



EDITORIAL

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RBI's position of prioritising growth over inflation-control is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain

On Friday, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India unanimously decided to maintain status quo on the repo rate, which is a rate at which the RBI lends money to the banks. This made it the seventh straight policy review which are bi-monthly events where the MPC has favoured staying put on the benchmark interest rates. It represents the peculiar quandary for the RBI. On the one hand, repeated disruptions due to the pandemic have choked India's economic growth momentum, which was already losing steam before the outbreak. On the other, retail inflation, the key metric that the RBI is legally mandated to control, has been at the edge of its comfort zone since late 2019. The RBI has been of the view that it will do "whatever it takes" to support economic growth and has characterised the inflationary spike as a "transitory" phenomenon. But this stance of prioritising growth over inflation-control is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. An initial reflection of this unease can be seen in the lack of consensus among the six MPC members when it came to the RBI's overall stance. While five members voted to persist with the "accommodative" stance "as long as necessary to revive and sustain growth on a durable basis", one member — Jayanthi R. Verma — expressed reservations. At the heart of the matter is the inflation trajectory and how long it can be characterised as "transitory". In the policy statement, the RBI upped the inflation forecast for the current financial year from 5.1 per cent (as assessed in June) to 5.7 per cent — that is, just 30 basis points below the RBI's comfort zone. But perhaps the biggest worry comes from the fact that this year's high inflation is coming on the back of high inflation a year ago. Moreover, this spike in prices is happening when overall demand hasn't taken off as yet. Add to these the projection that global demand and commodity prices are expected to rise. All these factors raise the chances of inflation-control becoming much tougher in the future. The trouble is, economic growth is far from exhibiting a sustained recovery. While the RBI's GDP growth forecast for 2021-22 is unchanged at 9.5 per cent, the line print shows that it has dented down the growth expectations for each of the coming three quarters. But inflation does not come down, it is only a matter of time that the RBI raises interest rates.

Manglutan ..

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connectivity has always been a concern for the area. But with the commissioning of fibre optic cable it was expected that internet connectivity would improve in the area. But nothing has changed. Instead, the quality of service deteriorated drastically. In the present scenario, most sufferers

are the students who have to undertake schooling through online mode. Frequent call drops, no signal, poor voice quality and clarity, no internet link are the identities of Manglutan area. Intervention of Administration is required to address daily concerns of residents of Manglutan.

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(ATM) at its Billigund Branch. With this, the long pending demand of residents of the area has been fulfilled by the Bank management. The Billigund Branch of ANSCL is leading bank in the area and is facilitating best services to this far flung location. The inauguration of

ATM was held today at 1630 hours in presence of Shri K. Murugan, MD-ANSCB, Shri Anjan Sen Gupta-DGM, Shri Raghavir Singh-DGM, Shri Abhinav Paul-DGM, Shri Hiren Roy - Ex-Pradhan, Haringar Panchayat and other village.

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charcoal is left over them. There are large pits and holes all over the road making the ride bumpy. Many of these pits are a foot or more deep. Some patches that are low get rain water filled in them due to which people in this area are more prone to get sick because of waterborne diseases. It adds to the

filth and abject of living conditions. Moreover, this bad road condition has led to a number of accidents. Many people including students have to use this road every day to reach their respective fields. But it becomes almost impossible to use this road during the rainy season.

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sources, there are some manning problems and could not steer properly the vessel. The vessel returned to Haddo war again and berthed. Sources said that engineers tried to fix the issue till 03:30 PM and finally give up and asked the passengers to disembark the vessel and wait at passengers hall and get ready to sail in MV Kalighat. Till last reports pour in the MV Kalighat was scheduled to sail at 8 PM today. While shifting passengers from Sindhu to Kalighat the cabin class passengers faced trouble again as Sindhu is having

65 cabins while Kalighat only 32. As per reports, the DSS refused the adjustment amount to the passengers before embarkation. Earlier the ship has been completely sanitized and it has gone through PSO clearances. The basic design of the vessel has been developed using world-renowned Naval Architects Knud E. Hansen of Denmark collaborating with M/S Smart Engineering and Design Solution, Kochi with the detailed production engineering design of CSL bringing international technology under 'Make in India' ambit.

