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2036 Summer Olympic Games

Two articles on the Money Page 10 of Free Press Journal, Mumbai edition dated 30th July 2024 drew my attention. Being a regular reader of FPJ for decades and also being trained as a free-lance journalist by former editor, FPJ, Shri A. B. Nair, I could not resist the temptation of going through the two articles in great detail and analyzing them.

I found that one article ("Is India Ready for Olympics? A Comprehensive Analysis by Tej Mandi") complemented the other ("Unleashing The Power of Philanthropy: A Roadmap for India's Ultra-Wealthy"). Yes, in fact, the questions in the first article on the top right hand had answers literally in the other article just a few inches below the first one.

MY ANALYSIS

Tej: In October 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi confirmed India's bid for the 2036 Summer Olympic Games while inaugurating the 141st session of the IOC in Mumbai. One of the biggest hurdles in bidding is the huge cost involved.

AIP-BCG - Accelerate India Philanthropy (AIP) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG): Remarkably, 90 per cent of ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNIs) are not only eager to increase their financial contributions, often directing their wealth towards system change initiatives, but also to deepen their involvement in terms of advocacy and support to ensure lasting impact – Ashish Dhawan, Founder-CEO, The Convergence Foundation; AIP Core Founder

Tej: Country needs world-class sporting and non-sporting infrastructure which can cost anywhere from \$5 billion to \$50 billion as per study by Council on Foreign Relations, an American think tank.

AIP-BCG: The number of UHNIs in India is expected to rise from 13,263 in 2023 to nearly 20,000 in 2028.

Tej: With India's recent informal bid announcement, the country could have about ten years to meticulously strategize and prepare for this monumental event ensuring lasting advantages and positive impact on nation's economy and global image.

AIP-BCG: The report said that growing desire to give among an increasing number of UHNIs, combined with the Knight Frank 2024 Wealth Report projection of a 50% growth in the number of UHNIs in India by 2028, the highest for any country, indicates that India can unlock substantial additional capital through even modest increases in philanthropic allocations.

The Way Forward

BCCI is the richest sports organization in the world. It has hosted many Cricketing events the world over. Its IPL has reached the global areas. It has been spending Huge amounts on these and for which it has been getting much more as sponsors. In fact, even for the current Olympics in Paris it has contributed a Huge amount of Rs.9.5 crore to IOA for expenses. If need be and if approached the right way, BCCI could be the best source.

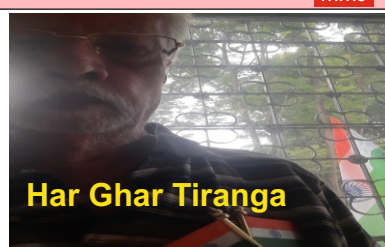
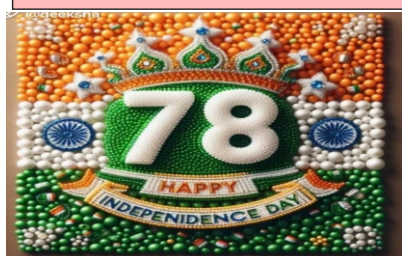
Further there are many World Billionaires who have been contributing for many High projects in India like Bill Gates for example. India has very good relations with many of them and they would be able to chip in with funds.

India has hosted the Asian and Commonwealth Games too and as a memory there is the Asian Games village in Delhi built for the purpose. Successfully hosting G20 is another feather in his cap.

Our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will move heaven and earth to get the hosting of 2036 Olympic Games to India. He is a man who will put his soul into it to make it a success. He will not leave any stone unturned. In his Independence speech he reiterated it

Finally, we have Nita Ambani, the Chairperson of Reliance Foundation who recently got elected as an individual member of the IOA. She is the only woman member in the International Olympic Association. Apart from as owner of Mumbai Indians in IPL, she has the experience of hosting such events and would be a great asset INSIDE the IOA. Hope the Government and Sports Ministry will take this forward to its logical conclusion..

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Har Ghar Tiranga

Police Meet in Bandra regarding New BNS Laws

 Sanjeev Dsouza

AGNI H-West team organized a fantastic public event at Bandra Gymkhana with Jt Police



Commissioner, Shri Satya Narayan doing an awesome job explaining the changes in the old vs new laws, cybersecurity, senior



citizens' protection initiatives by the police. The audience very much appreciated the informative interaction.

The meeting organized by



AGNI H-West and hosted by Bandra Gymkhana to discuss the New Laws that have replaced the 160 year old Penal Code.

