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454 MPs. Only Two MPs

will be presented in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the day
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eral election. This is the
Shan on Wednesday Opposition parties first time the bill has been lacking the will to push The 2008 bill drafted by the UPA government was only able to clear the Rajya to bring this bill - FromHD


Court acquits Sajijan Kumar

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CRPF jawan injured in IED blast
Two women Naxalites killed in encounter $\begin{array}{ll}\text { A Central Reserve } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Two women Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security person- } \\ \text { nel in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Wednesday, the police }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Police Force jawan was on } \\ \text { Wedner }\end{array}\end{array}$ Wednesday injured when $\begin{aligned} & \text { nel in chnatisgarh's Dantewada district on Wednesday, the police } \\ & \text { said. The gunfight took place around } 7 \text { am in the forest of Aranpur }\end{aligned}$ an improvised explosive police station limits when a team of District Reserve Guard (DRG), a device (IED), planted by unit of state police, was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, a senior Sukma district, a senior $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { police official told PTI. The security personnel launched the operation } \\ & \text { after receiving specific inputs about the presence of Naxalites belong- }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Solice official said. } & \text { ing to the Darrbha Division of the banned outfit near Nagaram-Poro } \\ \text { Thirma jungles along the Dantewada-Suk fan interdistrict border, he }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cl}\text { The incident took place } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Hirma jungles along the Dantewada-Sukma interdistrict border, he } \\ \text { said. When the pataroling team was cordoning off the area, an }\end{array} \\ \text { at around } 7.30 \text { am near }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { at around } 7.30 \text { am near } & \begin{array}{l}\text { said. When the patrolling team was cordoning off the area, an } \\ \text { Kamarguda police camp }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { exchange of fires broke out between the two sides, he said. After guns } \\ \text { fell silent, the bodies of two women Naxalites along with one "Insas }\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Kamarguda police camp } \\ \text { under the Jagargunda po- }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { fell silent, the bodies of two women Naxalites along with one "Inssas } \\ \text { rifle and one } 12 \text { bore rifle" were recovered from the spot, the official }\end{array}\end{array}$ lice station area when a $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { rifle and one } 12 \text { bore rifle" were recovered from the spot, the offic } \\ & \text { said. The search operation was underway in the area, he added. }\end{aligned}$ squad of CRPF's 231st bat-
talion was out on a search operation, he said. The IED exploded
around a kilometre away around a kilometre away
from the camp on Sukmafantewada inter-district $\begin{array}{llll} & \text { was administered first aid } & \text { (Dantewada)-Jagargund } \\ \text { Dorder, resulting in minor } & \text { at the camp and was being } \\ \text { shifted to a local hospital }\end{array}$ (Sukma) road, construc injuries on the in Dantewada, the official


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India warns travellers of criminal violence in Canada


HC quashes FIR against BJP leaders Raman Singh, Patra

| What FIR menioned.... <br> On May 19, 2021, an FIR was lodged in Raipur based on a complaint of Akash Sharma, then-Chhattisgarh unit president of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the student wing of the Congress. The complainant had alleged Singh, Patra and other BJP leaders circulated fabricated content on social media platforms using a fake letterhead of the Congress by projecting it as a toolkit developed by the grand old party. <br> Raipur based on a complaint of Akash Sharma, then-Chhattisgarh unit president of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), the student wing of |  |
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# Mahila Samridhi Sammelan 

21 September, 2023 Jayanti Stadium, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

## WOMEN RISING Chhattisgarh Govt's Empowering Journey

* Fivefold increase in State Mahila Kosh fund
* ₹12.77 crore loan waiver of women self-help groups
*. Up to ₹50 lakh financial support and special grants to facilitate business startups
* 1.85 lakh women from 20 lakh economically weaker families linked with self-help groups under Mission 'Bihan'
*. $50 \%$ quota in the Gram Sabhas, providing equal representation in the formulation of policies for the utilization of the District Mineral Foundation fund


