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## NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

The death of Cyrus P. Mistry, former Chairman of Tata Sons, in a car crash in Maharashtra's Palghar district has turned the focus on whether compulsory use of seat belts in cars — including by passengers in the rear seat — can save lives during such accidents. The seat belt performs many functions, notably slowing the occupant at the same rate as the vehicle, distributing the physical force in a crash across the stronger parts of the body such as the pelvis and chest, preventing collisions with objects within the vehicle and sudden ejection. B The Road Transport Ministry said that during 2017, a shocking 26,896 people lost their lives due to nonuse of seat belts with 16,876 of them being passengers.

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has written to all State Medical Councils, banning conversion therapy and calling it a "professional misconduct". B In 2021, Justice N. Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court issued a slew of interim guidelines for the police, activists, Union and State Social Welfare Ministries, and the National Medical Commission, regarding the LGBTQIA+ community, to "ensure their safety and security to lead a life chosen by them." B Parents too need to be sensitised, because the first point of abuse often begins at home, with teenagers being forced to opt for "conversion" therapies.

Preventive detentions in 2021 saw a rise by over 23.7% compared with the year before, with over 1.1 lakh people being placed under preventive detention, according to statistics released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) last month. Of these, 483 were detentions under the National Security Act, of which almost half (241) were either in custody or still detained as of 2021end. Over 24,500 people placed under preventive detention were either in custody or still detained as of 2021end — the highest since 2017 when the NCRB started recording this data.

Playfully chiding the Indian government for failing to deliver on the Teesta water sharing agreement, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday said the treaty, held up since 2011 due to differences between the Centre and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, was also holding up Hilsa fish supplies to India. "You [India] aren't giving us enough water, so I can't give you Hilsa fish right now.

## V. O. CHIDAMBARAM

1.The Prime Minister paid tributes to freedom fighter V. O. Chidambaram Pillai on his birth Anniversary. Valliyappan Ulaganathan Chidambaram (V.O.C.) was born in 1872 in Ottapidaram, Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. He is also known as Kappalottiya Tamizhan or 'The Tamil Helmsman'. He was a prominent lawyer, trade union leader, an Indian freedom fighter, and leader in the Indian National Congress (INC). 2.He mobilized the workers of the Coral Mills, thereby expanding the social base of the Swadeshi movement. In 1906, he established the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company (SSNC), which competed with the monopoly of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

3.He purchased two steamships, S.S. Gallia and S.S. Lawoe for SSNC and commenced first Indian shipping service between Tuticorin and Colombo against the opposition of the British Government and traders. He was charged with sedition by the British colonial government and was sentenced to life imprisonment. His barrister license was revoked. Political Life - Chidambarapillai supported Bal Gangadhar Tilak and the militant wing of the INC.

4.He participated in the 1907 Surat Congress with Subramania Bharati. He was one of the earliest to start the 'Dharmasangha Nesavuchalai' for hand-loom industry and the 'Swadeshi Stores' for the sale of India made things to the people.

5.He played a lead role in many institutions, like the "National Godown," "Madras Agro-Industrial Society Ltd.," and "The Desabimana Sangam". One of India's major ports, Tuticorin Port Trust, is named after him.

## KURKI

1.A farmer, who had been sitting on a dharna against kurki orders for his land based on a court case filed against him by the local moneylender for defaulting on loan payment, had died by suicide . Kurki means attachment of a farmer's land, already pledged to the money lending institution or individual, in case of a loan default. Apart from banks, private moneylenders, commission agents also get these decrees against farmers from time to time.

2.Execution of kurki - Kurki orders are executed under Section 60 of Civil Procedure Code, 1908. The land which is pledged by the farmer to the bank or money lender gets registered in their name. In some cases, the land is auctioned as well. The process begins after the moneylender moves court to get kurki orders in case the farmer is unable to pay back his loan. In kurki, attachment of farmer's land as well as his tractor can be done as per the Section 60.

3.Attempts to ban Kurki - In 2017, Punjab abolished the Section 67-A of Punjab Cooperative Societies Act that enabled cooperatives to recover unpaid loans through auctioning of mortgaged land of farmers. However, Section 63-B, 63-C of the Act weren't dropped to prevent attachment of land. This was the reason that farmers keep getting kurki orders. A plea filed in the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2018 sought complete ban on kurki.

4.Reality - Farmers point out that they are made to give post-dated cheques for loan, which are then used to get arrest orders issued in cheque bounce cases. Moneylenders also use promissory notes (pronotes) signed by the farmers in order to get kurki orders. "Pro-notes" are written documents taken from farmers, and signed by them at the time of giving the loan.

## INFLATABLE AERODYNAMIC DECELERATOR

1.The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested the Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator technology on a Rohini-300 (RH300 Mk II) sounding rocket from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station. The Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD) is a technique used for an atmospheric entry payload.

2.An inflatable envelope and an inflatant (anything that inflates the envelope, like air or helium) make up the IAD. The IAD was

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Announcing the results of the intra-party contest for the leadership of the party and the job at No. 10 Downing Street, the U.K's Conservative party said that British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss would be the country's next Prime Minister and the leader of the party. Ms. Truss won a vote share of 57% or 81,326 votes versus former Chancellor Rishi Sunak's 42% or 60,399 votes with 82% of Conservative members voting.

