

## New 31<sup>st</sup> Edition of book "How to Handle Income Tax Problems" released

Kolkata(KCN): The latest book "How to Handle Income Tax Problems" written by Adv.

Act, 2022 and CBDT Circulars. Justice Md. Nizamuddin of Calcutta High Court has



Narayan Jain and CA Dilip Loyalka was recently released by Adv. DK Gandhi National President of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners. Though subject of Income tax is complex despite that the book has been written in simple and lucid manner said Gandhi. In Foreword to the book GS Pannu, President, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal said that the book is written in Question-Answer (FAQ) format and the solutions provided are based on amendments made by the Finance

Act, 2022 and CBDT Circulars. Justice Md. Nizamuddin of Calcutta High Court has appreciated the book and said that the book contains latest developments including decisions of various Courts. On this occasion PC Joshi, Ganesh Purohit, Premlata Bansal, Nikita Badheka, MS Rao (all ex Presidents), Pankaj Ghiya (Deputy President), Santosh Gupta (VP), Jamuna Shukla (Secretary General), Ameet Dave, Mitesh S Modi, Bhavik Dholakia, Deepa Goswami, Sameer Jani, Axat Vyas, Chirag Parakh, Janak Vaghani, Kishor Vanjara, Bhaskar Patel, ND Saha were also present. The assisting authors of the book are Adv Deepak Jain and CA Shreya Loyalka and it has been published by B.C. Publication, Kolkata. The earlier editions of the book were launched by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Pranab Mukherjee, Montek Singh Ahluwalia and other dignitaries.

## Resigned Gujarat Congress MLA Harshad Ribadiya joins BJP

GANDHINAGAR(KCN): Two days after resigning from the Gujarat Legislative Assembly as a Congress legislator, Patidar community leader Harshad Ribadiya on Thursday joined the



ruling BJP here. He was inducted during a function organised at the Bharatiya Janata Party's state headquarters 'Kalamam' here. Gujarat BJP CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Sonia Gandhi joins Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka's Mandya

Mandya (KCN, Karnataka): Congress interim president on Thursday morning joined the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Mandya in Karnataka.

Sonia Gandhi who had arrived in Mysuru on Monday afternoon arrived at the starting point of the padyatra, which resumed today on its after a two-day break for Dussehra. The Yatra entered its Karnataka leg on September 30. The Congress supremo was seen walking in the company of her son and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders. Sonia Gandhi was accompanied by Congress leaders Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, among others.

She had earlier visited the Bheemanakolli Temple in Begur village and offered prayers on October 5.

Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar said that it was a matter of pride for veteran Sonia Gandhi to walk on the streets.

"After Vijaydashami, there will be Vijaya in Karnataka. We are proud that Sonia Gandhi has come to walk on the streets of Karnataka. We are coming to power in the state, and BJP is on the way to shutting its shop," said DK Shivakumar.

Day 29 of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' began with flag hoisting at 5:30 am at Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, where Bharat Yatris joined in Dasara celebrations.

"The march resumed after an hour's bus ride to padayatra start point near Mandya. Congress President will join around 800 am," tweeted senior Congress leader Jairam



Ramesh this morning.

The Padyatra (march) is covering a distance of 25 km every day. The march was aimed to cover as many as 12 states in five months. It will be in Karnataka for 21 days before moving north.

According to Congress, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is being held to combat the divisive politics of the BJP-led Centre and to awaken the people of the country to the dangers of economic inequalities, social polarisation and political centralisation. CONTINUED ON: P-7

## MP: Ahead of PM's visit, Ujjain civic chief transferred; 'removed after cow obstructed CM's convoy,' claims Congress

BHOPAL(KCN): The municipal commissioner of Ujjain was transferred by the Madhya Pradesh government

Sawari' function there and offered prayers at the renowned Mahakaleshwar Temple.



on Thursday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit on October 11 to inaugurate the first phase of the Mahakal Temple corridor project there.

The transfer of 2016-batch Indian Administrative Service official Anshul Gupta as deputy secretary, the order of which was issued by state chief secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, gave rise to speculation that it had some link to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's visit to the temple city during Dussehra.

Chouhan was in Ujjain on Wednesday and had taken part in the 'Mahakal ki

Sources said MP Urban Development Minister Bhupendra Singh, who had accompanied Chouhan, had reportedly expressed displeasure at the functioning of the Ujjain civic corporation against the backdrop of the PM's visit.

They also claimed Gupta was not getting along with corporators and staffers of the municipal corporation.

However, MP Congress media department chairperson KK Mishra said Gupta was shunted out as a cow had come in the way of the CM's motorcade on Wednesday, which irked Chouhan.

Meanwhile, a section of municipal staffers burst crackers and beat drums at the gate of the civic body's headquarters on Thursday after getting to know of Gupta's transfer.

## Warning of Rains

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Light to moderate rainfall, with intense precipitation in spells of about 20 to



25 minutes will be experienced in Odisha till October 12 due to persistence of an upper air trough over north India, SOA's Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) said on Thursday.

Under the influence of the trough, which seems to be deep, south-easterly wind flow from the Bay of Bengal into central India has been continuing with incursion of plenty of moisture from the sea into the land CONTINUED ON: P-7

## Whistleblower: Hundreds left FBI over misconduct in 20 years

WASHINGTON(KCN): A US senator is pressing the FBI for more information after a whistleblower alleged that an internal review found 665 FBI personnel have resigned or retired to avoid ac-



countability in misconduct probes over the past two decades. The whistleblower told the office of Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary CONTINUED ON: P-7

## PM Mantra for IAS

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the IAS officers of the 2020 batch in the concluding session of the Assistant Secretary Programme, 2022 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi earlier today.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister said that the officers have got the opportunity to serve the country during the Amrit Kaal and help realise the Panch Pran. He said that Officers have a key role in ensuring that the target of a developed India is achieved in Amrit Kaal. He highlighted the significance of out-of-box thinking and adopting a holistic approach in their endeavours. He cited the example of PM GatiShakti Master Plan for showcasing the significance of such a holistic approach.

Prime Minister discussed the importance of innovation and how it has become a collective effort and part of work culture in the country. He talked about the Start-up India scheme and how the number of startups in the country has witnessed a significant jump in the last few years. He noted that this has been made possible due

to several Ministries coming together and working as a team through a 'whole of government' approach.