## Leading State in Gender Equality in India <br> (SDG Index 2020-21, NITI Aayog)

Highest Sex Ratio among All States



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Raipur, Sep 20: The petition concerning PSC selec-
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Honorable High Court, and Honorable High Court, and
as per the information reas per the information re-
ceived from the Advocate General's Office, State
Government has given a
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cused, who have not been appointed, will not be finalized further and those who
have been appointed will have been appointed will
be subjected to the order of the Honorable Court, as the case may be.
Taking the above state-
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scheduled the next hearing scheduled the next hearing
of the petition after a week and has directed the State Government and the PSC to investigate the authen-
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by the petitioner. The petiby the petitioner. The peti-
tioner has been directed to make the selected persons a party in the case and
make the prescribed

We would conduct inquiry, if Court orders: CM
Raipur: BJP leaders larity in PSC and it was $\begin{array}{rr}\text { have charged the Baghel } & \begin{array}{l}\text { during their term in } 2016 \\ \text { govern }\end{array} \\ \text { there was irregularity in }\end{array}$㢄感 FRa $\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{s} c \mathrm{c} \text { a } \mathrm{m} & \text { went to the Supreme } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { in }\end{array}$ this case cision has been taken has de- About the alleged irregu-
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Four accused nabbed from a truck, entire cash of RS 5 cr seized

- While trying to escape to Jharkhand


Raigarh, Sep 20: In case of dacoity worth Rs 5 crore from Axis Bank the previous day, the Police
has nabbed four accused has nabbed four itcused
involved in it. The Balrampur police has ar-
rested the four accused trying to escape to Jharkhand in a truck. The
police has also seized the police has also seized the
Creta vehicle used by the dacoits $\quad$ from
Ramanujganj. As per plan-
 Creta car and boarded a
truck to go to Jharkhand The police has seized the Creta vehicle, cash stolen from the Bank and other

It is notable here that on look in for the clues and Tuesday morning that on on checking the footage, Tuesday morning, the da- found the accused travelcoits looted Axis Bank's ling in bike with
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addition to this the Bank's
all police stations were inmanager was attacked formed about the dacoity with a knife and left in- and were asked to check jured. After the incident, the the region towards dacoits ran away with the Jharkhand. Finally the
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the cash stolen.

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Vidarbha eves thrash Chh'garh Blood donation camp organised Red by 42 runs in T-20 match
by SNIL, Kash Foundation



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CM gifts projects worth Rs 65.75 crore to Bhilai
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Universal Rail Mill marks new day record

## the Bank Complex in Civic Centre. They will park the vehicles in the bank prem-




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| Director I/c (BSP) and | on this achievement and |
| Anjani Kumar, ED | motivated them to work |
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Sparsh contributes Rs 4.05 lakh for labour welfare in five years
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500 youth to get employment at BPO Centre

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Nehru Planetarium inaugurated at Nehru Nagar


SMS-3, Traffic, PPC, RCL,

## 260M long rail panels manufactured at BSP's

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BSP' SMS-III initiates the production of $150 \times 150$ Billets from CV-1


Martyrs' Memorial unveiled at Nehru Nagar



# Transformative changes occurring in Ch'garh with the blessings of Lord Shri Ram: CM 

An inspiration to CM inaugurates the development work
under the Ram Va Gaman Tourism Circuit Anounces the Announces the estab
lishment of a 100 -be hospital in Janakpur Dedicates 325 develop359.83 cr to MCB disState govt completed the construction work
on Ram Vatika and various infrastructure development projects

## ITM University hosts an evening of devotion for Carnatic music Lovers



Chancellor Dr. PV Ramana, Director General G. Sarada Subramaniam and the Carnatic
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Tour schedule of Monitors


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Idol of Lord Vishwakarma immersed


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Jayanti was celebrated
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Long queue of women in Shiva Temple
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## New body of Student's Council formed

 Ch'garh College

Lord Vishwakarma contribution in Earth's creation significant: Amitesh-Shukla

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| of the College, they added |  |

Parliamentary Secretary lays stone Success and failure are part for works worth Rs 60.32 lakh
Parli a m e n t ar r y

