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SFIO PROBE INTO SAHARA GROUP OF COMPANIES UNDERWAY: FM

Chiyaan Vikram researched many tribes for THANGALAN

QUOTE OF THE DAY
 The pioneer
 By-elections are inevitable in Telangana and the MLAs who defected will be taught a lesson by the people. The BRS will continue its legal battle based on Supreme Court rulings and the advice of legal and constitutional experts. The issue of disqualifying the MLAs who had defected will be resolved within a month through either the HC or the SC. The Congress is encouraging defections in Telangana while preaching against it at the national level
 -K Taraka Rama Rao, BRS MLA

DON'T MISS...
Suspensions galore in TG police...
 The Telangana police department has seen a surge in suspensions over the past month. A few officers caught by the ACB, another is under investigation for allegedly sexually abusing a woman, and several others have been suspended for misconduct, such as abusing citizens during vehicle checks, assaulting individuals for being outside at night and showing undue sympathy to accused persons in various cases.
 On Monday, August 5, it was surprising to see that Cyberabad Commissioner of Police Avinash Mohanty ordered...
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Most of employed rural youth want...
 Around half of rural men aged 18 to 25 are employed while only a quarter of the women in the same age bracket are working, according to a survey involving 5,169 youths across villages of the country, the report of which was released on Monday. The report added that 70-85 per cent of the youth said they wanted to change their jobs. The State of Rural Youth Employment 2024, brought out by the Global Development Incubator (GDI), Global Opportunity Youth Network (GOYN), Development Intelligence Unit (DIU), and...
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Over Rs 177 cr lost on account of...
 As much as Rs 177 crore was lost on account of credit, debit card and internet banking frauds in the 2023-24 fiscal, Parliament was informed on Monday. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the amount of loss due to cyber fraud has increased from Rs 69.68 crore in FY23 to Rs 177.05 crore in FY24. The quantum of loss in FY22 was Rs 80.33 crore, it was Rs 50.10 crore in FY21 and Rs 44.22 crore in FY20. Chaudhary further said to help customers...
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With so much spin on offer, game...
 "Was it a shock? I would say yes," said India's assistant coach Abhishek Nayar as he tried to make sense of the unexpected defeat to Sri Lanka in the second ODI, blaming it on the spin-friendly conditions that have the potential to completely alter the course of a match. India's fragility against spin was once again on display as leg-spinner Jeffrey Vandersay wreaked havoc with a six-wicket haul to hand the visitors a 32-run defeat in the second ODI here on Sunday. "...There is a surprise. But you anticipate and...
 -SPORTS

High Court upholds Kejriwal's arrest by CBI
Asks him to move trial court for bail
 PNS ■ NEW DELHI
 The Delhi High Court on Monday upheld Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the corruption case stemming from the alleged excise policy scam, dealing a massive blow to the AAP leader. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna dismissed Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest, holding that it cannot be said it was without any justifiable reason. 2

Bangla in turmoil



PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA FLEES TO LONDON
 PNS ■ DHAKA
 With Bangladesh descending into chaos, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina surreptitiously fled the country for London in a military aircraft on Monday and the army stepped in to fill the power vacuum, ending one uncertain chapter and opening another in the nation's restive history.
 As news of Hasina's departure spread, hundreds broke into Hasina's residence, vandalising and looting the interiors, providing dramatic expression to the anti-government protests that have killed more than 100 people in the last two days. At the centre of people anger is the Hasina government's controversial quota system reserving 30 per cent jobs for families of veterans who fought the 1971 liberation war.
 With volatile crowds taking to the streets -- some clambering on Hasina's father and Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's statue and smashing it with hammers in a last-minute image underscoring the fickleness of history -- Army chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman announced that the 76-year-old prime minister has resigned.
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High alert across Indo-Bangla border

PNS ■ KOLKATA
 The Indo-Bangladesh border region in West Bengal has been put on high alert on Monday following the ongoing unrest in the neighbouring country, officials said.
 Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee appealed to the people of West Bengal to maintain peace and avoid provocation.
 The ongoing turmoil has also "halted" trade between the two neighbouring nations. Air India and IndiGo cancelled scheduled flights to Dhaka, while bus and train services between West Bengal and Bangladesh were also affected.
 According to BSF sources, a "high alert" has been issued across all its formations along the 4,096-km India-Bangladesh border in the wake of developments in the neighbouring country.
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Jaishankar meets PM

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday as Bangladesh leader Sheikh Hasina landed at the Hindon airbase near Ghaziabad on her way to London amid turmoil in her country. Jaishankar is believed to have briefed Modi about the evolving situation in the neighbouring country but there was no official word on the meeting.

