" with two options 'Yes' or 'No' in it? To which approximately 96 per cent of fans voted for Yes. "Did He Just Give A Hint That He's Is In #war2...?? If That It Is Then It Will Be A Blast Again Waiting For Your Next Film Announcement!" a user tweeted.

- ANI

Rapper Lil Tjay shot multiple times in New Jersey

Rapper Lil Tjay was shot at a shopping promenade in New Jersey on Wednesday. As per TMZ, the "Leaked" rapper, 21, underwent emergency surgery following the incident and is recovering. Officers with the Edgewater Police Department "responded to a shooting at The Promenade in Edgewater at 12:08 a.m., and found a 22-year-old victim with gunshot wounds."

According to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office (BCPO), a second victim, 22, was found

with a single gunshot wound at a nearby Exxon gas station, and both victims were transported to a local hospital. The BCPO later said that one of the hospitalized victims had been upgraded from critical to stable condition, while the other was in good condition with non-lifethreatening injuries, People reported. However, officials did not name either person involved.

- ANI