With the rain stopping, bright sunshine increases farmers' worries

as lack of rain, the husk of
grain get stuck in the


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tion of building of JMM-

## Exciting two-day Kabaddi competition in Chorthattivililage


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meters costing Rs 5 lakh. CC road construction work
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■ Jay Bajrang Kabaddi team and villagers
showcase sporting talent

kabaddic competition, generously
gapported by local residents and or-
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Chorbhatti witnessed Devri Balod
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- Inaugurates 7-Day securing the top spot, followed by
the Mandraoud team in place, and Chhara clinching third This spirited competition featured nearly 40 teams hailing from variGariyaband, including Balod, Durg, Garyaband, Raipur, and Dhamtari,

ic prowess. The closing ceremony and prize distribution for the Chorbhatti kabaddi competition Suests Malik Ram Singh welcomed esteemed guests, includ-
Satyaprakash Sahu, Kaliram Sahu,
Ganesh Yadav, Eman Lal Sahu, and ing Chief Guest Tapan Chandrakar, other distinguished attendees. President of the Nagar Panchayat, other distinguished attendees.
couragement to the athletes. He em-
phasized the importance of continphasized the importance of contin-
uous sports competitions, including kabaddi, in Kurud and rural areas, as they exemplify the community's
passion for sports. He urged the players to focus on the sportsmanship and camaraderie that tran-
scends mere victory and defeat. He also applauded the outstanding per-
formance of the winning team, Devri from Balod district, and com-
mended the fair play mended the fair play ensured by
senior players Dhaneshwari Nirmalkar and Kavita Chandrakar,
who officiated the matches.The Jay
Bajrang Kabaddi Team, including Bajrang Kabaddi Team, including
dedicated players such as Hori Lal Sahu, Thamesh Sahu, Dushyant Sahu, Kuldeep Sahu, Laxmi
Narayan Sahu, Churaman Sahu, Rakesh Sahu, and numerous others, actively participated in this success-


## PM Trudeau's allegations 'very serious', encourages India to cooperate: US official

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Aus terms Trudeau's allegations against India 'concerning'


Two Indian nationals sentenced to 41 months in prison in robocall scam

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Tornado kills 5 people in eastern China

Beijing, Sep 20 (AP): A
tornado killed five people
and seriously injured four

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| side a gurdwara in Surrey | about what repercussions |
| in the western Canadian | there will be due to the al- |
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| Columbia on June 18. | not get ahead of where we |
| Kirby was asked about | are. There's an active in- |
| Trudeau raising the mat- | vestigation. We think it |
| ter with President Joe | needs to be fully transpar- |
| Biden privately before | ent, comprehensive. We |
| going public and what in- | know that Canadians will |
| formation the Canadian | work to that end". |
| leader shared with the US | "Again, we urge India to |
| President about the mat- | cooperate with that inves- |
| ter. | tigation so that the facts |
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| this investigation and | and we have conclusions |
| leave it for Canada to talk | that we can draw from |
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Biden's Democratic allies intensify pressure US in active talks with India to look at producing for asylum-seekers to get work permits
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| migration system as justification for other steps it has taken. <br> The Homeland Security |  | they become ripe," he said. Indian-American Iyer | "I think one of the ways in which we think about the |
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| Department has sent more | ve talks with the Indi | US to finalise the | tation of (Defence) |
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| apply for work permits, | related | line the ability of defen | India's military modernisa- |
| t it has shown no inc | ground-based conventional | firms to pro | tion, and for him, putting |
| tion to speed the proce | warfare, a senior Pentagon | quirements, is making good | partment on the hook |
| backlog of applications | official said. | 俍s. | find targeted opportuni- |
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| permit is almost alway | ciproca | aggressive clip to establi | India's indigenous defence |
| longer than six months. | procurement agreement | ciprocal defence procu | production capabilities," he |
| As frustrations ha | with India, Siddharth Iyer, | ment agreement, which | said. The India-US defence |
| unted, Hochul has said | Director for South Asia | would allow and create the | road map, Iyer said, among |
| office is considerin | Policy, Office of the | conditions for US | other things, identifies the |
| whether the state could | Secretary of Defence said | Indian defence industr | priority military areas |
| offer work permits, though | here on Tuesday at an event | increase and streamline | where their industries |
| such a move would almost | organised by the pres | market access," he | should focus ther |
| certainly draw legal chal- | gious Hudson Institute. | This relationship is one | rative efforts. |
| lenges. | "We are in active talks | the top priorities for | It identifies some con- |
| The White House has |  | Pentagon, Iy | crete mechanisms by which |
| dismissed the idea. | look at producing mili- | Our belief is that | they can work together to |
| Immigrants are frustrated | tary systems in areas relat- | the US-India relationship | integrate the supply chains. |
| as well. Gilberto Pozo | ed to ISR (Intelligence | right is not just necessary, | And then ultimately, it also |
| Ortiz, a 45-year-old from | Surveillance | it's essential to achieving | tablishes the oversight |
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| hotel in upstate New York | vent |  |  |
| for the last three months. | have more to say on that | ing that happen," he said. | pede pr |