DISCUSSING TG ISSUES
 Governor of Telanganai Jishnu Dev Varma called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his office in the Parliament House, New Delhi, and discussed various developmental issues and other relevant matters concerning the State of Telangana.

Sagar brimming to the full, 16 gates opened

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
 Sixteen crest gates of the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) were opened on Monday, marking the end of a prolonged crop holiday and severe water scarcity in its extensive command area of 18 lakh acres across Telangana (6.3 lakh acres) and Andhra Pradesh (11.74 lakh acres).
 It started with two gates and by evening, 16 gates were opened five feet, releasing around 1.6 lakh cusecs of water. The decision to release the waters was prompted by a substantial inflow of 4.22 lakh cusecs, which added 33 to 35 TMCs of water daily to the project's reservoir, mainly due to significant outflows from the upstream Srisaillam reservoir.
 The storage in NSP touched 294 TMCs on Monday morning and is projected to reach gross storage capacity of 312 TMCs by day's end. The reservoir level increased to 584 feet, just shy of its full reservoir level (FRL) of 590 feet.
Inflow: 3,74,713 cusecs
Outflow: 1,63,220 cusecs
Full reservoir level: 590.00 feet
Current water level: 584 feet
Total storage capacity: 312.5050 TMC
Current water storage: 294.55 TMC
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Govt will ensure 24-hour quality power supply to farmers: Uttam

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
 The Congress Government will ensure 24-hour quality electricity supply to farmers, domestic and industries round the year, Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said.
 He was speaking after laying the foundation for a 33/11 KV power substation being built at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore at Bakkamanthula Gudem in Mathampally mandal in Kodad on Monday.
 Uttam said the public and farmers had been asking for this

BRS intensifies move for legal action

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
 The BRS has intensified its attempts to launch legal action regarding the disqualification of its MLAs who had defected to the Congress. A team of senior BRS leaders, led by Working President KTR and Harish Rao held discussions with legal experts in New Delhi.
 The BRS representatives also met constitutional experts on Monday. Constitutional expert Aryaman Sundaram told the BRS team that the Supreme Court has already delivered many verdicts regarding defections by MLAs, including those related to indefinitely delay the decision on disqualification.
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Plastic waste generation doubles in TG

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
 The states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have seen a notable increase in plastic waste generation in recent years, contributing to the growing environmental challenge faced by India.
 Data tabled in the Lok Sabha on Monday by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) says the plastic waste generated in Telangana rose from 1,83,014.65 tonnes per annum (TPA) in 2018-19 to 4,72,675 TPA in 2020-21, an increase of approximately 158.28 per cent.

Plastic waste generation rose from 2,33,655 TPA in 2019-20 to 4,72,675 TPA, an increase of 102.3 per cent. Similarly, Andhra Pradesh's plastic waste generation was recorded at 82,863 TPA in 2016-17, which fluctuated over the years but stood at 39,626.45 TPA in 2020-21. Despite this, in Andhra Pradesh plastic waste generation decreased by around 52.20% from 2016-17 to 2020-21.
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MEDIGADDA BARRAGE DAMAGE Court issues notices to KCR, 8 others

PNS ■ HYDERABAD
 The Bhupalpally Principal Sessions Court issued notices to former Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao and eight others including former Minister T. Harish Rao regarding the damage suffered by the Medigadda Barrage.
 Accepting the revision petition submitted by one N. Agavelli Rajalingamurthy, the court stated that it will hear the case on September 5. The court directed the nine persons, who are being served notices, to attend hearing on September 5. Earlier, Rajalingamurthy had approached the Bhupalpally First Class Principal Judicial Magistrate Court. However, the court dismissed his petition. Then on September 5, the court directed the nine persons, who are being served notices, to attend hearing on September 5. Earlier, Rajalingamurthy had approached the Bhupalpally First Class Principal Judicial Magistrate Court. However, the court dismissed his petition without citing any reason. Continued on Page 2

ACROSS THE STATES



Peacocks died of heat stroke in Palam in June: Min

The 27 peacocks found dead at the Palam air base in June had succumbed to heat stroke and a post-mortem revealed they had no disease, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said in the Lok Sabha on Monday...