Prime Minister mentioned how the focus of the governance has shifted outside Delhi, to all regions of the country. He gave examples

of how important schemes are now being started from places outside Delhi. Prime Minister suggested the officers develop an understanding of the local culture of the area of work and strengthen their connection with local people at the ground level. He asked them to focus on One District One Product and explore the opportunities of exporting products of their district. He also asked the officers to prepare their action plan for the Aspirational Districts Program. Speaking about MGNREGA, Prime Minister spoke

about implementing the scheme in a more effective manner. He also underlined about the significance of Jan Bhagidari spirit and said that this approach can play a key role in tackling malnutrition. Highlighting the success of Jan Dhan Yojana CONTINUED ON: P-7



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## REVENUE GENERATION ALSO INCREASES FROM ORIGINATING FREIGHT LOADING

Kolkata (KCN): South Eastern Railway (SER) has registered a remarkable growth in Coal loading in the first six months i.e. April to September of the current financial year (2022-23). During this period, SER has loaded 25.51 million tonnes of Coal,

which is 28.06% more than the corresponding period of previous fiscal. The revenue generation from Coal loading has also registered a substantial rise of 63% with a total earnings of 2672.68 Crore. SER has loaded a total of 97.86 million

tonnes of originating freight in the first six months of the current financial year (2022-23). During this period, the revenue generation from originating freight loading has also increased to Rs 8488.99 crore as against Rs. 7786.70 crore in the same pe-

riod of the previous year. Therefore, the earnings performance of SER has enhanced by 9.02%. The main commodities of freight loading during this period were Coal, Iron Ore, Pig Iron & Finished Steel, Cement, Petroleum Products etc.

## Plea for more research

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Location Specific Researches were brought to focus by Government with launching of the First Volume of the Compendium on Location Specific Research Works.

Chief Secretary S C Mahapatra opened the First Volume and asked the CoE to take up more number of such community centric studies in different areas of the State for assessing felt-need of the people and bridging the critical gaps at field level.

Mr.Mahapatra advised to document the successful development models emerging from such studies. Such models would be useful guide books for the trainee officers and could replicated with local customization for achieving targeted developmental outcomes.

Director General, Gopabandhu Academy of Administration (GAA) Ranjana Chopra said that the Centre of Excellence (CoE) was made operational from 2021 at GAA in collaboration with UNICEF along the line of the State Training Policy. She said, "CoE operated with technical support of Unicef". The studies undertaken by CoE were need and demand based. CoE could add value to developmental administration through such community based studies. UNICEF Chief Monica Nielsen said that the type and functioning of the CoE at GAA with location specific approach was one of its kind in the entire country. She also expressed UNICEF's willingness to continue its collaboration with CoE.

Director, CoE, Shashank Grahacharjya appraised that the compendium contained around 19 community and people based

impact studies on many important issues. Those include functioning of Adarsha Vidyalaya, impact of covid on women handloom weavers, early detection and care of sickle cell, fishermen communities in coastal belt, children with special intellectual needs, operation of Swadhar



Gruha, care for anemia among adolescent girls, paddy procurement, reduction of malnutrition, control of wild life hunting, social utility of cyclone shelters, socio-economic and livelihood interventions in tribal communities etc.

The volume consisted of the original community Team based field studies conducted by Shashank Grahacharjya, Padmaja Pati, Soumya Banarjee, Rashmita Behera and Amartya Krishna Roy.

## Telangana off, now call it Bharat Rashtra Samithi

HYDERABAD: The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in Telangana on Wednesday began to shake off its regional image by rechristening itself as the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The TRS general body that met in the morning, adopted a resolution to convert itself into a national party. Its constitu-



## 50-foot-tall Ravana effigy burnt on Dussehra organized by Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad & Sanmarg at Central Park (Salt Lake), Kolkata

Kolkata (KCN): Keeping up with the tradition of burning the tallest effigy in the city of joy during Dussehra, Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad Committee

Minister of State for Fire; Vivek Gupta, MLA; Pradeep Todi, President of Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad; Lalit Beriwalla, Margdarshak of Salt

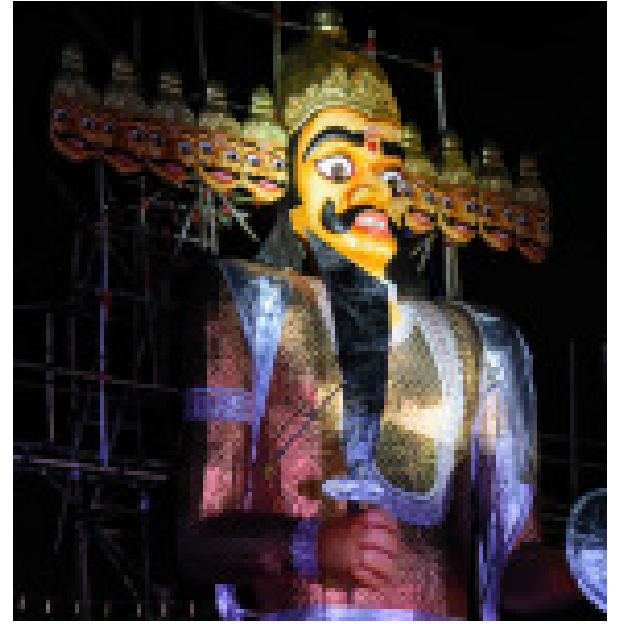
door fairs and large parades with effigies of the demon king Ravana, which are burnt on bonfires in the evening. Idols of goddess Durga are immersed in bodies of water.

event. Sri. Lalit Beriwalla, Margdarshak of Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad said, "We celebrated our 10th year of Dussehra event which is also known as East India's



& Sanmarg burnt a 50-foot tall Ravana and 40 feet effigies of Meghnad and Kumbhakaran at the Central Park (Salt Lake), Kolkata. The main objective of this event was to provide a vibrant interface between the citizens and the rich culture & tradition of West Bengal by

Lake Sanskritik Sansad; Nitin Singhi, Secretary of Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad; Ashok Todi, Chairman Lux Industries Ltd. & many other eminent personalities. The event drew thousands of devotees on the ground to witness the annual ritual - the burning of an effigy



Speaking about the event, Sri. Pradeep Todi, President of Salt Lake Sanskritik Sansad said, "It was really special to have Mr. Sourav Ganguly as our chief guest this year. We had made many special arrangements at

biggest event this time. As Vijaya Dashami marks the end of the annual Durga Puja festival, effigies of Ravan are burnt across the country to celebrate the victory of good over evil. We hired artists from various



celebrating the victory of good over evil. The event was attended by: Saurav Ganguly, President of BCCI; Firhad Bobby Hakim, Hon'ble Mayor of Kolkata; Sujit Bose,

of demon king Ravan. Many people of Hindu faith observe Dussehra through special prayer meetings and food offerings to the gods at home or in temples throughout India. They also hold out-



Central Park ground to celebrate the victory of good over evil, besides burning of the 50-foot-tall effigy of a strongly built Ravana, we also organized a separate fire show during the

states to perform during the function. Apart from this, a series of rituals were also performed before the burning of the effigy where we had a crowd of more than 25,000 people."

