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Transfer of Wealth from the POOR to the RICH

Gahesh Bhat Sirsi - The government, those from the ruling party and their supporters praised the Budget as one with a vision to take India from a largely agrarian, rural economy into a fast-track digital economy. It has laid down a roadmap. It is praised as a booster budget because it strengthens business activity and infrastructure development. The Opposition criticized it as usual. However, comments by a congress veteran and finance minister of UPA, who always supported Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization that this is the most capitalist Budget, is proved by the over-enthusiastic



support from the speculative stock market. **Expectations Belied:** Much was expected from the Union Budget 2022, when India (... Contd... on Page 4)

CHENAB RAIL BRIDGE

Staff Reporter - You've seen the breathtaking views of the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's tallest railway bridge. But do you know the story behind it? Let's deep dive into the untold history and the woman who made it possible: Prof. Gali Madhavi Latha. Prof. Gali Madhavi Latha the geotechnical expert who helped build the world's tallest railway bridge, the Chenab Rail Bridge in Kashmir. A 17-year mission. An engineering marvel. A story worth telling. The Chenab Bridge stands at 359m, taller than the Eiffel Tower, connecting Kashmir with the rest of India by rail. It's a symbol of resilience and modern engineering.



Back in 2005, Northern Railway brought Prof. Latha on board as the lead geotechnical consultant. Her task? Tame the Himalayas, stabilise steep fractured slopes, and make the impossible buildable.

Armed with a PhD in Geotechnical Engineering from IIT Madras and research creds at IISc Bangalore, she was no strang-

er to rock mechanics. The Chenab site would test everything she knew and more. She hiked treacherous terrain, crossed rivers by boat, and studied fractured Himalayan rock at a site known for seismic activity. Danger wasn't an obstacle; it was part of the brief. Her core strategy? Design-as-you-go. The geology was so unpredictable, textbook solutions wouldn't work. She adapted designs (... Contd... on Page 4)

Nerul School Ceiling Collapses Days After Opening

Staff Reporter - A major safety concern has arisen over the newly constructed municipal



school building in Sector 30, Nerul, after a portion of the classroom ceiling slab collapsed while students were present. In response to this alarming incident, Shiv Sena has formally (... Contd... on Page 4)

Wipro leases 3.87 lakh sq ft office space in Navi Mumbai's Airoli for 10 years

Staff Reporter - IT major Wipro Ltd has picked up office space spanning eight floors spread over 387,000 sq ft at K Raheja Corp's IT special economic zone (SEZ) Mindspace Business Park in Navi Mumbai's Airoli locality through a long-term lease of over 10 years. The deal concluded through two separate agreements has been signed at a monthly rent of Rs 2.48 crore with a clause for 5% annual escalation. Over the tenure of the lease, Wipro is expected to pay a total Rs 328 crore, including escalations

Darlie O Koshy's books 'All by Design' and 'The Gemini Man' released



Filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan released the Malayalam edition of the book 'All by Design' by handing over a copy to Cheriyan Philip on Friday in a function organised by the Satbhavana Trust in Harmony at Hotel Mascot. Jiji Thomson released the book 'The Gemini Man' by presenting it to Antony Thomas. Chairman

of Satbhavana Trust B.S. Balachandran presided. Dr. Darlie Oommen Koshy, who authored both the books, is a distinguished leader in design and fashion with over 45 years of experience. In his address, he stressed the role of design as a transformative force and called for Kerala to rediscover its legacy in fashion and design.

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Editorial

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HUNT DOWN THE PLOTTERS

The killing of innocent tourists at Pahalgam in the Kashmir valley has once again brought pain and instability to a region already burdened by decades of conflict. The loss of lives is a tragedy that demands immediate attention and resolution. It is eartbreaking to see families torn apart and people living in constant fear. Violence not only destabilises the region but also hampers any efforts at peace, progress and mutual understanding. It is imperative for the civil society and the media to highlight these issues responsibly and work together for long-term harmony. Let us not allow Kashmir to remain a land of bloodshed. It deserves peace, dignity and a future where every citizen feels safe. The killing of innocent tourists is an act of cowardice. It shows that the terror network sponsored by Pakistan continues to exist in J&K. Cross-border terrorism will continue because it is Pakistan's state policy to bleed India. No terror attack can be carried out without local support. What we need to do is to hunt down the plotters of this massacre. It is time to stand in solidarity with the victims' families. There should be no room for bias towards the perpetrators on the basis of religion. Such incidents dent the image of Kashmir, which is known for its hospitality.