## Concerning: British Sikh MPs on Canada allegations against India

## Erdogan raises Kashmir issue during UNGA address

 press office, shows Turkey's President Recep Tayyip
Erdogan (R) meeting with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin
Netanyahu (L) on the sideline of 78th United Nations Netanyahu (L) on the sideline of 78th United Nation
General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York City.
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Iran's president urges US to demonstrate it wants to return to the 2015 nuclear deal

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## Chronicle

## Empowering Women

33\% Reservation Revolution yomen inmises as seismic shift tin India's political landscapape and is seet to be landmark moment for women's empowerment. The battle for credit
among political parties is bound to intensify, but the Modi govermment has among political parties is bound to intensify, but the Mood overnment has
already 5 tolen a march on its rivals by pushing this legislation haead of the 2024 General Election. While opposition parties may engage in debate over the finer details, including the possibility of caste and communitybased quotas within the $33 \%$ reservation, the government's determination is unwavering. The actual implementation of this policy may require adjustments post the Census and redrawing of constituencies, presenting al
takeholders with an opportunity to navigate the complexities involved. The significance of women's reservation in politics extends far beyond the realms of gender equality, It serves as a powerful tool for political inclutation in Panchayati Raj Institutions. Numerous studies have highlighted how the participation of women in decision-making processes leads to meaningtul poiicy changes. Despite instances of male family members
holding power, the reservation of seats for women at the grassroots leve
 terns, with a focus on gender budgeting, making women's issues a central theme in political discourse. However, the journey towards women's political participation in India has been fraught with drama and resistance each ce, at its core, may stem from an unwillingness to share power. ing Lok Sabha elections has risen significantly, from a mere 45 in 1957 to remarkable 726 in 2019 . The passage of this bill promises to be a monumental leap forward for women's empowerment, altering the dynamics
of political representation in India. Women's political participation is not creating a vibant democra cy that truly reflects the diversity of its citizens. India has been a trailblaz er in empowering women with political rights, and the reservation of
seats is a necessary step to further enhance women's participation, enact omen-centric laws, promote a sense of responsibility, and strengthe his foundations of democracy. It is essential to recognize the history of the matter, with recommendations dating back to 1971. Various governments, including those of Rajiv Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, made at-
tempts to pass the Women's Reservation Bill, facing opposition and chaltempts to pass the Women's Reservation Bill, facing opposition and chal
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al commitments and reshaping societal norms, women's reservation fos

## Canada's Hypocrisy

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 Hardeep Singh Niiiar have kparked of pro-Khalistan terror accused inister Justin TTuden's swift decisionto expen a diplomatic row. Prime Canasiartion that foreign involvement in a Canadian citizen's killing on gnored. However, beneath the surface of these actions lies a troubling history of hypocrisy and double standards. Let's cast our minds back to history-the Air India bombing. This tragic incident claimed the lives of history-the Air India bombing. This tragic incident claimed the lives of all in. Yet, in stark contrast to the present events, there was no urgency disgation within three months of the bombing. In fact, Canada not only failed to prevent the attack but also conducted a lackluster investigation that led to only one conviction, and that too on the charge of perjury. A damning report by the Justice John Major Commission highlighted the sheer in-competence and inattention that marred both the pre-flight security cribed hasu errors and negligence persisted for many years as authoriies, governments, and institutions dealt with the aftermath of the murder
of so many innocents. Fast forward to the present, and Canada finds itself of so many innocents. Fast forward to the present, and Canada finds itself perturbed over the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijijar. Niijar was accused by
India's National Investigation Agency of attempting to revive terrorism in nunjab. While Canada's concern for the safety of its citizens is commendbout its political motivations. If Canada posssesses concrete evidence that indeed implicates Indian agents in Nijiars's killing, it should, without delay, share this evidence with New Delhi. However, jumping to conclu-
sions without a proper trial or investigation only serves to highlight Trudeau's attempts to appease radical groups that pose a threat to India's erritorial sovereignty. In response to Canada's actions, New Delhi has
vightly expelled a Canadian diplomat-a firm stance that is essential to ncourage ottawa to reconsider its approach. India's response should serve as a reminder that diplomatic relations are a two-way street, and
unsubstantiated allegations can have real consequences. It is imperative at Canada, instead of indulging in unfounded allegations, revisits its past and ensures justice for the victims of the Air India bombing. It cannot
turn a blind eye to the fact that it not only failed to prevent the attack but also botched the investigation, denying closure and justice to the grieving
families. The Air India bombing remains a painful scar on the collective families. The Air India bombing remains a painful scar on the collective priority. Moreover, Canada should refrain from engaging in political pos a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, has criticized Trudeau's actions as "shameless and cynical." He rightly urged the United ns about his leadership. The discrepancy in his response, as highlighted Rubin, further complicates matters. While he is making bold statetance, is being treated as a police matter and has not reached the Prime Minister's office. This discrepancy raises concerns about political posturing over responsible leadership. Canada's actions have exposed a glaring hypocrisy in its approach to international relations. Instead of making
baseless allegations and expelling diplomats, Canada should focus on addressing its past failures, ensuring justice for the Air India bombing victor canada to mend its ways and refrain from playing with fire on sensi-
larity, we aim to preserve the integrity of