## IREDA on Cyber Security

New Delhi(KCN): To served the "Cyber Chintan Shah, Director



create cyber security awareness among all employees, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) ob-

Jaagrukta Diwas" today. Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), IREDA, inaugurated the event.

(Technical), Manisha Saxena, CVO, and other senior officials were present at the company's registered office

On this occasion, Alok Kumar, Information Security Consultant, AKS IT Services, shared his insights with IREDA employees on the practice of cyber hygiene. Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs that requires all government organizations to spread cyber security awareness. It is observed on first Wednesday of every month. The purpose is to create awareness and sensitize the Internet users on safeguarding against cyber frauds and cybercrimes.

## Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi leader Thol Thirumavalavan. The party will submit a copy of the resolution to the Election Commission of India shortly.

It is not clear yet whether the BRS would want to forge a poll pact with Congress. Both the BJP and the Congress are its main rivals in Telangana. Also, Assembly polls in Telangana are due next year. "Today's meeting was an internal one. Leaders from various other parties will be invited to an event to launch the party," KCR told the gathering.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) read out the resolution at 1.19 pm, the most auspicious time of the day as per the almanac, in the presence of JD(S) leader and former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and Tamil Nadu's

tion was amended accordingly.

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# Rowel Star- The new shining Star of the Rajasthan Music Industry

Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): The Rajasthan music industry is going leaps and bounds, celebrating the new singing star Afjor Khan aka Rowel Star. This new generation of Rajasthan singers is making headlines for his outstanding singing style and making the world shake legs with his unique Rajasthan songs.

Afjor Khan, popularly known as Rowel Star on Social Media, has created a sensation in the Rajasthan music world with his mesmerizing voice and affective tone. "I am an ardent fan of Guru Randhawa and take his inspiration for my songs. I want to create some unique mix of folk songs with blending hip-hop and wanted to give something new to the music world, says Rowel Star." He recently gave his voice to two new songs, "Tera Shoot" & "Nahiyo Jeena", making the Rajasthan cultures a step ahead in this ever-evolving music world. The shoot of these songs has recently been completed in Dubai and will be out very soon to rock the floors! About his upcoming projects, Rowel Star will be seen sharing the floors with re-

nowned Rajasthan Singer Sumsa Supari.



They together have shot the song recently in Dubai in various amazing locations. The song will be out soon and published on the YouTube channel Sumsa Supari Films.

Rowel Star's songs, Maro Sajaniyo, Bannasa ke Mijaj, and Jai Jasol Maa album are the most popular and trending, creating a sensation on his YouTube channel and blessing him with millions of views and subscribers.

Born and raised in a small village in the Panawara district of Barmer, Rajasthan, Afjor has been fascinated by the music culture since he was five. He was sent to his maternal house at Sindhari for schooling. During his school days, he sang songs and attracted many ears listening to his soulful voice. His teacher once gave him a chance to sing a song on Republic Day, which grabbed praise from the entire school.

It was the year 2007 when Afjor Khan won the hearts of millions for singing the famous Rajasthan song of those days, "Maharana Pratap", which rolled out tears from listeners' eyes. His soulful voice created a huge impact on people's minds. Afjor won the gift price of Rs.1500/- for his singing.

After the impressive response to his performance, there was no looking back for Afjor Khan, and his journey of becoming Rowel Star has kick-started!

# Neeraj Bharadwaj is shooting for web series 'Saazish' in Bhopal



Mumbai (KCN, Sanjay Sharma Raj): Film and TV veteran and famous actor Neeraj Bharadwaj is

About which Neeraj Bharadwaj says, "I am playing the role of city's famous lawyer Abhay Pratap

hatched and then what happens is still a secret. My role in this is different, I hope people will like it,



shooting for the web series 'Saazish' in Kalua Khurd, Bhopal, which will soon be airing on Disney Hotstar. It is produced by Col. S S Pattnaik and the director is Hiralal Khatri.

Singh, who gets the brother of villain Shahbaz Khan punished. After that Shahbaz Khan commits a lot of oppression on my family and me. I am not able to do anything. After that conspiracy is

and just like before, I will definitely be able to make a place in the heart of the audience with my performance." By the way, Neeraj Bharadwaj will soon have a webseries named

Madgaon ...A Murder Case. Its shooting has been completed.

The main cast of the web series 'Saazish' are Mugdha Godse, Shahbaz Khan, Raza Murad, Mustakh Khan and

Dev Manaria with Neeraj Bharadwaj. Its screenplay and dialogues are by Vinod Vats, Vikas Vashisht and Ajay. Its cameramen are Manish Vyas and Amar Vyas, music is by Manish Bhanushali. It is

produced by Col.S S Pattnaik, co-producer Dev Manaria and executive producer is Anu Madrasi. It will be coming soon on Disney Hotstar. Its shooting is going on in Bhopal followed by Vadodara.

## Struggling with Dark Circles? DIY masks to nourish it and keep it from wrinkling

Why does the skin around the eyes always exhibit the first signs of ageing? Well, this skin is incredibly thin—the thinnest in the body with a fine texture. The lack of oil glands around the eyes makes this skin especially susceptible to damage from our lifestyle choices.

Some beauty-related eye troubles include dark circles, puffiness and swelling around the eyes which are commonly seen in both men and women over 40 years of age. Dark circles are tough to get rid of and they tend to make one look tired, stressed, and old. It can be caused by sun exposure, stress, ageing, lack of sleep, allergies and even genetics.

Even though you can simply conceal dark circles, it is better to treat the problem area directly using natural ingredients.

Here are homemade eye masks you can try:

### Tea bags mask

Tea bags, including green tea, black tea, and many other herbal teas, are an excellent treatment for dark circles under the eyes. For five to ten minutes, place some used tea bags in the refrigerator. Then place wet tea bags over your eyes for ten to fifteen minutes. One of the finest natural treatments for dark circles around the eyes.

Take 2 green tea bags and add a few drops of rosewater to them using a

### Letter to Editor

Dear Sir

Festivals are timely interventions to heighten our frequency with sound, vibration and celebrations. May we all work on ourselves, reprogram and refine our minds and souls.

We enjoy these days of shared experiences, diverse culture and knowledge and, of course, indulging in one's ownself! It is the company of people from all over the world, with hundreds of activities such as interactions, embraces, ceremonies, rituals, concerts and other unforgettable immersions in the depth of the human consciousness. This is also mental health and the bliss that is experienced, spread and practiced us all over and rolls like a snowball resonating, amplifying and growing. Festivals pave the way for our future generation, stories, examples and finally DAYS FULL OF LOVE AND LIFE.