PATIENCE

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Patience is measured in terms of the quality of what you do when waiting for something to happen. At the operating level, we label people who fret, fume or generally make themselves / others uncomfortable as 'impatient'. Those who are silent and generally inconspicuous are admired as 'patient'. And of course, there is a threshold level for all before the patience wears out. But are all supposedly patient people really patient? Or are they under duress not to express their irritation? As a positive virtue, patience is a certain assertive calmness while the subject is working out ways and means to get the job done by self or by another person. The job might not get done for various reasons; but patience will ensure an assertive and logical closure of the issue. A mature level of understanding one's skill, energy and concentration and a proper appreciation of

the same set of qualities in the other person (as the case may be) results in a patient approach. Children need to be made aware of the importance of patience. It is a cluster of positive qualities. Each trait is linked to one or more other traits. It requires parental guidance for the child to: 1. Understand what is peer pressure Peer pressure push children into panicking /hurrying. 2. Not to rush into situations out of overconfidence. 3. Be aware what it takes to complete the task correctly. 4. Be aware that preparation / warm up / fitness are all important for the execution of a task. 5. Proper communication with team members for a synchronized effort. A patient person is not left with a bad taste in the mouth after the job is done/closed. He/she does not feel the need to bring up the matter at a later date. An impatient person is bad news for a team / family.

FREEDOM OF PRESS

There can be no doubt that Press is a necessary instrumentality for strengthening the forces of democracy. But every freedom is subject to reasonable restrictions. It is in the public interest to see that allegations or criticism which would scandalize or tend to lower the authority of the Courts is not permitted because in the functioning of democracy an independent judiciary to dispense justice without fear or favour is necessary and its strength is the faith of the public in general in that institution. That cannot be permitted to be undermined because that will be against public interest. The public interest in ensuring both fair trial and freedom of speech necessitates a delicate balancing exercise.

Right of freedom of press is not higher than the right of freedom of speech of an individual and this right, as is said, is not an absolute right. This is a right guaranteed under article 19 of the Constitution of India and this right is subject to restrictions mentioned in Article 19 of the Constitution. Even without that, it is well settled principle of equity that one's freedom to move his arm ends where somebody's nose starts. Freedom of expression or freedom of press would not certainly include freedom to defame. It would be, however, a different story if publication which is made is factually correct and which is in public interest,



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for example, if a person is involved in anti-national activities and a publication is made bringing it to the notice of the general public that such person is involved in anti-national activities and if it is factually correct it would be in the interest of the public to know such accusation, but if such accusation is factually incorrect then damage would be done to the person about whom such a story is published. Therefore, the law of defamation is not in any way unreasonable or Section 499 of IPC does not violates any principles on which our democratic set up rests. Truth is an exception to the law of defamation.

The power and reach of the media, both print as well as electronic, is tremendous. It has to be exercised in the interest of the public good. A free press is one of the very important pillar on which the foundation of Rule of Law and democracy rests. At the same time, it is also necessary that freedom must be exercised with utmost

responsibility. It must not be abused. It should not be treated as a licence to denigrate other institutions. Sensationalism is not unknown. Any attempt to make news out of nothing just for the sake of sensalization has to be deprecated. When there is temptation to sensationalize particularly at the expense of those institutions or persons who from the nature of their office cannot reply, such temptation has to be resisted and if not, it would be the task of the law to give clear guidance as to what is and what is not permitted. While the media can, in the public interest, resort to a reasonable criticism of a judicial act or the judgment of a Court for public good or report any such statements, it should refrain from casting scurrilous aspersions on, or impute improper motives or personal bias to the Judge. Nor should they scandalize the Court or the judiciary as a whole, or make personal allegations of lack of ability or integrity against a Judge. It should be kept in mind that Judges do not defend their decisions in public and if citizens disrespect the persona laying down the law, they cannot be expected to respect the law laid down by them. The only way the Judge can defend a decision is by the reasoning in the decision itself and it is certainly open to being criticized by anyone who thinks that it is erroneous.