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the Principal, DBRAIT students alleged that last year also they were unable to study properly due to the closing down of hostels and amid financial constraints in staying outside on rent. Replying to the request to accommodate hostel for the inter-Island students the Principal, DBRAIT replied that "such requests should have been sent to hostel warden not to Principal directly." The hostel warden may issue a circular and

send it to the hosteller through WhatsApp and inform that the hostel shall be opened after getting approval from A & N Administration" the Principal added. As the remote islands have mostly belonged to poor families and are unable to stay in rental accommodations, the administration and institution authorities may consider the genuine demands of the students breaching of the hostels following COVID norms.

INDIA VACCINATIONS CROSS 60 CRORE DOSES, 32% COVERAGE AT THIS RATE BY

India has administered over 60 crore doses of the anti-coronavirus so far, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted today. India is now only behind China in terms of the number of doses administered so far, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins. At the current rate of vaccination, 32% of the population will be vaccinated by the year-end. "Under PM @NarendraModi's #SabkoVaccineMutiVaccine initiative, India crossed the 60 crore vaccination mark. Congratulations everyone!" Mr. Mandaviya tweeted.

India will have to fully vaccinate 60% of the population by December 2021 in order to prevent a third wave of the pandemic. 10.9 million doses will have to be administered per day across the country to achieve the December target. However, over the last week, only 4.8 million doses were administered each day on an average.

A new study conducted by the National Institute of Disaster Management, which falls under the Ministry of Home Affairs, has predicted

a surge in cases as early as October, Bloomberg reported Tuesday.

According to the study, the second-most populous country in the world after China may record an unprecedented 600,000 cases of coronavirus every day if the pace of inoculation is not boosted and the third wave averted. The daily infections could fall to 200,000 if the government executes its 10-million-a-day vaccination plan, the report stated, citing a study by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Energy University and Nirma University.

On August 20, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said that the Centre is fully ready to tackle a possible third wave of coronavirus and a provision of 23,123 has been made for the purpose.

With experts warning that the third wave may affect children more, the Union Minister said, "Special emphasis is being given to strengthening paediatric care as experts fear that the third wave may affect



children more than others." The second wave which swept through the country earlier this year, peaking in April-May produced a tidal wave of infections and left behind a trail of devastation. Patients and their families struggled to find beds, medicines, oxygen, and

ventilators. Crematoriums were overwhelmed by the number of fatalities. India has reported over 3.25 crore cases of coronavirus so far with more than 4.35 lakh related fatalities. 3.17 crore recoveries have left the country with a little over 3.22 lakh active cases.

Can't identify "Creamy Layer" on the basis of Economy: SC

New Delhi, 25th Aug. 2021: Economic criterion cannot be the sole basis for identifying the "creamy layer" among backward classes, the Supreme Court said Tuesday, scrapping a notification by the Haryana government which framed rules on those lines. A bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao and Aniruddha Bose observed: "Haryana has sought to determine 'creamy layer' from backward classes solely on basis of economic criterion and has committed a grave error in doing so." The court asked the Haryana government to issue fresh notification within three months, based on the criteria mentioned in its past judgments. The court, however, clarified that admissions to educational institutions and appointment to state services on basis of the notifications dated August 17, 2016 and August 28, 2018 shall not be disturbed. The



Haryana government had issued a notification in 2016 specifying criteria for identifying the "creamy layer". Under it, members of backward classes who earn above ₹ 6 lakh per annum, shall be considered "creamy layer" under Section 5 of the Haryana Backward Classes (Reservation in Services and Admission in Educational Institutions) Act. An organisation named "Pichra Warg Kalyan Mahasabha Haryana" had approached the Supreme Court, challenging the state's notification. They contended that according to the law, social, economic and other factors are to be taken into account to identify and exclude the "creamy layer". As this is not being done in the new system, the notification is invalid, they contended. In its

verdict, the court referred to the judgment related to the Indra Sawhney case, which held that "persons from backward classes who occupied posts in higher services like IAS, IPS and All India Services, had reached a higher level of social advancement and economic status and therefore, were not entitled to be treated as backward". Such persons were to be treated as "creamy layer" without any further inquiry. Likewise, people with sufficient income who were in position to provide employment to others should also be taken to have reached a higher social status and therefore, should be treated as outside the backward class. Similarly, persons from backward classes who had higher agricultural holdings or were receiving income from properties, beyond a prescribed limit, do not deserve the benefit of reservation, the judgment held.