On this auspicious occasion of Dashin/Dusherra/ Vijaya Dashami, may Goddess Durga take away all your physical, mental, financial and emotional worries; and bless all with HER divine peace, bliss, tranquility, serenity, health, wealth emotional and prosperity.

Thanking you

Sincerely yours  
Saikat Kumar Basu

dropper.: Place those tea bags into a refrigerator

for about 5 minutes before placing them on your eyes. Due to its higher flavonoid content, green tea can help reduce the appearance of under-eye bags greatly. Do this once a week and you shall see the results soon

### Potato & cucumber mask

Juice from the cucumber and potatoes should be mixed equally. Apply it around your eyes and gently press it into your skin with your ring finger. After fifteen minutes, rinse it off with normal water. The potato juice has spot-lightening abilities that will help to lighten the dark circles beneath your eyes, while the cooling cucumber juice will refresh the area's parched skin.

### Kesar & milk mask-----

Apply cotton wool pads soaked in the kesar and milk mixture under the eyes or use them as eye pads for 30 minutes. This will help in reducing dryness and tone the skin around the eyes.

### Milk & Turmeric Eye Mask

Mix one tablespoon turmeric with

Shahnaz Husain

one tablespoon of milk or buttermilk in a small

bowl. Apply the mixture

onto your under-eye area (avoiding the eyes). Leave on for 10 minutes, and wash it off with clean fresh water

### Rose water mask

Make two solid square pads out of cotton wool. Soak them in chilled rose water. Now, lie down, close your eyes, and place the wet pads over them. Aim to leave them on for 15 minutes. Rose water can make you feel incredibly relaxed in addition to tightening and toning your skin.

: Grate one whole cucumber and squeeze the juice out of it. Mix one teaspoon of rose water into the juice and mix well. Dip a cotton pad in the mixture. Keep the dipped cotton pads under the eyes for 30 minutes. Remove the pads and rinse them off. Follow up with a nourishing eye cream. Also, you can freeze the mixture in an ice tray and rub the ice cubes around your eyes to reduce puffiness in a jiffy.

### Almond oil mask

You can really benefit from using this one-ingredient mask to treat any issues pertaining to the under-eye area. Take a very small amount of pure almond oil near the eyes and massage it gently into the skin with just your ring finger for one minute under each eye. After 15 minutes, carefully wipe it off with wet cotton wool. This can help you if you do it every night before bed.

Mix one spoon of almond oil with one spoon of honey and mix well. Massage this mixture under your eyes.

Wash off after 15 minutes and apply a moisturizer or under-eye cream.

Your under-eye area will receive unparalleled nourishment from these simple DIY home remedies. So give these a shot and incorporate them into your skincare regimen.

The author is an international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India

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## Age is simply the number of years the world has been enjoying you

Stephen Richards has said "When we age we shed many skins: ego, arrogance, dominance, unreliable,



pessimism, rudeness, selfish, uncaring ... Wow, it's good to be old! 1<sup>st</sup> October is celebrated as the International Day for Older

Persons every year. It is specially celebrated for the senior citizens all across the world to focus on the responsibilities towards their lives. This day is an opportunity to highlight the important contributions that older people make to society and raise awareness of the issues and challenges of ageing in today's world. It is a time not only to highlight their valuable contribution to the globe but also to stress their basic human rights. Many older persons are unaware of their rights and how to enforce them, due to a variety of reasons.

This is why celebrating the International Day of Older Persons is important in raising global awareness as a huge advocacy effort to call for more enhanced international thinking and actions on elderly rights. The age problem certainly confronts us and the matter is taking a turn for the worse with the passage of time. Today the life expectancy has risen sharply due to medical advancement, improvements in nutrition, sanitation, medical science, health care, education and economic well-being. Ageism is widespread and an insidious practice which has harmful effects on the health of older adults.

Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

The problem of loneliness and isolation is the gift of modern society. The society forces an old person to live like an island. The ageing process is a biological reality and affects every human being on earth. Physical strength leaves us resulting in general weakness and physical and mental infirmity'. Ageism rests on the assumption that discrimination against older persons is the norm and acceptable. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". We must do everything possible to ensure that our elders can lead a life of dignity, enjoy the best of medical attention, economic security as well as emotional stability. Every phase of life has its own problems which require prudence, wisdom, courage and strength to attend to. In childhood and youth one has parents and other close elderly kith and kin to help, cooperate and guide. Besides, one himself is full of energy, strength, stamina and courage. But the situation takes a reverse turn in the old age.

The Older persons make wide-ranging contributions to economic and social development. They should be encouraged to get out of their retirement mentality and think about old age as second innings and opportunity to complete so many unfinished tasks and expand horizons to look beyond the family and work for the community. When

one grows old, this natural love and affection of other members of the family for him vanishes and the elderly person becomes like a planet which has lost its gravitational force and has consequently been lost in the boundless and endless empty space. As per WHO, there are around 600 million persons world-wide aged 60 years and over and this total will double by 2025 and it is estimated to reach virtually two billion by 2050 - the vast majority of them in the developing world.

Do we forget that the luxuries enjoyed by us were created by them through their hard work. At the same time we must also remember that we too will be like them one day and if our children treat us in the same fashion, are we going to happy then? We need to look at creating a more enabling and inclusive environment that is supportive and inclusive to people of all ages, including older people. The failure to tackle ageism undermines older persons' rights and hinders their contributions to social, economic, cultural and political life. "The younger generation should know how the world addresses the elderly. The problem of old age should be seen as a societal issue rather than an individual's problem. A day will come when we all will be old and we will be facing the similar situation as faced by our elders today. It is our responsibility to provide long term care to them and thus contribute to healthy ageing.

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# UNHRC adopts resolution against Sri Lanka's rights record; India abstains from voting

GENEVA: India on Thursday abstained on a draft resolution in the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka which was adopted.

While abstaining, India stressed that it will work with Sri Lanka and the international community to attain the related objectives of legitimate aspirations of Tamils of Sri Lanka and prosperity for all Sri Lankans.

The draft resolution on --Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka' was adopted at the 51st Session of Human Rights Council in Geneva, with 20 nations voting in favour in the 47-member Council, seven against, including China and Pakistan, and 20 abstentions, including by India, Japan, Nepal and Qatar.

The 20 countries that voted in favour of the resolution included, the United Kingdom, the United States, Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Republic of Korea and Ukraine.

In a statement during the adoption of the resolution, Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Permanent Representative of India to UN & other International Organizations, said that while India has taken note of the commit-

ments by the government of Sri Lanka on issues of implementation of the commitments in the spirit of the 13th Constitutional Amendment, meaningful devolution and the early conduct of provincial elections, "we believe that the progress towards the same

remains inadequate." India urged Sri Lanka to work meaningfully towards early implementation of these commitments.

