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'THERE SHOULD BE SOME CASUALTY (AFTER) INTROSPECTION. SOONER THE BETTER'

VEERAPPA MOILY, Senior Congress leader

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As Delhi debates a government proposal to offer free rides for women in public transport, stories of women on the move



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How TikTok, an app owned by a Chinese firm, has become a playground for India's young



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of State Anurag Thakur distribute halwa to mark the beginning of printing of budgetary documents on Saturday. PTI

Bridge or causeway: India and Pak differ on Kartarpur corridor

India wants all-weather bridge, cites Ravi flooding; Pak says will miss deadline

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

A BRIDGE at Zero Line on the Indo-Pak border at Dera Baba Nanak has emerged as the latest bone of contention between India and Pakistan on the Kartarpur corridor issue, government sources said.

corridor, including over pro-Khalistani faces in a committee set up by Pakistan and over Pakistan's refusal to allow at least 5,000 visitors a day from India.

during monsoon when the Ravi river overflows. The issue was discussed at a technical meeting held between officials of the two countries at the Attari-Wagah border on May 27.

We had told them right at the start that we need to build an all-weather corridor with cross

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JAMMU & KASHMIR Hurriyat leaders ready for talks, says Governor

If Centre shows sincerity, will respond in appropriate manner: Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to local daily

NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, JUNE 22

APPEARING TO signal that the time was ripe for dialogue in Jammu & Kashmir, Governor Satya Pal Malik made a public statement on Saturday, in the presence of two ministers from the Narendra Modi Cabinet, that the separatist Hurriyat leaders were ready for talks.

"Things are much better than when I came here. Look at the Hurriyat, Ram Vilas Paswan stood at their door and they didn't open the door. Now they are ready for talks," Malik said.

The Governor was speaking at a Doodarshan event in Srinagar. Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar and Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh

EXPLAINED Ball in Centre court now

GOVERNOR MALIK'S statement is significant as it is a reiteration of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's consistent line that he welcomes dialogue. The Hurriyat's moderate faction engaged in talks with the Centre earlier, but it did not lead anywhere. The absence of talks for the last 13 years has since brought the moderate and hardline factions together.

Ahead of Budget, PM meets economists & industry experts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

AT A meeting with over 40 top economists, experts and industrialists ahead of the July 5 Union Budget, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the government was strongly committed to economic reforms. The industry, on the other hand, communicated to the government that it must focus on the economy by pushing growth and creating jobs.

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons, spoke for the industry when he said the government should clearly focus on growth and not worry much about the fiscal deficit and inflation. For that, he is least to have said, the government must spend more and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) must cut policy rates.

Among the key issues discussed were ideas to improve competitiveness of the economy, making government flagship schemes more effective and increasing productivity and incomes in the agriculture sectors.



BOWLED OVER

Mohammed Shami took a hat-trick in the final over of the innings as India beat Afghanistan by 11 runs in a low-scoring game at the Rose Bowl in Southampton Saturday. Reuters PAGE 20

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Swiss aircraft deal: CBI books Sanjay Bhandari, IAF, MoD officials

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

THE CBI late Friday raided nine locations across Delhi-NCR associated with arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari and Swiss company Pilatus Aircraft Ltd after registering a case of corruption against them. The agency is probing alleged bribery in a 2012 deal for purchase of 75 trainer aircraft from Pilatus at a cost of Rs 2,895 crore.

In its FIR, registered on June 19, the CBI has listed eight accused — unknown officials of the Indian Air Force and Ministry of Defence, followed by Bhandari, Pilatus and Bhandari's company, Offset India Solutions Pvt Ltd. Charged with corruption, criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct, the other accused include Offset Director Bimal Sareen, suspected entry operators Deepak Aggarwal and Himanshu Verma, and Offset Solutions FZC, Dubai.