TRAIN TRAGEDY

M. R. JAYANTHY - At least five people died and seven others sustained injuries after several passengers fell off a moving train near Mumbra railway station in Thane in the busy morning hours. A probe has been launched to determine what caused the incident. The passengers

reportedly fell around 9 am while the Kasara-bound train, which started from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), was passing through the Diva-Mumbra area. People hanging off this train's footboard collided with the passengers who were similarly clinging

on to another train that was passing in the opposite direction towards CSMT, causing the accident. Authorities with the Central Railway confirmed that another train was passing towards the opposite side, causing the accident. The life in early morning travellers in Central Railway during busy hours is rather miserable.



From an
Easy Chair

Jubel D'Cruz

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

A school is a place of learning for a child. It is a training ground for him/her. It is here that a child forms new associates and forms new ideas and habits. It is here that he/she prepares himself/herself for the stage of life. I was enrolled in a school at the age of five. I still remember that the first day of my school was a Monday and my mum had packed two sandwiches for me to be eaten during the short recess. The first day of school is often considered an important day in every child's life. It is like a new world to us. It is a time of mix emotions, like nervousness, excitement, homesickness, feelings of shyness, and likewise. I felt a bit nervous in the new environment. The boys of my class looked at me with wonder and smiled. I had with me my English alphabet textbook and got my first lesson in learning the alphabets -- A B C. The day started with the teacher introducing herself and explaining the daily routine. We recited the alphabets, sang nursery rhymes and listened to interesting stories. Soon the bell for the recess rang. The boys rushed out of the classroom with excitement. Some of them even gathered around me. They laughed at me and made fun of me for being so shy. A few sympathized with me and befriended me. We played games,

shared our snacks, and laughed together. I had a novel experience. The final bell to go home rang at 1:30 pm. All the boys felt happy. I took my school bag and hurried back home along with my mother who was waiting for me at the school gate. While walking back home, I realised that my first day was not just about learning the alphabets; it was about making new friends and settling myself as a new student. The morning, which was full of uncertainty at the end of the day, came to an end with exciting adventures and endless possibilities.

Years later, the memory of my first day at school is still fresh in my mind. I feel proud when I describe it to others. My first day in school was completely a new experience for me. It filled me with pride when I look back at it and share my experience with others. I feel my first day helped me become confident in school which ultimately shaped the rest of my years there. Today, several years later, I feel happy that I went to school. If I hadn't, I would be doing odd jobs for people like running errands, watering the lawns, scrubbing utensils, looking after the sick and the aged, or even washing clothes and wouldn't be able to become a writer and write this article for readers like you.

21-year-old student dies by suicide at Mumbai's College

Staff Reporter - A tragic incident occurred at Sathaye College in Mumbai's Vile Parle area, where a 21-year-old student reportedly died by suicide after jumping from the college building. The shocking development has left students and faculty members in deep shock. According to initial reports, the deceased student has been identified as Sandhya Pathak, who was a third-year student at the same college. College authorities informed her family that she lost her life after falling from the third floor of the building. The exact circumstances surrounding her death are yet to be ascertained. Meanwhile, the Vile Parle police have registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR) and have launched a thorough investigation. As part of the probe, officials are reviewing CCTV footage from the college campus to understand what led Sandhya to take such an extreme step. As per the information, police are also expected to speak with classmates,

faculty members, and the student's family to piece together any factors that may have contributed to the incident. Nursing student dies by suicide. Earlier this month, a 19-year-old nursing student in Navi Mumbai allegedly died by suicide after facing caste-based harassment and humiliation from his college principal. As per the police, an FIR was registered against the woman principal under charges of abetment of suicide and provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, following a complaint from the student's mother. The incident took place on June 3 at a private nursing college in Poyange village, Panvel. The FIR stated that the principal had repeatedly humiliated the student with casteist slurs and degrading comments, including remarks about his masculinity, over the past few months. The student was reportedly unable to cope with the continued harassment and took the extreme step.