India's Covid vaccination drive set to gain pace from September with steady supplies

New Delhi, 25th Aug. 2021: The Union government said on Wednesday (August 25) that the nationwide vaccination drive has been ramped up with the availability of more vaccines, advance the visibility of vaccine availability to States to enable better planning, and streamlining of the vaccine supply chain. As of August 25, the government has provided more than 58.07 crore vaccine doses to States and Union Territories (UTs) through the free-of-cost channel and direct State procurement. Further, 5.2 million doses are in the pipeline. In addition, States and UTs already have more than 3.62 crore unutilised Covid vaccine doses on hand. As

part of the nationwide vaccination drive, the government has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them Covid vaccines free of cost. Barclays, in its recent report, said that the revised supply estimates suggest that an average of 5.6 million doses per day will be available from September. "We assume that Serum Institute of India (SII) is able to increase its capacity to 110 million doses by September, while Bharat Biotech is only able to achieve its expansion target of 60 million doses by October," Barclays added. The present Covid-19 vaccine manufacturing capacity is 130-140 million doses per month, and this is expected to

reach 360-370 million doses by the end of December 2021, a CARE Ratings report estimates. The government last week approved emergency use of ZyCoV-D vaccine for those aged 12 years and above. ZyCoV-D said it expects to have supplies of 1 crore doses of the vaccine by October. The vaccine needs to be taken in three doses. In addition to ZyCoV-D, large supplies of Sputnik V are expected to enter the market by the end of September and October. The government has also approved Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for emergency use. Scaling up vaccination - In the new phase

of realising the vaccination drive, the Union Government will procure and supply 75 percent of the vaccines being produced by vaccine manufacturers in the country to States and UTs. India has administered 61 lakh doses of the Covid-19 vaccine in the last 24 hours, with cumulative vaccination coverage crossing 59.55 crore. On an average, the pace of vaccination in India has been steady at about 50-55 lakh doses per day. According to CARE Ratings, India needs to administer at least another 2 billion doses to cover the entire population. At the moment, the life over 8 percent of India is fully vaccinated, which is decent progress at a time when the second wave is declining.

People living with hypertension doubled worldwide in 30 years to more than 1.2 billion: Study

New Delhi, 25th Aug. 2021: Over the past 30 years, the number of adults (aged 30+) living with hypertension worldwide has doubled—from an estimated 648 million (331 million women and 317 million men) in 1990 to 1.278 million (626 million women and 652 million men) in 2019, with most of this increase occurring in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The prevalence of hypertension in India has marginally increased over 30 years—from 28 per cent in women and 29 per cent in men to 32 per cent in women and 38 per cent in men. The international study, funded by the WHO and published in The Lancet today, analysed blood pressure measurements from more

than 100 million people taken over three decades in 184 countries. The study was conducted by researchers from the Non-Communicable Disease Risk Factor Collaboration. Hypertension was defined as having systolic blood pressure of 140 millimetres of mercury (mm Hg) or greater, diastolic blood pressure of 90 mm Hg or greater, or taking medication for high blood pressure. Despite being straightforward to diagnose and relatively easy to treat with low-cost drugs, nearly half of people (41 per cent of women and 51 per cent of men) with hypertension worldwide in 2019 were unaware of their condition; and more than half of women (53 per cent) and men

(62 per cent) with the condition weren't treated. Worldwide, blood pressure was controlled with medication in fewer than 1 in 4 women and 1 in 5 men with hypertension. High blood pressure is directly linked to more than 8.5 million deaths worldwide each year and is the leading risk factor for stroke, ischaemic heart disease, other vascular diseases, and renal disease. Lowering blood pressure can cut the number of strokes by 35 to 40 per cent, heart attacks by 20 to 25 per cent, and heart failure by around 50 per cent. Meanwhile, according to the study, many high-income countries, including Canada, Switzerland, the UK and Spain report all-time low prevalence

levels, but in low- and middle-income and central European countries such as Paraguay, Hungary, Poland, and Croatia hypertension rates remain high. High-income and some middle-income countries have made impressive improvements in treatment and control of hypertension. They include Canada, South Korea, Iceland, the USA, Costa Rica, Chile, Germany. But there has been little change in most countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania. Authors have called for best practices in detection, treatment, and control from countries like Costa Rica, Chile, Turkey, Kazakhstan and South Africa to be replicated across low- and middle-income countries.

