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SUNDAY STORY PAGE 11 Shami's run-up The cement pitch his father laid for him, practice sessions with a cow dung mound as wicket-keeper — going back to his village

BIG PICTURE PAGES 12-13 Class of 2022 Beyond high cutoffs and admission confusion, a place in Delhi University is a foot in the Capital's door for many



Toll worker assaulted in Agra, BJP MP booked

Rohit's Cup runneth over, record fifth ton

AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, JULY 6 A BJP MP has been booked in connection with the alleged assault of a toll plaza employee in Agra during an argument over paying toll, which took place early Saturday morning. An FIR has been registered against Ram Shankar Katheria, the MP from Etawah, and an unknown accused under IPC Sections 147 (rioting), 336 (act endangering safety of others), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) and relevant sections of the Arms Act by Agra Police. According to purported CCTV footage of the incident, a man can be seen slapping a toll worker. Soon afterwards, another man, allegedly from the MP's security cordon, fires two gunshots in the air. Police said CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

SRIRAM VEERA LEEDS, JULY 6 FOR WHOLESOME mastery, there's Virat Kohli; for ingenuity, there is Steve Smith; for batting for your life, there is Kane Williamson but to replenish a burnt-out soul, who else but Rohit Sharma? Sachin Tendulkar, India's greatest batsman, had six hundreds in all world cups. Sharma has six from two world cups, a world-record five in this one alone. Here is another incredible stat: Tendulkar played 45 world cup matches; Sharma has had 16 games. Let it sink in: six from 16. And he only needs 27 more runs to overhaul Tendulkar's record run-tally (673 in 2003) in a single world cup. Here's one more: in the last 12 months, Sharma has scored 2,063 runs in 34 innings with 10 hundreds. No one in history has piled up 10 centuries in a span of 365 days. Sharma has the highest average in the world cup (69.78) for anyone who has played at least 15 innings. The second Indian on the list, and fifth overall, is CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Rohit Sharma celebrates his fifth World Cup century as India beat Sri Lanka by 7 wickets in Leeds on Saturday. AP PAGE 20

224-MEMBER KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY Cong-JD(S) coalition on brink as 14 MLAs resign

Cong leaders rush to Bengaluru, Speaker says will decide in House



Congress and JD(S) MLAs who submitted their resignation, outside Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

JOHNSON TA & MANOJ CG BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, JULY 6

THE RULING Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka slipped to the brink of collapse Saturday after 10 Congress and three JD(S) MLAs submitted their resignations to the Speaker and later met Governor Vajubhai Vala. The move comes days after another Congress MLA, Anand Singh, resigned on July 1.

EXPLAINED Leadership vacuum, crisis hits states

AFTER THE resignation of two MLAs in Gujarat and now more in Karnataka, the crisis in the Congress triggered by Rahul Gandhi's resignation as party president is slowly spreading to states. Though the party claims Gandhi will continue until his resignation is accepted and an alternative system is put in place, the continuing uncertainty and leadership vacuum is beginning to take its toll.

Amid crisis in Congress, Amarinder calls for 'young leader'



MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, JULY 6 AS THE Congress grapples with its worst-ever leadership crisis in two decades, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday suggested that a 'young leader' should be appointed as party president. His remarks stunned the party's old guard, but were welcomed by the younger generation of leaders.

The party has been groping in the dark ever since Rahul Gandhi made his resignation public earlier this week. Senior leaders have held several rounds of informal discussions but are yet to arrive at a consensus on a leader who can helm the party at such a critical juncture, keep it united, and breathe life into it to take on an ascendant BJP. Amid this confusion, Singh tweeted on Saturday: "After unfortunate decision of Rahul CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Budget is roadmap for \$5-trillion goal, size of the cake matters: PM

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, JULY 6



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi. PTI

EXPLAINING the rationale behind setting a \$5-trillion GDP target, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cited an English phrase — "size of the cake matters" — Saturday to underscore that if the size of the economy grows, every stakeholder benefits. "If you see the history of any developed nation, at one point in time, their per capita income was not very high. But there came a time for these nations when the per capita income saw a significant jump and that is when they went from being developing nations to developed nations," Modi said addressing BJP workers at the launch of a membership drive in Varanasi. According to the Prime Minister, an increase in per capita income will lead to purchasing

power, which in turn will accelerate demand and production of goods and services, eventually creating more employment. "This Budget is for the 'New India' that we aspire to build, an India which is a \$5-trillion economy, where the rich and the poor work together for the progress of the country and where there is social equality for everyone," he said. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Am bound by FRBM targets: Sitharaman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 6

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday that she was not over-cautious in compressing the fiscal deficit targets in the Union Budget and said she was bound by the FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act to achieve these targets. She said CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Nepal govt says no to Dalai Lama birthday

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, JULY 6

AS CHINA'S grip over Nepal increases, Prime Minister KP Oli's government refused permission to the Tibetan community to celebrate the 84th birthday of the Dalai Lama on Saturday.

Sources in Nepal's Home Ministry said the government has denied permission to the office of the Dalai Lama in Kathmandu, asking them not to celebrate the spiritual leader's birthday — he was born July 6, 1935.

The stern posture of the Nepal government coincides with China's tight vigilance, especially on Tibetan activities in Nepal, and the government's compliance with a Chinese request to deny entry to individuals blacklisted by the Chinese CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Meet 'zero budget' Vidarbha farmer who was mentioned in Budget speech

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS PUNE, JULY 6



Subhash Palekar

THE ECONOMIC Survey on Thursday mentioned Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) along with Vedic Farming, Homa Farming and Cow Farming — and how these "climate friendly"

agricultural practices can enable "elimination of chemical pesticides" and restoration of soil organic matter and fertility. But an even bigger push for ZBNF and the 70-year-old behind it — Subhash Palekar — came in the Union Budget speech of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Worldwide problem, must reach out, says UK's Minister of Loneliness



SRIRAM VEERA LONDON, JULY 6

ment to name a Minister of Loneliness last year, a move that seemed straight out of the classic British political sitcom Yes Minister.

Perhaps, it's that English philosophy of "stiff upper lip, keep calm and carry on" that is to be blamed. Asked about this, Minister of Loneliness Mims Davies says, "You have a point there. It's our culture, where we are almost encouraged to keep ourselves to ourselves — don't reveal any vulnerability in particular, lest it be misconstrued." Last month, her ministry



Community breaking, need to fill the gap: Mims Davies

about their feelings and reach out to others. "Just a small hi, how do you do, can help," says Davies. "The community, as it existed in the eras gone by, is breaking — and we need to do something to fill the gap."

Maggie, 48, is a resident of Southampton, a small town where nothing much seems to happen. She lives in a lovely, leafy suburb, Hedge End, where houses are almost submerged in shrubs, or so it feels. "Nothing much to do here if you are alone, but this is cheaper compared to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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