Tirade of DMK on Sanatana Dharma is Political

DR. DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO


T its mastery of many politica dramas, with the latest being the atSanatana Dharma. The DMK'rs on generation political heir, Udayanidhi
Stalin, spoke about the eradication of anatana Dharma at a meeting held by progressive Tamil writers on the same poseful spread of video recordings of hat speech on social media, complete ended up as just another periodic rant by a Dravidian leader. However, DMK Minister M.K. Stalin had other plans. e used this speech to establish
Udayanidhhi's authority within the party and project him as the undisputed
hereditary leader of the DMK. With this political speech against Sanatana he BJP as a paty Udayanidhi garnered national attention, serving the interests of his party and M.K. Stalin.
For a fortnight, DMK ministers and the party and his anti-Sanatana Dharma speech. M.K. Stalin himself enpolitically motivated speech. Tami Nadu cabinet minister, sworn to progroups, compared Sanatana Dharma to deadly diseases like Malaria, Dengue, and Covid. These offensive words were echoed throughout Tamil Nadu by DMK eaders, sometimes accompanied by additional objectionable epithets. A Al sion guaranteed by the Indian constitu-
tion. It's worth noting that such free-
dom of expression was dom of expression was denied to fupur Sharma when she spoke against a per-
son and his actions in a TV debate. This illustrates the different standards applied to different individuals in India. After raising all the negative issues allegedly related to Sanatana Dharma,
such as the oppressive caste system such as the oppressive caste system
and associated evils, DMK chief and gag order to party them not to speak further against Sanatana Dharma. This sudden shift, rom a vociferous call for eradication to silence, raises the question of whether s a atactful political move.
Observers of Dravidian politics it is no surprise, as the DMK is known for its somersaults on critical issues, including the caste system. For the DMK, caste is poitical weapon in electoral politics. bank in Tamil Nadu by by blaming the
Brahmin community for societal ills. Brahmin community for societal ills.
The DMK's recent call for the eradicaThe DMK's recent call for the eradica-
tion of Sanatana Dharma was an atempt to regain its grip on the castes in to P. Annamalai's Padayatra, the curent BJP chief of Tamil Nadu. The BJP has limited presence in Tamil Nadu and not organizationally strong, except in However, the people's response to its nificant and spontaneous. Many Dalit and lower-caste individuals have been attending Annamalai's meetings, viewhave suffered under suppressive DMK. During the nearly seven decades of