Ahead of I-Day, CISF to intensify security checks

Ahead of Independence Day, the CISF will intensify security checks at metro stations from August 5, the DMRC said on Monday and advised commuters to plan their journeys accordingly...



Nobel Prize-winning physicist Tsung-Dao Lee dies at age 97

Chinese-American physicist Tsung-Dao Lee, who in 1957 became the second-youngest scientist to receive a Nobel Prize, died Sunday at his home in San Francisco at age 97...

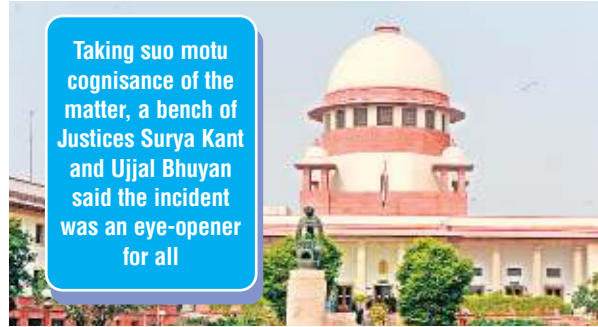
Coaching centres have become 'death chambers'

Supreme Court issues notices to Centre, Delhi govt



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Coaching centres have become "death chambers" and are playing with the lives of students, the Supreme Court said on Monday...



Taking suo motu cognisance of the matter, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said the incident was an eye-opener for all

coaching should go online, unless there is meticulous compliance of building regulations and other safety norms. "These places (coaching centres) have become death chambers...



vices and the civic body to inspect all coaching centres here to ascertain if they are complying with the fire safety norms.

On Friday, the high court transferred the probe into the deaths of the three students from Delhi Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)...

Assembly polls in J-K will be held in September: Kishan



PNS ■ R S PURA (J-K)

The Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held in September, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Monday...

August 5, five years ago and warned the neighbouring country against supporting terrorism in the Union Territory. Reddy, who is also election in-charge of the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir...

LS passes demands for grants after applying guillotine

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Monday approved the budget estimates for expenditure contained in the demands for grants for different ministries after applying a guillotine.

The guillotine was applied after the House discussed demands for grants of 4 ministries -- Railways, Education, Health and Fisheries. The House also passed the Appropriation Bill 2024...

Spend more on health infrastructure: Nadda to states

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



Health Minister J P Nadda on Monday urged state governments to spend more on improving healthcare infrastructure and dismissed opposition allegations on reduction of allocations under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Healthcare Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)...

getary allocation of Rs 4,200 crore in last year's budget. "We are giving money, but it is not spent. You spend the money, we will allocate more funds if the existing funds are spent..." Nadda said...

Most of employed rural youth want to switch job

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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interviews with 5,169 rural youths between 18 and 35 years of age. The survey findings indicate that more than half of the male youth aged 18-25 are employed...



employed individuals were male, while a majority of those who had never worked were female," a statement on the report said. According to the report, 70 to 85 per cent youth currently employed expressed a desire to change their jobs...

securing salaried positions in government roles," the report said. The report stressed on finding out what the rural youth wants. "Rural India makes up 70 per cent of the country but contributes only 46 per cent towards the country's GDP..."

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

SC extends tenure of Mittal panel by 6 months

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday extended by six months the tenure of the Justice Gita Mittal committee set up to oversee relief and rehabilitation of the victims of ethnic violence in Manipur.

BJP likely to get chairmanship of 7-8 LS committees, Cong three

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP may get the chairmanship of seven to eight department-related parliamentary committees of the Lok Sabha, the Congress three and the Samajwadi Party one, sources said on Monday...

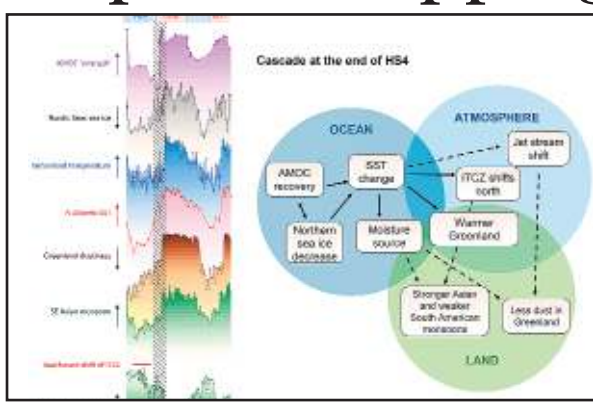
give them a numerical claim over the chairmanship of a committee, they said, adding that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla would use his discretion to ensure fair representation...

stakeholders and influence policy. The BJP, party sources said, might back some of its allies, especially the Shiv Sena, to get at least one chairmanship. The Sena is the only major BJP ally without a Cabinet portfolio in the central government...