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salary of central government employees. The DA for June 2021 has not been decided yet but it is clear from the AICPI June data that DA will increase by 3 percent. Some reports claimed that Centre would soon make an official

announcement in this regard. According to the 7th Pay Commission Matrix, the salary range of Level-1 Central government employees is from a minimum of Rs 18,000 to a maximum of Rs 56,900.

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be extended further to Shaheed Dweep (40 KM) for better connectivity through Spur Cable. Shri M Vinod requested to provide network coverage at tourism hubs like North Bay, Munda Pahad (chidya atapu) Beach, Wandoor Beach etc. Whereas, Shri Jyotirmay Bawal raised the issue

of poor network connectivity in N & M Andaman which is greatly affecting the students community who are totally dependent on Video Classes for studies during present pandemic. The Minister gave a pleasant response to the delegation and assured of all possible actions at the earliest.

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Compoundable) and other Civil disputes, before those had not reached the door step of any court. The public in general having any such dispute at the pre-litigation stage or post-litigation stage are at liberty to submit their

disputes in writing to the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Port Blair before 02.09.2021 so that their disputes may be processed and made ready for hearing before the National Lok Adalat on 11.09.2021.

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as the finance minister's first visit since the onset of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. She asked the banks to interact with export promotion councils and not the nature of banking is changing and the industry realised avenues of raising funds are also changing. She said that the banks have been directed to interact regularly with the Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation so the exporters don't have to shuttle between various banks. "With changed times, now industries have option of raising funds even from outside banking sector. Banks themselves are raising funds through various avenues. These new aspects need to be studied to lead credit where it is needed," Sitharaman said. The finance minister said that sunrise sectors such as the fintech sector need support from banks and added that she has asked the PSBs to improve credit flow to eastern states. "From inputs given by officers from Tax administration, it emerged that Banks need to understand the special requirements of sunrise sector e.g. Fintech, one such sector can provide technological help to banks as well as can benefit from

help from banking sector," she said. She further said that she has requested banks to work with state governments to push the "one district, one export agenda. Speaking on the performance of PSBs, Sitharaman said that collectively, they have done well and come out of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) despite service extended during pandemic. They are showing clear profits and 2 of them have done very well. Banks have shown that now they can raise money for their capital requirements," she said.

Detailing about the benefits of EASE 4.0, Finance Secretary Debashish Panda said that the proposal for enhancement of family pension and employer's contribution under the NPS is approved by the finance minister. The benefits would now accrue to family pensioners. He said that the cap on pay is removed and a uniform slab of 30 per cent will be enforced. The pension can go as high as Rs 35,000. Additionally, he said that there will also be a 40 per cent centre in the contribution of employer (Banks) in NPS. It will go up from 10 per cent to 14 per cent.

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arrangements and chalking out other programmes for the visit of the Home Minister, they told news agency. The administration has issued a

circular to all government departments to put on hold leave applications of the staff in the wake of the visit of the Home Minister.

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47628 have been received taking the rate of testing to 1192070 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the

spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the media was informed.



Amarinder will remain Punjab CM: Harish Rawat tells delegation of ministers amid fresh trouble

Sources close to Rawat said it was politely made clear to them that they were most welcome to meet him but the next election will be fought under the leadership of Amarinder Singh.

A day after 34 Punjab ministers and MLAs revolted against Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and said they would seek his removal from the high command, a group of seven ministers and MLAs met party general secretary in-charge Harish Rawat in Dehradun Wednesday and came back after Rawat said he would have to tell them that the CM will remain unchanged.

Four ministers and three MLAs who met Rawat included T. R. Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Sukhinder Singh Randhawa, Charanjit Singh Channi, Sukhinder Sarkana, Barindermeet Pahda and Kulbir Zira. They put their point to Rawat in a three-hour-long meeting that ended at 3.30 pm.