"Achieving prosperity for all Sri Lankans and realising the legitimate aspirations of Tamils of Sri Lanka for prosperity, dignity and peace are two sides of the same coin," Pandey said.

He stressed that as an immediate neighbour, India has substantially contributed to the relief, rehabilitation, resettlement and reconstruction process in Sri Lanka after 2009. More recently since January this year, India

has stepped up and provided unprecedented assistance to the people of Sri Lanka to face the challenges of the recent economic crisis.

"In finding a lasting and effective solution for peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka,

lic officials and stands ready to assist and support independent impartial and transparent efforts in this regard".

The resolutions on promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka were previously moved in Geneva in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, and in 2021.

Sri Lanka had expressed opposition to the resolution as a violation of its sovereignty other than in 2015 when they co-sponsored the resolution.

According to the Lankan government figures, over 20,000 people are missing due to various conflicts including the three-decade brutal war with Lankan Tamils in the north and east which claimed at least 100,000 lives.

The Tamils alleged that thousands were mas-

sacred during the final stages of the war that ended in 2009 when the government forces killed Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) chief Velupillai Prabhakaran.

The Sri Lankan Army denies the charge, claiming it as a humanitarian operation to rid the Tamils of LTTE's control.

At the end of the civil war, the United Nations accused both sides of atrocities, especially during the conflict's final stages. International rights groups claim at least 40,000 ethnic Tamil civilians were killed in the final stages of the war.

## BJP slams Congress' Udit Raj's 'chamchagiri' remark against President Murmu

New Delhi: Bharatiya Janata Party leader Shehzad Poonawalla on Thursday took a jibe at the Congress after its leader Udit Raj allegedly made derogatory remarks on President Droupadi Murmu.

Udit Raj had accused President Murmu of allegedly doing 'chamchagiri' while making controversial remarks about her on Wednesday.

"No country should get a President like Droupadi Murmu ji. Chamchagiri also has its limits. She says 70 per cent of the

Ranjan Chaudhary used the term "Rashtrapatni" now Congress stoops to a new low! Udit Raj uses unacceptable language for the 1st woman Adivasi President! Does the Congress endorse this insult of Adviasi samaj," Poonawalla tweeted.

Udit Raj's remarks came days after President Murmu noted in a civic reception hosted by the Government of Gujarat in her honour in Gandhinagar on Monday that the state produces 76 per cent of the country's salt and on a lighter note said that "the salt

later Ajoy Kumar clarified that he has an issue with NDA's views and that is what he commented on.

He also said that Murmu is a good woman. In the same month, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury sparked a controversy by calling the president as "Rashtrapatni" which invited severe criticism and regular adjournments in the Lok Sabha sessions.

## TRS turns into Bharat Rashtra Samiti, sets eyes on national politics

HYDERABAD: Telangana's ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) on Wednesday changed its name to 'Bharat Rashtra Samiti' (BRS), heralding the party's foray into national politics.

BJP MPs including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani sought an "apology" from the Congress leader and the party for his alleged "sexist" remarks on the President.

After facing a huge backlash and criticism, however, Chowdhury tendered an apology to President Murmu.

headquarters here, the venue for the meeting, burst into celebration soon after the announcement. Party leaders burst crackers, distributed sweets and chanted "TRS and KCR Zindabad".



people eat Gujarat's salt. She will get to know once she starts living by consuming salt only," Udit Raj said in his tweet in Hindi.

Reacting to this, Poonawalla termed it 'another steep low remark of congress' by stating that he has used an unacceptable language for the first woman Adivasi President and asked if the party (Congress) endorses such an "insult of Adivasi samaj".

"After Ajoy Kumar called President Draupadi Murmu as evil & then Adhir

produced in Gujarat is consumed by all Indians" (yah kaha jaa sakta hai ki sabhi deshwasi Gujarat kaa namak khat hain).

Congress leader Ajoy Kumar on July 13 alleged that Droupadi Murmu represented a "very evil philosophy of India" and said that she should not be made a "symbol of Adivasi."

However, his remarks on the President of India (then-nominee for the country's topmost position) drew a sharp reaction from the BJP, as a result of which, hours



A resolution to this effect was passed at the party's general body meeting here, party sources said. Party president and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao read out the resolution and announced that the party's general body meet unanimously resolved to change the name from TRS to BRS.

TRS activists who gathered outside the party

"Desh ke neta KCR" chants reverberated and similar slogans were seen in posters.

"Desh ke neta KCR," "Dear India he is coming", and "KCR is on the way", were among the slogans prominently displayed in banners, that could be seen in and around the venue of the meet besides other locations in the city.

# Why haven't we wiped out world's deadliest virus (Rabies) in India

"Rabies" word is derived from the Latin word "rabere," which means to be mad, to rage, or to rave. It is probably the oldest recorded infection affecting humans, first documented

in Babylon in 2300 B.C. Rabies is a viral zoonotic disease present in more than 150 countries and poses a real threat to about 2.5 billion people worldwide. Every year more than

59,000 people in the world die of rabies. It remains an under-reported, neglected disease ranking 10th biggest cause of death due to infectious diseases globally by the World Health Organization (WHO). Rabies virus can be found worldwide in domestic animals (dogs, cats) as well as in wildlife (e.g. foxes, racoons, mongoose, skunks and bats) and humans are only accidental hosts. Humans become infected when bitten or scratched by a rabid animal.

Despite Pasteur's discovery of the rabies vaccine 131 years ago, and the post-exposure treatment available, rabies continues to cause significant human mortality in Asian, South American, African, and Eurasian countries. While dogs are the major vectors of transmission of this disease in Asian countries, transmission by bats and other animals poses a significant threat in America, Africa, and Eurasia. Only a few countries (Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand) have managed to completely eradicate the disease, mainly thanks to their geographical isolation and excellent governmental initiatives to control rabies. Unfortunately, in Africa and Asia it still poses a huge public health threat. Rabies in India is still not a notifiable disease, therefore the exact figure of rabies bites remains unknown. As per the report of some organisations working in the field of rabies control in India, out of more than 59,000 human deaths globally due to rabies, approximately 95% occur in Asia and Africa itself and almost one-half of the global burden that is 20,000 human lives, are lost annually due to rabies in India.

In India, high incidence of rabies is mainly due to bites by stray and wild animals. The predominantly agrarian rural community lives in close contact with livestock. The chances of interaction of livestock with stray and wild animals is high and humans are directly or indirectly exposed to the deadly virus in that context. There is higher incidence of a dog bite in urban India also and it is mainly due to uncontrolled stray dog population and poor waste management system. This means that the animal bite incidence is dynamic and context-related, hence different strategies

of rabies control have to be deployed in different contexts.

