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## Maha-gathbandhan moves closer, Uddhav Thackeray set to become Chief Minister

Pawar announces consensus on Sena chief as CM, Thackeray says other issues being sorted out

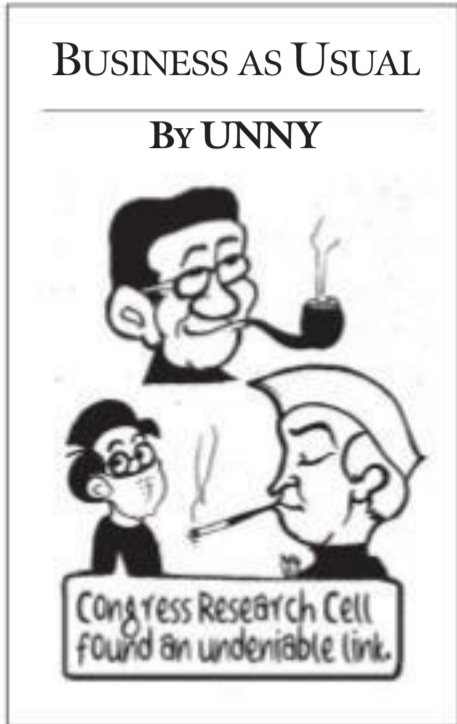
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MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

A MONTH after the Maharashtra Assembly elections, and ten days after imposition of President's Rule following an impasse over government formation, rivals NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena reached a consensus Friday evening that Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray will be the new Chief Minister of the state, heading a government of their alliance.



The Indian Express report on November 19

government formation and the power-sharing agreement between the three parties is awaited amid indications of a tussle between the Congress and NCP for the Assembly Speaker's post. Sources said talks over this new sticking point have been deferred to Saturday.



NCP chief Sharad Pawar, emerging from a meeting of the three parties, said a consensus had been reached on Uddhav

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## Behind mild exterior, a tough negotiator, tech-savvy manager

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MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

SINCE THE death of Bal Thackeray in 2012, opponents and allies alike masked with difficulty their derision for his son and political heir Uddhav, who was seen as less suave, too circumspect and mild to lead an aggressive cadre-based party like the Shiv Sena.

Within the BJP, it was believed that unlike his belligerent father, Thackeray could be kept under control. On Friday, however, it was clear that the BJP and many of his detractors had misread the 59-year-old Thackeray who managed to trigger a tectonic shift in the Shiv



Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray after the meeting with NCP and Congress, in Mumbai on Friday. Nirmal Harindran

Sena's political trajectory that even his father could not have imagined in his lifetime.

The youngest of Bal Thackeray's three children, Uddhav was an unlikely candi-

date to helm the Shiv Sena. A backroom boy who was more interested in cameras and the latest tech gizmos, he found himself thrown into the rough and

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## Centre panel set to suggest rollback of JNU hostel fee hike

Panel's recommendations likely to be submitted over the weekend

**RITIKA CHOPRA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE UNION government's high-powered committee is expected to recommend that the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) should reconsider the hike in hostel fee approved earlier this month.

The panel, set up by the HRD Ministry on November 16 to "recommend ways to restore normal functioning in JNU", held its most recent meeting Friday. Former UGC chairman V S Chauhan, AICTE chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe and UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain met students on the university campus. Over the last five days, the committee has held meetings with the university administration, which Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar chose to skip, the students and teachers.

Based on feedback from all stakeholders, the panel may suggest that JNU should roll back the decision to hike hostel fee for now, and going forward, ensure that all stakeholders participate in decision-making, it is learnt. The panel is expected to submit its recommendations over the weekend.

The fee hike has led to protests by students and a section of teachers, many of whom believe the university will



At a protest against the fee hike earlier this week. File

become out of reach for poorer students if the hostel fee increases. Students also claim that the JNUSU wasn't consulted during decision-making.

The main point of protest is the introduction of service charges — for maintenance, mess workers, cook and sanitation — and utility charges (power and water consumption), which were so far not included in the hostel fee.

Rent for a single room has been increased from Rs 20 per month to Rs 600 per month, and for a double-sharing room from Rs 10 per month to Rs 300 per month.

Although the university, after protests last week, reviewed

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## Centre set to clear IIM for Telangana

**RITIKA CHOPRA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE UNION government is set to approve a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) for Telangana, five years after the state was carved out of Andhra Pradesh.