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Current data and understanding of Earth's climate are not up to the task to accurately predict tipping points, or points of no return, for critical regions including tropical rainforests, according to a new study. Climate tipping points play out in response to human-caused global warming and are marked by irreversible changes and consequences...

'Climate data, knowledge not enough to predict tipping points'



extend the trends into the future. Citing "huge" gaps in past long-term data and an inadequate understanding of climate-related processes, the study's authors said that the idea of predicting climate tipping points, while appealing, is "fraught with uncertainties."

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FIRST COLUMN STRATEGIES TO COMBAT CHRONIC STRESS

Understanding and managing stress effectively is essential for a healthier life



SAKSHI SETHI

The human body is designed to experience stress. The 'fight or flight response' otherwise thought of as an 'acute stress' response are inbuilt mechanisms that allow an individual to deal with threats to survival. Stress at the workplace can arise from various factors, often stemming from the demands of the job, the work environment and individual characteristics. Chronic stress is a state of ongoing, persistent stress that can develop when a person faces prolonged challenges or pressures without adequate periods of relaxation or recovery. Unlike acute stress, which is short-term and can even be beneficial in certain situations (like a deadline or a sudden challenge), chronic stress lasts for an extended period and can have deleterious effects on both physical as well as mental health. Signs of chronic stress at the workplace can manifest in various ways, affecting an individual's physical health, emotional well-being, cognitive abilities and behaviour. Cognitive-behavioural approaches, mindfulness training and resilience-building programs have been shown to help employees manage stress more effectively. These strategies can enhance employees' ability to cope with stressors and reduce the negative impact of stress on their health and performance. It can lead to significant economic costs for employers, including healthcare expenses, lost productivity, absenteeism and turnover. Organizations through interventions such as job redesign, flexible work arrangements, employee wellness programs and stress management training can reduce chronic stress as these interventions aim to reduce job



demands, increase job control and provide employees with the resources they need to cope effectively with stress. Recognizing these signs early can help in addressing the underlying issues before they escalate. Research shows that in the United States, the American Institute of Stress (AIS) has estimated that around 40% of worker turnover is due to stress and the cost of stress in the workplace has been estimated to be over \$300 billion per year. Studies also show that perceptions of stress and coping mechanisms can vary across cultures. The shift to remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic has introduced new stressors related to work-life balance, isolation and digital overload. Ongoing research is exploring how these changes affect chronic stress levels and what interventions are most effective in this new work environment. Furthermore, studies highlight the role of leadership in either mitigating or exacerbating stress. Supportive leadership styles, clear communication and recognition of employee efforts can reduce stress, while authoritarian or inconsistent management can increase it. There is no denying the fact that different industries have unique stressors. For instance healthcare professionals often face stress due to high-stakes decision-making and emotional demands, while employees in tech industries might experience stress from rapid changes and constant innovation. This type of stress can lead to individual burnout, which is when the body's budget is depleted. Unlike acute stress, which is short-term and can even be beneficial in certain situations such as a deadline or a sudden challenge, chronic stress lasts for an extended period. It can have detrimental effects on both physical and mental health. It is the chronic stress that comes from any area of our lives that can lead to a place of exhaustion and demotivation. It's tough, but the individual needs to find the will within self to get inspired and take recovery into their own hands. Understanding the sources of stress is crucial for both employees and employers to develop strategies to manage and reduce stress, thereby creating a healthier and more productive work environment.