Strategies like Animal Birth Control-Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC-ARV) have yielded good results in well defined urban territories in metros and other urban areas but are unlikely to be very effective in rural areas where boundaries are ill-defined, animal



population turnover is higher and territories of animals may be spread over wider areas. Oral vaccination may be a good strategy to be adopted in rural areas where census and tracking of stray and wild animals is difficult and accepted strategies of ABC-ARV may be logistically very difficult. Another common practice in rural as well as urban India is the practice of dumping solid waste, including animal carcasses, at common mounds on the outskirts of the villages and cities. This invites stray dogs and wild animals to the vicinity of human residence and increases the possibility of rabies transmission. Hence solid waste management, including disposal of animal carcasses, needs to be an important component of stray dog population control.

Though there are several reasons for continued human rabies deaths in India like uncontrolled canine population, the insufficient vaccination programme, inefficient or nil waste management system but it has been demonstrated in multiple research studies that the major cause for India's poor position in rabies elimination is rooted in low public awareness about the disease. In India rabies is a disease of low public health priority. The government and healthcare authorities seem to know where the problems lie and are gradually addressing them, but the process to improve the statistics remains slow. The Indian government needs to take the rabies

**Dr. Gyana Ranjan Mishra**

situation seriously, recognise it as a real threat to its citizens and act upon it on a national level. To date, public spending on rabies control in India has been insufficient. As per the experts working in the field of rabies control in India, a considerable amount of money in India is being spent on raising awareness of diseases

can be organized in the community including schools and health centers with messages displayed prominently in important places and distribution of educational materials to the public to share and spread the message. Putting out ads and messages about prevention of rabies in the print media as well as radio and television highlighting the importance of rabies elimination. Doctors

(both vets and medicos) and health personnel, especially those working in endemic areas should be encouraged to educate their community about rabies and its prevention. Pet clinics can offer subsidized vaccinations for pets and urge owners to vaccinate their pets. The government and local administration should also get actively involved in the campaign to eliminate rabies from India by ensuring community

participation at all level.

India accounts for nearly 50% of the global rabies mortality and it is mainly due to people's deep-rooted cultural and religious beliefs connected with dog bites and rabies, poorly functioning health and civil registration system, misplaced faith on traditional medicine systems and home remedies hinder the use of appropriate and timely medical interventions to prevent rabies and most importantly less public awareness about the disease. There is no organised national rabies control programme in India. Rabies control is generally confined to small urban pockets, with minimal intersectoral co-ordination. India needs to implement a nation-wide, multisectoral rabies control initiative. In addition to public health surveillance, animal census and implementation of dog licensing rules, other targeted interventions for control and eradication of rabies in India must include efficient waste management, animal birth control and anti-rabies vaccination and most importantly it must include wide spread public awareness about the deadly disease rabies.

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## Check illegal foeticide

Sex determination tests on pregnant women have been illegal in India for years. Sex determination tests, and preference for sons result in the selective termination of pregnancy. The widespread use of illegal tests to determine the sex of an unborn child is fuelling a rise in female

foeticide cases in India. India banned sex determination tests in 1994, as the gender balance became increasingly skewed. Indian laws do not, under any circumstance, allow sex determination tests to be undertaken with the intent to terminate the life of a fetus developing in the mother's womb, unless there are other absolute indications for termination of the pregnancy as specified in the MTP Act of 1971. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 (MTP)[1] Act, which prohibits abortion, was enacted with a view towards containing the size of the family. However, in some

cases the desire for a small family may have outweighed the desire for a child of a specific

gender, leading to abortions where the sex of the fetus was different from that desired by the family. In India, where aborted female foetuses have contributed to a nationwide gender imbalance, it's illegal for doctors to reveal the sex of an unborn child. But with boys still often far more valued than girls, a lucrative business thrives underground. Though, sex determination tests through techniques such as ultrasonography and amniocentesis are banned in India, female foetuses are still commonly killed in some regions where a preference for sons runs deep. Under the Indian Penal Code, causing an abortion, even if caused by the pregnant woman herself, is a criminal offense, unless it is done to save the life of the woman. The offense is punishable by imprisonment for a period of three years, by fine, or by both. The PNDT Act mandates that all ultrasound facilities must be registered and

**Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit**

pre-natal diagnostic techniques can be used only to detect "genetic abnormalities or metabolic disorders or chromosomal abnormalities or certain congenital malformations or sex-linked disorders". There were concerns that ultrasound technologies were being used to determine the sex of the unborn child and abort the female foetus, so the 1994 law made it illegal for medical practitioners to reveal the sex of a foetus. It is clear that sex determination and female foeticide continue because of insufficient monitoring of medical practitioners. It is observed that most parents celebrate the birth of a son, considered to be their family pride. The birth of a daughter can be a time of embarrassment and even mourning as parents, especially the poor, look toward the immense debts they'll need to take on to pay for marriage dowries. The focus on foeticide has been conveniently forgotten. Nothing is done

medical practitioners must maintain records of every scan of a pregnant woman. It states that

to check illegal foeticide & hence in ground reality, the one who is involved in foeticide & sex determination moves scot free. According to experts, the problem isn't with the Act but with its implementation. There is poor monitoring of ultrasound clinics. Such clinics are required to maintain records of the scans they conduct but the violators are often let off with a fine. On going through sex ratio at birth – the number of girls born per 1,000 boys – in India fell from 945 in 1991, to 927 in 2001, to 914 in 2011, according to census data. Government had failed in enforcing the law with a huge lobby working in favour of sex selection. In order to minimize the possibility of foeticide and infanticide, it is now the need of the hour to bring a change in the PNDT Act by making it compulsory for all pregnant women to undergo a scan at government hospitals for sex determination of foetus.

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## Airtel 5G service goes live in eight cities, customers to pay as per 4G plan

NEW DELHI: Bharti Airtel on Thursday said its 5G services have gone live in eight cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Siliguri, Nagpur and Varanasi. The customer availing of 5G services will have to pay as per their existing 4G plan, it said.

"Airtel has been at the forefront of India's telecom revolution for the last 27 years. Today marks one more step in our journey as we build out the finest network to deliver the best experience for our customers. For us, our customers are at the core of everything we do. Our solution will therefore work on any 5G handset and the existing SIM that customers have," Bharti Airtel Managing Director and CEO Gopal Vittal said in a statement. Bharti Enterprises Founder and Chairman Sunil Mittal announced the launch of the 5G service in 8 cities on October 1.

A company spokesperson said that customers will be able to avail of the services as per their

4G plan. Airtel subscribers getting 5G signals in



their area can switch to 5G but if they find that 5G is consuming high data then can switch back to a 4G network.