Dravidian party rule in Tamil Nadu, Dal
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in the "self-respect movement" and $\begin{array}{ll}\text { and other marginalized castes have } & \text { judicial setback is a concern for the } \\ \text { gained little. They were never included } & \text { DMK and a boost for pro-Hindu groups } \\ \text { in the "self-respect movement" and } & \text { in their anti-DMK campaign. This will } \\ \text { therefore received no respect under re- } & \text { certainly hit the DMK at the social level }\end{array}$ gional party rule. Tamil Nadu remains a certainly hit the DMK at the social level $\begin{array}{lll}\text { gional party rule. Tamil Nadu remains a } & \text { and it will become a tough task to take } \\ \text { highly caste-conscious state, with Dalits } & \text { them back into their anti-Brahmin } \\ \text { experiencing oppression and near-un- } & \text { movement of Dravidian parties. So first }\end{array}$ experiencing oppression and near-unlegally bannned in the country Deing this Dravidian rule, oppressed Dalits, urable to endure attacks by DMK-support-
ed village leaders, converted en masse to Islam in Meenakshipuram village this incident, the DMK governmen couldn't end the practice of servin Dalit communities on separate plates
and glasses in rural area hotels. The shameful incidents of attacks on fellow Dalit students increased after M.K.
Stalin Stalin became Chief Minister. Tam
Nadu records the highest number cases of atrocities against Dalits and are turning to Annamalai and the BJP to escape this situation, embracing
Hindutva, an ideology that the DMK op poses. Hence, the attack on Sanatana Dharma was an attempt to retain their
Dravidian voter base. However, their Dravidian voter base. However, their
tempt backfired on two fronts, leading to the DMK's retreat.
The Madras High Court made its ob-
servation on the "very vociferous and at servation on the "very vociferous and at
times noisy debate on pro and anti Sanatana Dharma." Justice N .
Sehasayee noted that Sanatana Dharma is not just about promoting casteism and untouchability, as some would have people believe. Sanatana Dharma encompasses a set of eternal duties for
those who follow the Hindu way of life including duties to the nations, duty to the king, and the King's duty towards his people, duty towards one's parents, and gurus, care for the poor, among other
things. Are all these duties liable to things. Are all these duties liable to be
destroyed?" That is the question posed by the judge. He called the caste syste by the judge. He called the caste systen Sanatana Dharma. The message was
that there are ways to remove weeds without burning the entire field. This judgment came about because some-
one challenged the idea of promoting one challenged the idea of promoting
the eradication of Sanatana Dharma educational institutions by an overen-
thusiastic, pro-DMK school head. This
jusicial setback is a concern for the movement of Dravidian parties. So first
back step by DMK. The second setback is causing na-
tionwide discomfor lies in the I.N.D.I.A alliance. The
Congress and other parties north of the Vindhyas are followers of soft-Hindutva.
Therefore, they cannot tolerate negaTherefore, they cannot tolerate nega-
tive comments on Hindu religion or vertive comments on Hindu religion or ver-
bal attacks on the beliefs of Sanatana barma adherents. The first negative ainst Sanatana Dharma was the forced can-
cellation of the I.N.D.I.A planned yatra in election-bound Madhya Pradesh by the Congress. Uddhav Thackeray's faction
of the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra questions about its silence when Hindu religion was under attack from its ally,
the DMK. Parties like TMC, SP, RJD, JDD and many others are under pressure to oppose the anti-Hindu views of the DMK. This pressure led to an SOS being
sent to the DMK and M.K. Stalin, urging sent to the DMK and M.K. Stalin, urging
them to temporarily tone down their anti-Sanatana Dharma rhetoric. The BJP is capitalizing on this politically and
gaining ground in the electoral arena. The upcoming elections in states as they will indicate the direction of the political wind. The I.N.D.I.A alliance
senses an anti-Modi sentiment, and they don't want to lose momentum in the middle of the campaign. This reM.K. Stalin to issue a gag o clusion, the DMK's actions regarding
Sanatana Dharma appear to be driven by political motives, both in the initia attack and the subsequent retreat. This political approach is now being exposed
by Annamalai of the BJP, and it remains to be seen how this dynamic of political maneuverin