(The writer is an educator, views expressed are personal)

Japan's defence dilemma: Pacifism vs security



SANTHOSH MATHEW

As the world commemorates the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan contemplates pivotal shift in its defence policy



As the world commemorates the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a profound moment of reflection intersects with a pivotal shift in Japan's defence policy. On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan were devastated by atomic bombs dropped by the United States, marking a pivotal moment in World War II and the history of warfare. The bombings resulted in the immediate deaths of tens of thousands of people, with the total number of casualties, including those from radiation sickness and injuries, rising to over 200,000. Hiroshima, targeted first, saw the "Little Boy" bomb obliterate much of the city, while Nagasaki was struck by the "Fat Man" bomb three days later. The immense destruction and loss of life precipitated Japan's surrender on August 15, 1945, effectively ending World War II. These events also ushered in the nuclear age, highlighting the devastating power of atomic weapons and sparking global debates on nuclear ethics, warfare, and disarmament. The bombings remain a somber reminder of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear conflict and the importance of striving for peace and international cooperation. The devastation, which claimed the lives of civilians, imprinted an indelible mark on the nation's collective consciousness and laid the foundation for its pacifist constitution. In the aftermath of these horrific events, Japan adopted a policy of defensive neutrality, enshrined in Article 9 of its constitution, renouncing war and prohibiting the maintenance of armed forces for combat. This commitment to pacifism became a cornerstone of Japan's identity, earning it a place of respect in the global community and even frequent nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize. However, as

JAPAN'S NEW NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY IS A RESPONSE TO THE GROWING TENSIONS IN THE REGION. NORTH KOREA HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED MISSILE TESTS CAPABLE OF REACHING JAPANESE TERRITORY, WHILE CHINA'S INCREASING ASSERTIVENESS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

the world grapples with evolving geopolitical threats, Japan has announced a significant shift in its defence policy. The government has decided to allocate 2% of its GDP to defence spending, marking a departure from its longstanding pacifist stance. This decision, driven by perceived threats from North Korea and China, positions Japan as the second-largest arms importer globally, following Saudi Arabia. Japan's new national security strategy is a response to the growing tensions in the region. North Korea has already conducted missile tests capable of reaching Japanese territory, while China's increasing assertiveness in the South China Sea and its broader regional ambitions have raised alarms in Tokyo. These developments have prompted Japan to reconsider its post-World War II defence posture. Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a staunch advocate for revising Japan's pacifist constitution, argued that the nation must strengthen its military capabilities to counter regional threats. Although Abe's tenure saw some legislative changes allowing for a modest self-defence force, widespread public opposition prevented a complete overhaul of Article 9. Nonetheless, Abe's vision of a robust Japanese military continues to influence current policies. Current Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, with the backing of both the House of Councillors and the House of Representatives, has pressed forward with this new defence agenda. However, public

sentiment remains largely against these changes. According to a Kyodo News Agency survey, 80% of the population opposes the government's constitutional amendment efforts, reflecting a deep-rooted commitment to pacifism among the Japanese people. The decision to shift defence policies on the anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is particularly poignant. The memories of the atomic bombings serve as a stark reminder of the horrors of war and the importance of peace. The destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was not just a military strategy but also an unprecedented human tragedy. The bombings, justified by the U.S. as necessary to end the war, were, in reality, cruel scientific experiments that unleashed untold suffering and long-term consequences. The atomic bombings forced Japan to adopt a peace-oriented constitution, promoting disarmament and dialogue over conflict. Article 9 has been a symbol of hope and a testament to Japan's commitment to ensuring that such devastation never occurs again. The policy shift, therefore, raises important questions about the future of pacifism in Japan and its role in international peace and security. As Japan increases its defence budget and modernizes its military capabilities, it steps into a complex and competitive arms race. The nation that once stood as a beacon of pacifism now finds itself at a crossroads, balancing its historical commitment to peace

with the pressing need to address contemporary security challenges. The legacy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki endures, reminding the world of the catastrophic consequences of war and the enduring value of peace. As Japan navigates this new defence trajectory, it must reconcile its past with its present, ensuring that the principles of peace and humanity remain at the forefront of its national identity. In the shadow of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan's defence policy evolution marks a significant chapter in its history. The world watches closely as Japan seeks to uphold its commitment to peace while safeguarding its future in an increasingly uncertain global landscape. The devastating bombings marked a turning point in World War II, leading to Japan's surrender and the end of the conflict. These tragic events imprinted a commitment to pacifism in Japan's national consciousness, enshrined in its post-war constitution. However, with rising geopolitical threats from North Korea's missile tests and China's regional ambitions, Japan has no choice but to reconsider its pacifist stance and increase its defence spending, sparking a national debate on the future of its long-held commitment to peace. (The writer is an associate professor Centre For South Asian Studies, School of International Studies & Social Sciences Pondicherry Central University; views are personal)