"Access to 5G is optional," the spokesperson said. At present, 5G models of Apple, Samsung, Xiaomi, Vivo, Oppo, Realme and OnePlus are compatible with Airtel 5G Plus service.

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The compatible models include Samsung's flagship devices including Fold series, Galaxy S 22 series, Samsung M32, iPhone 12 series and later models, Realme 8s 5G, Realme X7 series, Realme narzo series, Vivo X50 onwards smartphones, Vivo IQOO series, Oppo Reno5G Pro and

another device in the same series launched later, OnePlus 8 and

network during the launch phase and handsets are expected to work at par with professional computers for accessing apps and data processing, according to industry players. Bharti Airtel competitor Reliance Jio is providing unlimited 5G data during the beta trial to select customers having a 5G smartphone.

## Resigned Gujarat Congress MLA Harshad Ribadiya joins BJP

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general secretary Pradipsinh Vaghela welcomed him into the party fold.

Several local Congress leaders, including the Junagadh district Congress president, vice president, Mehsana taluka Congress president, and Kisan Morcha leaders, also joined the ruling outfit during the event.

Assembly elections in the BJP-ruled state are slated to be held by the end of this year. Ribadiya submitted his resignation to Assembly Speaker Nimaben Acharya on Tuesday.

Soon after joining the BJP, the former Congress MLA praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership and said he was influenced by the central government's "pro-farmer" policies and initiatives like raising the minimum support price (MSP) and introducing new technologies for their support.

The former legislator from Visavadar seat in Junagadh district of the state's Saurashtra region also targeted the Congress for being "directionless" and accused the party leadership of not helping him in his time of need. "I am influenced by the way Modi is developing the country and working to protect the interests of farmers by raising the MSP and taking several other initiatives," he told reporters.

"At the same time, Congress has become directionless," he alleged. Ribadiya said the BJP's policies have influenced the people of his constituency as well.

"The BJP government heeded my request for electricity supply to farmers in my region during the day time. I am influenced by many such initiatives and that is the reason why I have joined the BJP. In the coming days, many of my friends will also join the party. We will work as its soldiers," he said.

He added that the issues that he had raised in the Legislative Assembly were not against any party or any particular person, but for the benefit of farmers.

"All the issues were resolved by the BJP government, which is also a reason I have joined it," he claimed.

Ribadiya was elected from the Visavadar assembly segment, a predominantly Patel community seat, in 2017 as a Congress candidate. Before that, he had also won the 2014 bye-election from that constituency.

The 2017 Assembly elections in Gujarat were held against the backdrop of the Patidar quota agitation, and members of the Patel community in the Saurashtra region had largely voted for the Congress to express their anger against the ruling BJP.

## Warning of Rains

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mass through the Odisha coast, a CEC bulletin said.

This system, with day to day variation, was likely to continue up to October 12 after which the south-easterly wind flow was expected to become weak till October 16, it said.

Due to the incursion of moisture into the land mass alongside south-easterly wind flow, onset of winter might get delayed, the bulletin said.

Rainfall intensity and frequency of spells would have more impact in the coastal plains of the state with intense rain of 65 mm or more occurring at one or two locations in the coastal and adjoining districts, it said adding heavy rainfall probability was not prominent.

## Whistleblower: Hundreds left FBI over misconduct in 20 years

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Committee, that the Justice Department launched the review of the FBI's disciplinary database in 2020 following an Associated Press investigation into sexual misconduct allegations involving at least six senior FBI officials.

The follow-up review found 665 FBI employees, including 45 senior-level officials, resigned or retired between 2004 to 2020 following a misconduct probe but before a final disciplinary letter could be issued, according to a letter this week from Grassley to FBI Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland.

It was not clear how many of those cases involved sexual misconduct.

Grassley's office, which declined to make the whistleblower or underlying documents available to protect the person's identify, said that was the kind of information it was still seeking but estimated the number could be in the "hundreds".

"It's been alleged to my office that the data involved an element of sexual misconduct, which comports with the purpose of the review that was done because of the Associated Press article," Grassley wrote in his letter that was first shared with the AP.

he committee welcomes any clarity the Justice Department is able to provide.

Asked for its response, the FBI said it intended to respond to the oversight committee first.

It declined to comment specifically on the whistleblower's allegation or to provide its own tally of disciplinary cases and how many of them involved sexual misconduct.

It instead issued a statement saying it has a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual harassment.

"The FBI looks critically at ourselves and will continue to make improvements. The bottom line is, employees who commit gross misconduct and sexual harassment have no place in the FBI," it said.

The AP investigation in December 2020 identified at least six sexual misconduct allegations involving senior FBI officials over the prior five years ranging from unwanted touching and advances to coercion.

It found that several senior FBI officials have

avoided discipline -- quietly transferring or retiring with full benefits-- even after claims of sexual misconduct against them were substantiated.

In one case, a FBI assistant director retired after the inspector general's concluded that he had harassed a female subordinate and sought an improper relationship with her.

In its statement, the FBI said that since establishing a working group just days after the AP story was published, the bureau has implemented a series of changes, including a 24/7 tip line with a licensed clinician where employees can report abuse, and a working group of senior executives to review policies and procedures on harassment and victim support. Grassley asked in his letter for updates on other changes recommended by the Justice Department, including that it fast-track investigations to reduce the chance an accused employee could become eligible for retirement and leave the FBI before a probe can be completed.

The FBI noted that it cannot legally prevent someone from resigning or retiring.

"It is infuriating that we are left with little disciplinary recourse when people leave before their case is adjudicated," the statement said.

David J. Shaffer, a Washington attorney who represents several victims of sexual misconduct in the FBI, called on lawmakers to examine how often the bureau opens internal investigations against women who come forward.

"The most serious abuse of the FBI disciplinary system is to retaliate against the very women who complain by starting investigations against them after they report sexual misconduct," he said, "thereby discouraging reporting in the FBI due to fear of retaliation."

Tracy Walder, a former FBI agent who left the bureau in 2006 after she filed a sexual harassment complaint, said she believes such misconduct is pervasive and is glad it is finally being taken seriously.

"I do not believe that the entirety of the FBI behaves this way. In fact, there are many excellent agents. However, because of the way I was treated, I feel a sense of shame and What if? And this behaviour has been allowed to continue for decades."

## Sonia Gandhi joins Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka's Mandya

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Notably, all the party MPs, leaders and workers along with Rahul Gandhi are staying in containers. Sleeping beds, toilets and ACs are also installed in some of the containers. During the journey, the temperature and environment will differ in many areas. The arrangements have been made keeping in view the intense heat and humidity with the change of places.

The Congress suffered a debacle in the assembly polls held earlier this year and the Yatra is seen as an attempt to rally the party rank and file for the upcoming electoral battles.