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demanding that the contractor responsible for the construction be immediately blacklisted. The school building, constructed at a cost of ₹17.75 crore, reportedly showed signs of poor construction quality within just four days of the new academic year. On June 19, parts of the ceiling slab in a Grade 6 classroom fell suddenly while 36 students were inside. The class teacher reportedly suffered a minor head injury. Following the incident, a complaint was submitted by Sena to the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), accusing the

contractor of endangering lives through substandard work. He has urged the civic authorities to not only blacklist the contractor but also launch a full technical audit of the building and hold negligent municipal officials accountable. "Immediate blacklisting of the contractor is necessary to set an example and ensure no such negligence occurs in future civic projects," said party worker and former NMMT Transport Committee member, Sameer Amin Bagwan Bagwan. He also pointed to several other flaws in the building, including cracks in structural beams, water leakage, a broken water tank on the terrace.

NO PIN CODE

Staff Reporter - *`Goodbye to PIN code, Postal Department introduces DigiPIN, how to find your digital address?`*

Delhi: The era of PIN codes, which were the attraction of postal addresses, is over, and the Indian Postal Department has introduced a digital address called 'DigiPIN' as an alternative. DIGIPIN will be the new address system in the country from now on. While traditional PIN codes cover a wide area, the 10-digit DigiPIN system represents the exact location of your home or business. Let's know what are the differences between PIN code and DigiPIN.

The Indian Postal Department has introduced the DIGIPIN system to understand the exact location. DigiPIN has a 10-digit digital code. Instead of the traditional pin code, which covered a wide area, the DigiPIN will provide precise location information. That is, the exact location of your home or business can be found through this DigiPIN. You can find your home by visiting the government website designated for creating a DigiPIN and finding the

code. The advantage of DigiPIN is that it will deliver correspondence to the right place and help emergency services such as ambulances and fire departments to reach it accurately by understanding the location. It is hoped that DigiPIN will be beneficial in remote areas including rural areas. It is claimed that DigiPIN will be able to deliver parcels to the right location not only for correspondence, but also for e-commerce websites.

How to find your DigiPIN?

The government website <https://dac.indiapost.gov.in/mydigipin/home> has been prepared to find your DigiPIN. By visiting this website and clicking on the location you have found, you can find out your 10-digit DigiPIN. What makes DigiPIN different from other address systems is that you can know your exact location within a radius of four meters. India Post has developed a geocoded digital address system called DigiPIN in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad, NRSC and ISRO. DigiPIN can also be used offline.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

- By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:



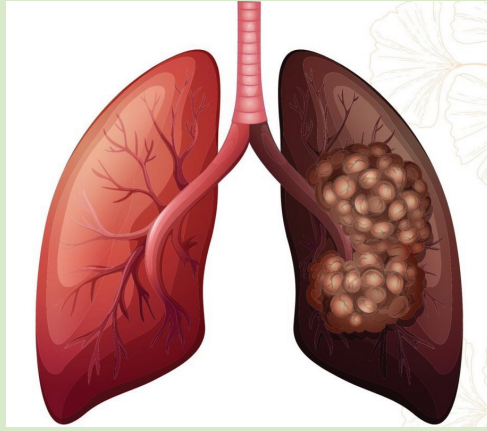
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

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HEALTH RISK FOR PULMONARY FIBROSIS

Causes and risk factors -While the exact cause of IPF is unclear. Certain factors include: Genetic predisposition Exposure to pollutants, such as dust, fumes, or chemicals History of smoking, Certain viral infections, Acid reflux (GERD), Autoimmune diseases **The symptoms**- The symptoms of IPF develop gradually. One can suffer from: Persistent dry cough, Shortness of breath, especially during physical activity, Fatigue and weakness, Chest discomfort, Unexplained weight loss, because these symptoms are often mistaken for aging or other conditions, many patients are diagnosed late, and their condition may worsen. Remember, men, consult the doctor on an immediate basis. **Complications**- If left unmanaged, IPF can lead to serious complications :Respiratory failure, Pulmonary hypertension (high blood pressure in the lungs), Lung infections, Heart problems, Lung cancer in some cases **Why men are more susceptible?** Various studies confirm that men are more frequently diagnosed with IPF than women. This may be due to: Higher rates of smoking among men. A large number of men tend to smoke and are prone to this condition. Occupational exposure to harmful chemicals or dust (construction, mining, factory work) can increase one chance. **Genetic factors**- Many men delay