Bangladesh's political shakeup: A diplomatic setback for India

The resignation of Sheikh Hasina poses a significant challenge for New Delhi, as it now faces an uncertain political situation in its neighbouring country

While Bangladeshis may be celebrating the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after she was forced to resign and flee the country on Monday, her removal is a huge blow to India. Not only had New Delhi-Dhaka ties flourished under her prime ministership but the Awami League leader had been mindful of India's strategic interests. She had even tried to keep India's strategic interests in mind vis-à-vis China while adroitly balancing relations with both. During her 15 years of unbroken rule, New Delhi-Dhaka ties enjoyed both stability and mutual trust. But with the army taking charge in Bangladesh and an interim government set to take over, India has a lot to



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worry about. For one, it now has to deal with a new dispensation after having built a very comfortable working relationship with the Sheikh Hasina government over the last 15 years. Secondly, it will also have to contend with the fact that it is the army that will be exercising actual control even with an interim government in place. Thirdly, India will be dealing with an entirely new politi-

cal set-up if and when elections are held in Bangladesh to install a new government. With India having thrown all its weight behind Sheikh Hasina, it may be faced with a huge challenge to build ties with the Opposition parties. India could also be in deep trouble if the pro-Pakistan Bangladesh National Party (BNP) returns to power. It had recently triggered anti-India sentiments in Bangladesh by carrying out an 'India Out' campaign which fortunately fizzled out early. Opposition parties can fan the simmering of these sentiments again, especially given how closely New Delhi was identified with her government. Indeed, for New Delhi, ties with Dhaka had been a "son-

ali adhayay" (golden chapter) under Sheikh Hasina who delivered on New Delhi's expectations, while choosing to downplay India's inability to deliver on the important Teesta waters sharing agreement. But with a new government in power, all this might change. New Delhi, therefore, will have to deftly manoeuvre its way through a tricky diplomatic situation now. It has no choice but to do so given that it has vital stakes in the stability of Bangladesh, ranging from the economic to the strategic, in a country with which it shares a 4,096-km long border. It will also be hoped that the situation in Bangladesh will stabilise soon, knowing well that prolonged instability



there can have serious security and economic ramifications for India. For instance, taking into account New Delhi's security concerns, Sheikh Hasina had cracked down on northeast insurgents sheltering in Bangladeshi territory early on in her second stint as PM. Her government's relentless pursuit of the pro-Pakistan

BNP as well as its ally JeI, also helped India's security interests. Equally worrying for India has been the rise of other radical Islamist outfits like the Hefazat-e-Islam in Bangladesh, which had organised anti-India protests ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit there. The over one million Rohingya refugees who fled Myanmar and are sheltering in Bangladesh too have been a security concern for India. Already home to a sizable number of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, India would also be concerned about a further influx of refugees seeking to flee their troubled country. With five Indian states in the northeast sharing a border with Bangladesh, any such

influx could pose a huge security challenge for the region. Additionally, prolonged turmoil there could hurt Indian efforts to boost connectivity to the NE via Bangladesh using rail links and the sea route. India has for long been seeking alternative routes to bypass the vulnerable Siliguri corridor, which if blocked can cut off land access to its entire NE. The push for shorter routes to the NE via Bangladesh, which would cut down time and costs for the movement of goods, could also receive a setback. The quota stir has already hit bilateral trade after the movement of trucks was stalled at the land ports. While cross-border trade

has now resumed, there have been huge economic losses on either side. Prolonged turmoil can only worsen trading ties between the two countries. Bangladesh is India's biggest trading partner in South Asia. In FY 2022-23, the bilateral trade was \$15.9 billion, though it remains heavily skewed in favour of India. A lot is at stake for India as its close neighbour witnesses some tectonic changes in its governance and political landscape. It means it will have to put in all its diplomatic and political effort into its outreach to whoever is in charge of the new dispensation in Bangladesh. (The writer is a senior New Delhi-based journalist writing on foreign affairs)

what's brewing?