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Delegation of ministers and MLAs from Punjab meeting Harish Rawat in Dehradun on Wednesday. (Express photo)

*They were told that they will be respected whenever they come to Dehradun but Amarinder will lead the party in victory in the next election.

They had complaints about not being done. They have been told that everything will be sorted. The government will be fulfilling all the promises in the next few months before the elections. The issue raised and the sentiment conveyed by the delegation will be conveyed further to the high command," the source said. Before the meeting Rawat had already bid the media that the 2022 Punjab Assembly election will be fought under the leadership of Amarinder.

News agency ANI quoted Rawat as saying, "The 2022 Assembly election in Punjab will be contested under the leadership of Amarinder Singh."

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Meanwhile, another delegation comprising Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee general secretary in-charge Pragat Singh has already reached Delhi and is trying to meet ACC general secretary KC Venugopal.

It is learnt that the delegation that met Rawat is disappointed although they went to meet him

thinking that they should go through the proper channel and not by pass the general secretary in-charge.

Back in Punjab, two more MLAs, who attended the Tuesday meeting, backtracked. They include Nandu Ram and Sakar Kaur. Nandu Ram said he never conveyed to anyone that he wanted the CM replaced and that he was unhappy with his work.

Sakar issued a press release stating she went for the meeting as she was invited for it saying that it will discuss that the works were not being done in the constituencies. She said she had all the confidence in Amarinder as the CM.



EAM S Jaishankar to brief Floor Leaders of Political Parties on present situation in Afghanistan tomorrow

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar will brief Floor Leaders of Political Parties on the present situation in Afghanistan tomorrow at Parliament House Annex in New Delhi. The Minister said in a tweet that in view of developments in Afghanistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has instructed that the brief Floor Leaders of political parties. Over 600 people have been evacuated from Afghanistan till now. India evacuated the people on several flights from Kabul, Dushanbe and Doha. The mission to evacuate people from Kabul has been



named as "Operation Devi Shakti".

External Affairs Ministry has said that owing to the prevailing security situation in

Afghanistan and streamlining of the visa process by introduction of the e-Emergency X-Misc visa, all Afghan nationals must now travel to India only on e-Visa. It said that keeping in view some reports that certain passports of Afghan nationals have been misplaced, previously issued visas to all Afghan nationals, who are presently not in India, stand invalidated with immediate effect. Afghan nationals wishing to travel to India may apply for e-Visa at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in.

Jal Shakti Ministry begins SUJALAM, a 100 days campaign as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations

Jal Shakti Ministry on Wednesday began SUJALAM, a 100 days campaign as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations to create more and more ODF Plus villages by undertaking waste management at village level. During this campaign ten lakh Soak-pits will be created. The Ministry said, the effort of campaign would be directed towards achieving the ODF plus status for villages across the country in an accelerated manner in a short time. The Campaign will continue to run for the next 100 days.

The Ministry said, the Campaign will help in management of the wastewater. It will boost the momentum of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin phase-2 activities through community participation and it will increase awareness about ODF-plus activities. The focus area of this campaign is to ensure that all new emerging Households in the village have access to toilets.



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(a) That my wife name is entered in my service record as MONIKA TIGGA and date of birth is 22nd September 1993. However name of my wife as per her certificates is MONIKA TIGGA and date of birth is 10th April 1994 and I wish to record my wife name as MONIKA TIGGA and date of birth is 10th April 1994.

(b) That, I am producing this Affidavit for the purpose of evidence for my family member names.

(c) That what is stated above is true and correct to best of my knowledge, information and belief. Nothing has been concealed there from.

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent Above named, do hereby solemnly declare and verification that the contents of the above Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or suppressed there from.

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- Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper while sneezing.
- Avoid touching face, nose or mouth with dirty hands.
- Wear protective masks to avoid spreading onto others.
- Stay at home if sick.
- Disinfecting and avoiding surfaces that you frequently touch.

Government mandates all Afghan nationals to travel to India only on e-Visa

The government has announced today that all Afghan nationals henceforth must travel to India only on e-Visa. This has been decided owing to the prevailing security situation in Afghanistan and streamlining of the visa process by introduction of the e-Emergency X-Misc visa. Keeping in view some reports that certain passports of Afghan nationals have been misplaced, previously issued visas to all Afghan nationals, who are presently not in India, stand invalidated with immediate effect. Afghan nationals wishing to travel to India may apply for e-Visa at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in.