## PM Mantra for IAS

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earlier, Prime Minister talked about the importance of digital economy and exhorted the officers to try to connect people across villages with digital economy and UPI. Further, underscoring the importance of service to the nation, Prime Minister talked about the significance of performing one's duties, adding that the mentality of 'Rajpath' has now changed to the sentiment of 'Kartavya Path'. During the programme, eight presentations were given by the Assistant Secretaries to the Prime Minister. The topics of these presentations included Poshan Tracker: tool for improved monitoring of Poshan Abhiyaan; Enabling multi-lingual voice based digital access through Bhashini; Corporate data management; Matribhoomi Geoportal – Integrated National Geoportal of India for Governance; Tourism potential of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Changing the face of post offices through India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Development of coastal fisheries through artificial structures like reefs; and Compressed biogas – fuel for future.

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## French club Lyon struggling on and off the field

PARIS: With the losses piling up and the delayed sale of the club causing even more havoc, French team Lyon is struggling like

For years, Lyon qualified regularly for the Champions League. But the club's poor run this season looks to be a continuation of last

but has been postponed to Oct. 21 because both parties are still negotiating the financial details, especially a partial repayment of the debt to the club's lenders.

was also allowed to leave on a free transfer in the offseason.

The current backline looks inexperienced with right-back Malo Gusto and centre-back Castello Lukeba both 19. Lyon has also taken a risk by relying on an ageing Jerome Boateng, who hasn't played yet and has already missed seven games because of injury.

Boateng's absence has led Lyon coach Peter Bosz to play Thiago Mendes in the heart of the defence. A defensive midfielder normally, Mendes has struggled in the centre-back position, making an error that led to a goal against Lorient and conceding a penalty against Lens.

Lyon didn't create any decent chances and had no shot on target against Lens.

"It's unacceptable," Lyon midfielder Maxence Caqueret told Amazon Prime video. "We must work even harder, we must be much more ruthless and show much more desire on the field."

To boost the offence, Lyon brought back Alexandre Lacazette despite his poor scoring form at Arsenal. The French striker notched only four goals in the Premier League last season.

Surprisingly, Bosz gave Lacazette the nod over Moussa Dembele even though the latter was the club's top scorer last season with 21 league goals. Lacazette has started every game while Dembele was handed only one start.

"Of course, we can do better," Bosz told Amazon Prime video. "That is not Lyon. We must be higher in the standings."



never before.

The club, which won seven straight French league titles from 2002-08, has lost four matches in a row for the first time since 1991. Added to those woes, the sale of the club to an American businessman has been postponed by three weeks.

"The entire squad is affected by this situation," Lyon goalkeeper Anthony Lopes said. "We feel angry and ashamed, too."

season, when it wound up in eighth place for its worst finish since 1997.

Disagreements even forced sporting director Juninho to step down in January.

Jean-Michel Aulas, who took over ownership of the club in 1987, had been behind Lyon's rise. But he has been in talks to sell the club to Eagle Football Holdings LLC, controlled by American businessman John Textor.

The deal was set to be finalized on Sept. 30

Germain and Lens — all teams in the top 10. Defense was the main issue last season. Lyon conceded 51 goals in 38 league games, more than any other team in the top half of the standings. That problem hasn't gone away this season.

Lyon lost the spine of the team within a few months when midfielder Bruno Guimaraes joined Newcastle in January and Brazil playmaker Lucas Paqueta went to West Ham in August. Belgium defender Jason Denayer

## South Africa beat India by nine runs in rain-hit first ODI

LUCKNOW: India suffered a nine-run loss to South Africa in the rain-curtailed first ODI here on

duced to a 40-over-a-side affair due to wet outfield. In reply, India slipped to 51 for 4 in 17.4

Shardul Thakur (33 off 31 balls) also played some lusty blows but Lungi Ngidi (3/52) took

ets, while Ravi Bishnoi and Kuldeep Yadav got one each. Brief Scores: South Africa: 249 for 4 in



Thursday. Invited to bat, South Africa posted 249 for 4, riding on fifties from David Miller (75 not out) and Heinrich Klaasen (74 not out) and Quinton de Kock's 48 after the match was re-

overs but Sanju Samson took the chase deep with a 63-ball 86 not out but it was not enough as they ended at 240 for 8. While Samson was the top-scorer for the hosts, Shreyas Iyer hit 50 off 37 balls.

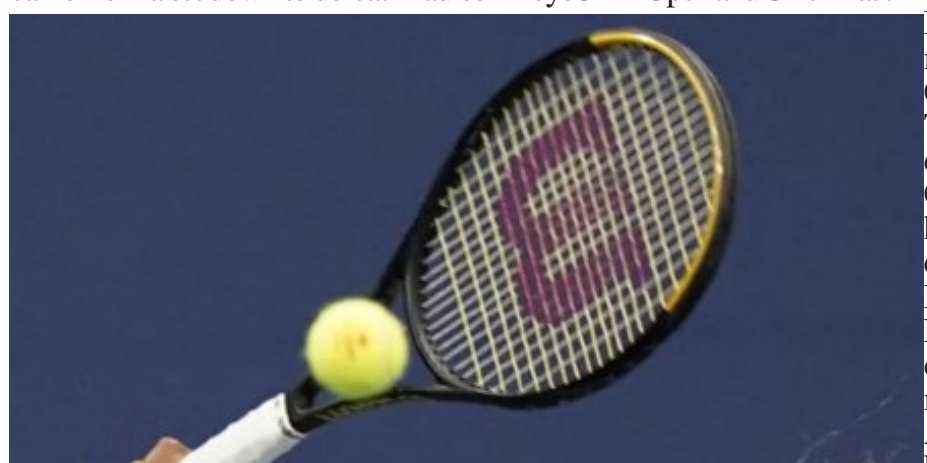
two wickets in the 38th over to stop India in their tracks. Kasigo Rabada (2/36) also took two wickets. Among the Indian bowlers, Shardul Thakur took two South African wick-

40 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 74 not out, David Miller 75 not out, Quinton de Kock 48; Shardul Thakur 2/35). India: 240 for 8 in 40 overs (Sanju Samson 86 not out, Shreyas Iyer 50; Lungi Ngidi 3/51).

## Wimbledon champ Rybakova beats Keys in Ostrava opener

OSTRAVA: Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakova came from a set down to defeat Madison Keys 5-

Rybakova had lost to Keys this year at the French Open and Cincinnati.





In other first-round matches in the eastern Czech city of Ostrava, Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia defeated Zhang Shuai of China 6-3, 6-3, and local hope Petra Kvitova overcame American Bernanda Pera 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Fresh from her second title of the year in Seoul last month, Ekaterina Alexandrova of Russia knocked out former No. 1

7, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the Agel Open.

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

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