Bhandari is already facing a



Rajesh Sahni and Geeta Devi, who lost their daughter to AES, in Harvanshpur village of Bihar. Ritesh Shukla

As AES claims seven in Bihar village, many leave with children

SANTOSH SINGH HARVANSHPUR (VAISHALI), JUNE 22

TEN DAYS ago, Chatur Sahni lost his son, Prince (7), to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES). Within 24 hours, his other son, Chhotu (2), died too.

In the last fortnight, Harvanshpur village in Vaishali district, about 40 km from Muzaffarpur, has reported seven AES deaths. Two other children are undergoing treatment at Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH) in Muzaffarpur.

Since then, over a dozen fam-

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ilies have left the village with their children. Others have sent their children to live with their relatives elsewhere. All the six families who lost

MP to ease cow transport rules, farmers can buy from each other

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JUNE 22

THE CONGRESS government in Madhya Pradesh has decided to ease rules governing the transportation of cows to ensure that farmers and traders are not harassed by cow vigilantes and stopped by police. The government has also decided to allow trade of cows between farmers by removing a condition that they could buy bovines only from bazaars or haats.

Animal Husbandry Minister Lakhan Yadav told The Sunday Express that the new rules would allow farmers in Madhya Pradesh seeking to buy cattle from another state or district to approach the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) in their area and seek a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) by giving details of the number of cattle, the prospective buyer and the route they were likely to take while transporting the animals. The NOC will be prominently pasted on the vehicle transporting the

Orange barfi, woman drowning: Leads in police hunt for bar dancer's parents

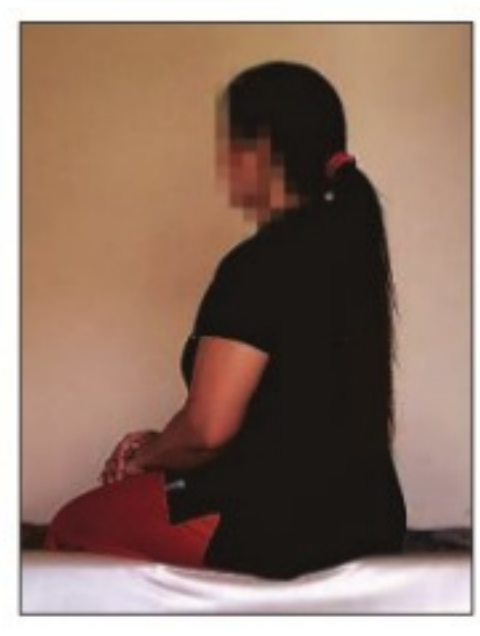
SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, JUNE 22

ORANGE BARFI from a sweet shop, a sugar factory in the neighbourhood, a white-and-green school uniform and a woman drowning in a lake nearby — these snatches of memories from a 25-year-old bar dancer's childhood are the only clues that police have as they attempt to track down her biological parents.

Under orders from the Bombay High Court, the Mumbai Police Crime Branch has already questioned over a thousand people across three

states, but are no closer to finding her parents than when they began their investigation in 2016, when the woman approached police alleging she had been kidnapped and forced into prostitution as a five-year-old girl.

Following her complaint, the Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sanjay Saxena raided a house in Kandivali, in Mumbai's western suburbs, in June 2016, and arrested four alleged traffickers, Vimal Thakur, Jitendra Thakur, Anju Thakur and Poonam Thakur. Two others, Sushil Thakur and Radheshyam Padamsingh Bhato, got anticipatory bail from the Mumbai ses-



Forced into prostitution as a child, woman told police in 2016. Prashant Nadkar

sions court. Three months after their arrest, the four arrested persons also got bail.

Investigations through 2016 and 2017 showed the woman had changed hands for about Rs 20,000 at a fair in Nagla Surajbhan, an Agra village. Those who bought her allegedly changed her name and created a fake birth certificate from Ghaziabad.

The certificate names her father as Sushil Thakur and his wife Rajeshwari as her mother. The couple were subjected to a DNA test in 2016 that confirmed they were not her biological parents.

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