Shreedevi Chowdhary

Anisha Reddy

Anitha and Kavitha

Madhavi

The best *paihanis* and *banarasis* by Pratha and the gold, diamonds and precious stones by Jhauhari were solemnly opened by socialite Nekkanti Shreedevi Chowdhary at the Jubilee Hills pop-up store's Room 9. Also, there was the stunning display of exquisitely designed jewellery by designer Anita Oswal and bridal *Paihani* and *Banarasi* sarees by Kavita Koparkar, who are trusted by Bollywood celebrities like Sonakshi Sinha, Priyanka Chopra and Kirron Kher.

Poonam Daga

Reenu Sharma

Lakshmi

Vasuki Anand

Poonam Daga was the curator of the Meraki show at the Legend Chimes Banquet Hall. The purpose of this event was to give enthusiastic people and home entrepreneurs a stage on which to display their talents. Indian film actress and philanthropist Vasuki Anand presided over its inaugural event alongside Reenu Sharma, the creator of the spiritually-oriented Radhe Kutumb Club.

PARTY

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Sakshi

Aarti

Shradha

Priyanka

Deepika

Uma, Shruthi and Sanchi

Vani

Afresh, Vikrant Massey spoke to a group at a special event. During the event, inDrive made a sizable donation to CRY India of Rs. 34,00,000 in order to further solidify its commitment to community support and social responsibility. With the help of Vikrant Massey, this kind of donation has made a substantial contribution to the company's goal of improving impoverished communities.

A thrilling tournament known as the Crimson Inter-School Basketball Championship - Season 1 took place at St. Michaels School in Alwal, Hyderabad. The Telangana Basketball Association provided assistance for the event, which saw spectacular wins and a resounding turnout from 17 schools in the city. Teams were split up into four groups and each round of play was knockout.

Suroskie is thrilled to announce the appointment of leading actress Tara Sutaria as its brand ambassador for the hair care segment!

'Nizami Chowki' Dinner!

Experience the rich flavours and traditions of the Asafiya dynasty with NIZAMI CHOWKI Dinner, hosted by Novotel Hyderabad Airport (NHA), situated at GMR Aerocity in Hyderabad. Every Saturday evening offers a unique opportunity to explore the decadent culinary legacy of the Asafiya era. Join us them for a spectacular dinner where history and taste come together. Indulge in a variety of delectable dishes, from *Gosht Dungan Haleem* to *Hyderabadi Gosht Shikampur* kebabs and many more, which captures the grand *Nawabi* tradition. The menu features an assortment of traditional breads and desserts, all expertly crafted to provide an authentic glimpse into the past. In addition to the exquisite cuisine, enjoy the luxurious ambience that reflects the grandeur of the Asafiya period. The atmosphere is designed to be as opulent and inviting as the food, ensuring a memorable experience. Don't miss out on this extraordinary culinary journey, celebrating the royal flavours of India.

Where: Food Exchange, Novotel Hyderabad Airport, GMR Aerocity arena
When: 3rd - 31st August, 2024, Every Saturday **Time:** 7PM - 11PM

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CALVIN AND HOBBS

GARFIELD

REALITY CHECK

SPEED BUMP

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Yesterday's solution

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7	3	5	6	2	1	8	4	9
6	9	8	3	7	4	2	5	1
1	2	4	5	8	9	3	6	7
9	7	2	8	4	6	5	1	3
3	8	6	9	1	5	7	2	4
5	4	1	7	3	2	9	8	6

Rules

- Each row and column can contain each number (1 to 9) exactly once.
- The sum of all numbers in any row or column must equal 45.

ACROSS

- Donate
- Talk with in a friendly way
- Injured by a bullet
- Make well again
- Periods of 100 years
- Female children
- Wash the soap out of
- A warning tower for ships
- Wide awake and watchful
- Robbery
- Your mother's mother
- Stories
- The number of legs on a tripod
- A nice place to go out to for a meal
- A house for a pet rabbit
- A big Australian flightless bird
- Opposite of first
- An adult male deer
- Grow weary
- A place for ice skating

DOWN

- Don't
- Talk with in a friendly way
- Injured by a bullet
- Make well again
- Periods of 100 years
- Female children
- Wash the soap out of

SOLUTION

Z	I	G	Z	A	G	S	W	A	P
E	L	E	P	A	T				
O	R	G	E	R	T				
S	H	O	R	E					
U	B	R	O	T	H				
M	E	I	S	C	E				
M	E	X	I	C	O				
E	T	I	N	P	C				
R	A	T	S	C	A	N	E	L	S