Rajpath is likely to be renamed Kartavya Path ahead of its opening on Thursday after 20 months of redevelopment, officials said on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the redeveloped Central Vista Avenue.

In a rare instance, Pakistan on Monday accepted the body of an infiltrator from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), who died on Saturday after being captured alive near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district on August 21.

46 number of teachers to receive the National Teachers Award this year, on the occasion of Teacher's Day. Maths rangoli to teach shapes, elements of the periodic table as role numbers, introducing "bagless days" and "no punishment to students" are among the innovative teaching-learning practices adopted by these teachers. For instance, in GMS Officers Hill, Nagaland, 80% of students were domestic helpers and hence head teacher Mimi Yhoshii conducts classes for them after school hours to reduce the dropout rate.

698 death toll among children from a measles outbreak that started in April in Zimbabwe, according to the country's Health Ministry. Some are calling for the enactment of legislation to make vaccination mandatory in a country where anti-modern religious sects hold sway on a large part of the population, who are unvaccinated due to religious beliefs. The Ministry said that 37 of the deaths occurred on a single day on September 1. The Health Ministry said it had recorded 6,291 cases by September 4.

15 number of Prime Ministers who were elected in England, during the 70year reign of the head of state Queen Elizabeth II. Liz Truss, who won the Conservative party leadership election on Monday, will become the 15th U.K. Prime Minister during the Queen's reign.

designed and developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). This IAD was made of Kevlar fabric coated with polychloroprene. Purpose - The IAD serves to decelerate an object plunging down through the atmosphere. It systematically reduced the velocity of the payload through aerodynamic drag.

3. Working - At around 84 km altitude, the IAD was inflated using compressed nitrogen stored in a gas bottle. Then, it descended through atmosphere with the payload part of sounding rocket. Once the IAD fell into the sea, it will get deflated by firing a deflation pyro valve.

4. The pneumatic system used for inflating the IAD was developed by the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Valiyamala. Significance - The IAD technology could aid cost-effective recovery of spent rocket stages and safely land payloads on other planets. It can also be used in ISRO's future missions to Venus and Mars.

## CYBER SURAKSHIT BHARAT INITIATIVE

1. The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), MeitY organises 30th Batch of Chief Information Security Officers' (CISOs) Deep Dive Training Programme under Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative. The Cyber Surakshit Bharat aims to ensure awareness about cybercrime and adequate safety measures for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and frontline IT staff across all government departments.

2. The purpose of the Cyber Surakshit Bharat is to spread awareness, build capacity as well as enable government departments on steps that need to be taken to create a resilient IT set up.

3. The objective of the programme is to Educate & enable the Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) & broader IT community to address the challenges of cyber security. Create awareness on the emerging landscape of cyber threats.

4. Provide in-depth understanding on key activities, new initiatives, challenges and related solutions. Applicable frameworks, guidelines & policies related to the subject. Share best practices to learn from success & failures. Provide key inputs to take informed decision on Cyber Security related issues in their respective functional area.

## ILO: WORLD SOCIAL PROTECTION REPORT 2020-22

1. ILO recently released a report specific to Asia and the Pacific Key findings: No access to social protection: Almost 53% of the population in the world has no social protection (56% in the Asia-Pacific and in India over 76% (Bangladesh has a higher % of people under social protection) have no social protection). Spending on social protection: World average is 12.9% (twelve points nine), while that in India is just 8.6% (eight points six) (Economic Survey 2021-22). India's social security spending: Lower than 5% of GDP per capita.

2. Recommendation: Follow a 'high-road' development path and make social protection inclusive. Basics: Social protection is designed to prevent deprivation, give assurance of a basic minimum income and protect the individual from any uncertainties. It includes measures related especially to old age, unemployment, sickness, disability, work injury, maternity or the loss of the primary breadwinner.

3. Few Government steps: Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PM-JAY); National Health Policy 2017; Social Security Code 2020; PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY); One Nation One Ration Card; Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana, and MGNREGA.

4. About ILO: ILO is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It is the only tripartite UN agency, bringing together governments, employers and workers of 187 member States. It sets labour standards, develops policies and devises programmes promoting decent work.

## RBI GUIDELINES FOR DIGITAL LENDING

1. RBI has tightened the norms for digital lending seeing a number of cases of fraud. About the guidelines: No middlemen: All loans disbursements/repayment between the holder of the bank account and the Regulated entities ( e.g. Commercial banks, cooperatives, NBFC etc). Limited information can be stored:

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**The monarch will ask Ms. Truss to form a government on Tuesday, once Boris Johnson has formally tendered his resignation. The queen came to the throne in 1952, when Winston Churchill was the Prime Minister. Of all the occupants of 10 Downing Street, 13 were men.**

**The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet on Monday approved child adoption leave of 180 days for regular women employees of the State government.**

**A Russian court on Monday stripped investigative newspaper Novaya Gazeta, whose chief editor last year was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, of its print licence, in the latest blow to the country's independent media.**

Name, address etc. are allowed but no biometric information of borrower can be stored by Digital lending apps (DLAs).

**2.Reporting of all lending activities to be done to Credit Information companies (CICs). A borrower can exit the digital loan by paying principal and interest after the cooling-off period/ look-up period.** Benefits: Guidelines will help in protecting consumers from harassment, breach of data, etc.

**3.Basics:** Digital lending involves giving and recovering loans through web platforms or mobile apps. It facilitates speedy disbursement and helps lower the costs of lending.