seeking medical care for breathing problems, which can result in late diagnosis. **Tips to manage and prevent IPF**-Men must quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Try smoking cessation therapy by taking the expert's help. Make sure to use protective gear when exposed to dust or chemicals at work. It is necessary to treat acid reflux (GERD) to reduce lung irritation, maintain a healthy weight, and stay active by exercising daily. Get regular check-ups in case of breathlessness. Treatment includes medications to slow lung scarring, oxygen therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation, and in advanced cases, lung transplantation. Recognising symptoms early, avoiding risk factors, and seeking timely medical care can help manage the disease and improve quality of life.

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is facing economic turmoil and battling widespread unemployment and inflation marked by the tremendous loss of life and livelihoods due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, reports reveal that during the last two years, 84 per cent of households in the country suffered a decline in their income while the number of Indian billionaires went up significantly. Their wealth increased from Rs.23.14 lakh crore to 53.16 lakh crore.

The Budget does not address the problems of job losses or the creation of jobs, or Education halted at the school level. Moreover, additional loans proposed for MSMEs are for those who are regular in Bank dealings and not for reviving MSMEs that had shut down or defaulted payment.

Some of the Budget's high-profile initiatives are focused on categories like infrastructure, logistics, 5G (including content synergic with advanced telecom networks, like AVGC

[animation, visual effects, gaming, comic]), digitization and solar energy - the sectors linked to corporate groups popularly seen as close to the ruling party.

The government claims that capital expenditure is needed to boost private investment, which is expected to create jobs. The allocation for capital expenditure has been increased by Z 1,48,000 crores by reducing the subsidy and budget cuts (e.g., the reduction in fertilizer subsidy from 1.40 lakhs crore to 1.05 lakh crore; the reduction in MNREGA allocation from 0.98 lakh crore to 0.73 lakh crore; and the reduction in food spending from 2.86 lakh crores to 2.06 lakh crores.) which equal Z1,47,000 crores.

Neglect of Employment Creation:

It is not the capital expenditure but the revenue expenditure that induces direct demand in the economy by influencing consumption and is expected to boost growth, which this

Budget has ignored. Increased allocation for MNREGA to provide at least 200 days of work per year to all rural households seeking employment could be a positive step. The Budget emphasizes IT and digital in all sectors, with less direct employment potential. (to be contd....)



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in real-time, inventing methods on-site. When hidden voids and fractured rock emerged, she led cement grouting and rock anchoring operations — injecting, stitching, and reinforcing the slopes with over 66 km of rock anchors. Some nights, Prof. Latha stayed on-site around the clock, giving real-time advice as excavation crews tackled unstable rock. One slip could mean disaster. Precision was non-negotiable. The Chenab Bridge needed to withstand wind speeds of 260 km/h and earthquakes of magnitude 8. Her geotechnical designs made this feat structurally sound and safe. After 17 years of hands-on work, she finally visited the finished bridge in 2022, not as a consultant, but as a proud mother showing her kids what perseverance can build.

In 2021, she was named Best Woman Geotechnical Researcher by the Indian Geotechnical Society. The bridge was her magnum opus but not her only achievement. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Geotechnical Journal (2016–2022) and currently mentors young engineers at IISc. Her mission goes beyond structures, it's about legacy. On June 4, 2025, the Chenab Bridge saw its first Vande Bharat Express test run, a dream realised for engineers, railways, and the nation. Quietly behind it: Prof. Latha's blueprint. The Chenab Bridge is now a global symbol of Indian engineering. But its foundation rests on a quiet, relentless geotechnical genius, Prof. Gali Madhavi Latha. Salute to the woman who moved mountains.