The HRD Ministry is learnt to have prepared a proposal this week, and a Cabinet note will be prepared once the plan gets the minister's stamp of approval. In all likelihood, the institute will be located in Hyderabad.

The proposal was fast-tracked after the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) wrote to the ministry last week, asking it to take a decision on the several requests received from the state, including one from the Chief Minister. The ministry was given a week to decide.

The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act promises an IIT, NIT, IIM, IISER, central university, petroleum university, agricultural university and IIT for Andhra Pradesh, and a tribal university and horticulture university for Telangana. An IIM is not committed for Telangana. However, that is set to change.

Since 2014, the NDA government has established seven new IIMs — in Maharashtra, Punjab, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and J&K.

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

IN AUGUST, Goose, a diminutive white Siberian husky, was found abandoned on the streets of central Delhi. Those who found it couldn't understand why a four-month-old purebred female husky, an expensive breed in the canine hierarchy, would be left on its own.

But a trip to an animal shelter, and then to a canine hospital, revealed that the dog



## AT HOME, IN EDEN

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, ahead of the India-Bangladesh Test, on Friday. Partha Paul PAGE 10

## Sisodia says BIS report on water meant to benefit RO manufacturers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

THE WATER quality report prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) reeks of a "conspiracy" to "benefit RO manufacturers", Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Friday.

"Pipes that are 30 years old will break and see contamination and will be repaired regularly, but



Sisodia at the Idea Exchange, Friday. Amit Mehra

to come out with such a report on Delhi's water quality at this time



is a conspiracy... Unnecessary fear about water quality is being created at a time when there is a National Green Tribunal order laying down guidelines for reduction

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## BJP MP's Bill in LS: Limit kids per couple to 2

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

MONTHS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue of population control in his Independence Day speech, a BJP MP on Friday introduced a private member's Bill in Lok Sabha, seeking to limit the number of children per married couple to two. The MP also intro-



Ajay Bhatt, BJP MP from Uttarakhand

duced a Bill to amend the Constitution to implement the Uniform Civil Code.

BJP MP from Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar constituency in Uttarakhand, proposes that couples who have more than two children, after the Act comes into effect, should be deprived of all government benefits and the right to apply for a government job. They should also have to pay a fine up to Rs 50,000.

The Bill also proposes incentives for those who comply,

including preference in government jobs.

"After China, India is the most populous country in the world. Increasing population leads to more poverty. The increasing growth rate is pulling India into a vicious cycle of population and

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maturity date etc.

The fifth point ended with: "Also, a view may be taken on the following issues: (1) Whether consultation with Political Parties needs to be carried out on the proposed Scheme? If yes, whether Scheme may be circulated to all National and State parties with a 15 days window to submit draft comments? (2) Whether the draft Scheme needs to be opened to public for comments by hosting it on MoF website?"

However, this part is struck out by pen on the note dated August 21, and on the very next day, August 22, Goyal wrote a new note which dropped these queries summarily. The fifth point on the new note simply stated: "Hon'ble FM may approve the proposed structure of Scheme as outlined above."

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## Vets from Netherlands, India give lease of life to abandoned dog



Once she became aware of Goose's condition, Anchalia says she searched online for vets who specialise in performing the surgery, meant to address accumulation of fluid inside the brain. She sent out emails to almost 50 people, inviting them to India to perform the procedure. "I wasn't sure it would yield results, but I knew that if we

The Siberian husky, Goose, will be put up for adoption after it recovers

didn't do anything, Goose would definitely die," she said. Then came a response that gave Anchalia and her team some hope. After almost two months of back and forth, Prof BP Meij from the Netherlands, who teaches vets from around the world to perform this particular surgery, agreed to come to India and lead a team of surgeons.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Dr Meij, from the Department of Clinical Sciences of Companion Animals Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht

University, said, "The fact that this is an abandoned pup makes no difference to me. Every dog should get the care it deserves, whenever possible."

"I have performed 20 such surgeries over the years and the success rate is 70-80 per cent. The surgery itself does not carry a high risk whenever anaesthesia and aftercare is in good hands," Dr Meij said. "The prognosis is good in young dogs."

"Post the surgery, I also gave a lecture on ventriculoperitoneal

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