LETTERS

Orphaned Children


PM Vishwakarma Scheme: A Lifeline for Artisans but Vigilance Needed


T ake a moment to consider the veevers, traditional too, makeers, garland makers. and wastermen--those
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nid wife struggles to make ends meet with
her husband's eannings. Despite these her husband's earnings. Despite these
hardships, they remain unvavering in
 ucation. With three children, including
two daughters and an eldest son who just completed class 12, they hope the Vishwakarma scheme will bring posi-
tive change. The primary goals of the
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istration and benefits would also be
stricted to one member of a family. Prime Minister Modi, in his
Independence Day speech, pledged to oll out the scheme within a month to nhance the livelihoods of traditional artists and craftspeople. The swift apCabinet underscores the government's commitment to preserving and promoting traditional skills and crafts
Encouragingly, the proactive Uttar Encouragingly, the proactive Uttar
Pradesh government is actively working to implement Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious 'PM Vishwakarma'
scheme on a large scale. The state aims scheme on a large scale. The state aims
to extend the scheme's benefits to killed individuals in 18 different trades master trainers under the Skill faster trainers under the Skill
Development Mission. In conclusion, all those tasked with implementing the
Vishwakarma scheme must do so with Vishwakarma scheme must do so with
utmost diligence. Corruption in chemes designed to aid the poor canscheme hinges on its effective execution, ensuring that those who need it
most receive the support they deserve. (The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and
do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the newspaper.)

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- New Delhi: Edtech


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India Ratings ups FY24 growth estimate to 6.2 pc

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FM urges RRBs to speed up digitisation to ensure better services in rural areas

EPFO records highest net member addition


Indian economy doing well even in unsupportive global environment: Ashima

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| The Indian economy has |  |
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| after 2008 and many corrup- she asserted. Prime Minist |  |
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| economy," she told PTI. Goyal office for the first time |  |
| was asked how she would | May 2014. Modi led the |
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| UPA governments | to a majority of its own in |
|  | 2019 Lok Sabha elections. |

UK Govt financial package may help Tata Steel UK narrow losses, says report
'We are very close' on FTA with India: UK trade minister



Govt to link 28 more mandis to eNAM: Agri Secretary


Electric buses can give us a future where planet will be livable: Eric Garcetti


Equity investors lose Rs 2.89 lakh crore in two days of market fall

Sensex tanks 796 pts, Nifty closes below 20 K


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## City of music reverberated with Ganesh Chaturthi celebration



Inclusive education training program organized in Mungeli


Haritalika festival celebrated with devotion

## Private hospitals in Arang exploit patients with deceptive practices



Shortage of female doctors plagues district's largest govt hospital



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Farmers demand opening of new paddy procurement sub-centre



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I have just 900 euros in my account, not living a very good life: Sumit Nagal

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going on the ATP Tour ndia's number one tennis with less than Rs one lakh morose feeling of not leadHe has been training at Academy in Germany for a ew years but lack of funds meant that he could not ain favourite place season 2023 .
His friends Somdev Christopher Marquis helped him stay in shape in anuary and February be

Mbappe and Hakimi score as PSG wins 2-0 against Dortmund

coming even more




Milan wasted chances in
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Luis Enrique said. When
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#### Abstract

the beginning of the yea the beginning of the year. It is 900 euros (approx Rs 80,000 ). I did get a bit of 80,000). I did get a bit of help. Mr Prashant Sutar is help. Mr Prashant Sutar is helping me with MAHA also get monthly (salary) also get monthly (salary) from IOCL but I don't have any big sponsor," Nagal any big sponsor," Nagal told PTI in an interview. and apparel needs are and apparel needs are being taken care of by Yonex and ASICS respec- This year in 24 tourna- ments played, Nagal ha earned about 65 lakh with his biggest pay cheque coming from the US Open where he lost the first round of the Qualifiers and still pocketed USD "I am investing whatever I am making. The yearly cost where I travel with one coach is costing me around 80 lakh to 1 crore and that is just with one travelling coach (no physio). Whatever I have made have already invested. "I feel like I am lacking support despite being India's number one player for past few years. I am the only player to qualify for Grand Slams, only player to win a (tennis) match at the Olympics (Tokyo) in last few years, and still the government has not added


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Battered by hosts China in their opening match after playing without any
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Bangladesh side in their must-win group match in
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A rag-tag Indian team
reached here late Monday evening and played its first match without proper rest
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teams from the six groups can also advance to the Round of 16 , but that will
leave the team with a lot of leave the team with a lot of
uncertainties in the final

## Asia gears up for the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou



RELIGIOUS GATHERING



Vedanta Aluminium's engineers re-commit to India's manufacturing excellence

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Fresh spell of rain boosts water level in major dams across Guj

'National hypertension programmes key to BP control in adults’

## Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the community, in Ranchi, Wednesday

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The improved coverage
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the report said.
Affecting 1 in 3 adults

## 'Greater one-horned rhinos thriving in India, Nepal despite poaching threat'




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