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12-member Indian contingent, including Jhajharia, departs for Tokyo Paralympics

"Neeraj's gold medal has put the spotlight on javelin throwers and being the senior most of the lot, I can say this with assurance that after Tokyo Paralympics, javelin (throw) will be the second most popular game in this country after cricket," Jhajharia said.

Veteran Devendra Jhajharia and reigning world champion Sandeep Chaudhary were among five javelin throwers in a 12-strong Indian contingent that left for Tokyo on Wednesday to compete in the Paralympics. The contingent also included two high jumpers — Nishad Kumar and Ram Pal — and discus thrower Yogesh Kathuria. One of the top medal prospects, Jhajharia had won the gold medal in Athens and Rio Paralympics.

The 40-year-old javelin thrower had rewritten his world record of 63.97m when he sent the



spear to a distance of 65.71m in a qualifying event in June. His main competition comes from compatriots

Ajit Singh and Sundar Gurjar. With a little bit of luck, India could grab all three medals in the men's F-46

category, which is for athletes with arm deficiency, impaired muscle power or impaired passive range of movement in arms while competing in a standing position. After Neeraj Chopra's historic performance at the Tokyo Olympics, javelin throwers have been in the limelight.

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Paralympics: Indian paddlers Bhavinaben and Sonalben lose opening round fixtures

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Indian paddlers Bhavinaben Patel and Sonalben Manubhai Patel began their campaigns with opening round defeats in their respective events at the Tokyo Paralympics, here on Wednesday.

Competing in the women's Class 3 category, Sonalben was ahead after the first three games but lost momentum to lose 11-9, 3-11, 17-15, 7-11, 4-11 against Li Qian of China, a world number four and the Rio Paralympics silver medalist, in a tightly-contested match.



On the other hand, Bhavinaben, who was also up

against world number one Chinese paddler Zhu Ying, lost her opening round match 3-11, 9-11, 2-11, in the women's singles Class 4 group A fixture.

Players in the Class 3 category have no trunk control, yet their arms are minimally affected by the impairment, while in class 4 competitors have fair sitting balance and fully functional arms and hands.

Their impairment may be due to a lower spinal-cord lesion or cerebral palsy.

Four Indians enter semifinals of Asian Youth boxing

The continental showpiece is being conducted simultaneously for the youth and junior boxers (both men and women) for the first time.

Four Indian boxers entered the semifinals of the Asian Youth boxing championships being held in Dubai after a day of mixed results for the country. The continental showpiece is being conducted simultaneously for the youth and junior boxers (both men and women) for the first time.

Seven Indians took the ring in the quarterfinals on Monday evening and four of them emerged victorious.



Jaydeep Rawat (71kg) defeated UAE's Mohammed Eissa in the most dominating show by an Indian, outclassing his rival in the second round.

Vanshaj (63.5kg) won 5-0 against Tajikistan's Makhkamov Dovud, while Daksh Singh (67kg) defeated

Kyrgyzstan's Eldar Turdubayev 4-1. Suresh Vishvanath (48kg) was up against Kyrgyzstan's Amantur Zholborosov and prevailed 5-0. However, Victor Saikhom Singh (54kg) lost to Kyrgyzstan's Derbek Tilvaldiev 2-3, while Vijay Singh (57kg) was beaten 0-3 by Tajikistan's Morodov Abubakr. India's assured medal tally stood at over 20 on the day of draws itself as many countries either skipped

or fielded smaller squads due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions.

The gold medalists in the youth category will receive prize money of USD 6,000 while silver and bronze medalists will claim USD 3,000 and USD 1,500 respectively. The junior champions will be awarded USD 4,000 for gold and USD 2,000 and 1,000 for silver and bronze medalists respectively.

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- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hand.
- Avoiding close contact with people who have fever and coughing.

When coughing and sneezing cover your mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue.

Throw tissues into a closed bin immediately after use.

If you suspect you may have COVID-19, contact your doctor or 112/101 (in Hindi and English), contactable 24/7.

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