A very informative interaction was held on the newly enacted Laws. Mr Satya Narayan highlighted that the new laws



incorporate the needs of the current situation and the

provisions no longer relevant have been dropped. The

IPC, Cr PC, Evidence Act spelt out long back have been updated. New Laws include reformative aspects of Law.

Mumbai is divided into 13 Zones, with 93 Police Stations



with Cybercrime cells in each Zone.

He highlighted ongoing training for the staff about the changes **contd. on Page 4**

Stamp paper

The Govt. of Maharashtra vide Notification dated 31/07/2024 has extended the validity of stamp paper from 6 months to 1 year.

Now stamp paper can be used within 1 year from the date of purchase.

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CHS Installs City's Largest 300 KW Solar Power System, Anticipates ₹70 Lakh Annual Savings

 [Bhalchandra Chorghade](#)

This is probably for the first time that a housing society has managed to implement sustainable energy practices in Panvel that will help the society save thousands of units of electricity.

In what is claimed to be the biggest solar power system in Navi Mumbai, the Kalpataru Riverside Housing Society in Panvel has commissioned a system of 300 KW capacity. This is probably for the first time that a housing society has managed to implement sustainable energy practices in Panvel that will help the society save thousands of units of electricity.



The project has been completed by Debt Engineering in a record time of three months at a cost of approximately Rs 1.20 Crore. The system is set to generate approximately 36,000 units of electricity per month and will result in an annual saving of around Rs 70 lakh on electricity bills.

The system was inaugurated by the former Leader of the House in Panvel Municipal Corporation and a resident of the society, Paresh Thakur. He asserted that this initiative will contribute towards a greener future of Panvel.

“The electricity bill of our society for common lights and lifts is approx Rs 3.5 lacs which comes to around Rs 42 lakh per

year. In terms of units, we consume 16,000 units per month. To reduce power bills and bring sustainable practices, we have installed a 300 KW solar system which should generate 36,000 units of electricity per month. With this system in place, we should save around Rs 70 lakh per year,” Thakur said.

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL), rooftop solar power generation, has been helping cooperative housing societies to substantially cut their power bills. Electricity generated from rooftop solar projects in the housing society is used for various purposes like running elevators, water pumps and lighting stairs and parking lots.

The societies, companies or individuals wishing to install rooftop solar power facilities need to apply with the MSEDCL which then conducts a technical feasibility before approving the application. MMJ

Three women bureaucrats creating history in Maharashtra

In Maharashtra, 3 senior women bureaucrats are creating history.

For the first time in the state, three All India Services (AIS) are headed by ladies, making a reflection of women power. The powerful woman are Sujata Saunik (IAS), Rashmi Shukla (IPS) and Shomita Biswas (IFS)

Saunik is the Chief Secretary, Shula is the Director General of Police, Maharashtra and Biswas is the Principal Chief women Forest Conservator.

In July 2024 issue, MMJ reported two women, Last month one more was appointed as Forest officer. MMJ

Tata Memorial Hospital - Official Language

 [Triloki Mishra](#)

The Official Language Implementation Committee of Tata Memorial Hospital organized a Hindi Seminar-2024 on the topic 'Contribution of various units of the Department of Atomic Energy in cancer treatment'.

Speakers from various units gave their presentation on this topic.

On this occasion, the main magazine 'Spandan' of Tata Memorial Hospital - Official Language Implementation Committee was also



released.
Dr Triloki Mishra, Senior



Scientific Officer, Tata Memorial Hospital inaugurated the symposium. Director Dr Sudeep Gupta, Dr Shripad Banavali , Dr Kailash Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer Anil Sathe were also present. MMJ

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

 [Zahida Banatwala, AGNI Trustee](#)

Once again we will be going through the election process this year, in October 2024, needless to say it's not a holiday as most people believe. May I request all the citizens of the respective states to please block the dates of the election day, and come out in large numbers to exercise your franchise. In fact, now is the time for introspection, how have these past 5 years been for the residents of a particular constituency. Was all that was promised to you by your MLA, fulfilled?

Prepare your wish list in consultation with your local citizens. Find out what comes under the purview of the MLA and make your demands. By doing so you will be improving the quality of your life.

I would request citizens of a locality to get together and discuss what has been achieved and what needs to be done and go armed with the information to the respective candidates when

their names are announced. Prepare a citizens' charter, organize 'Meet your Candidate events' and set the mood. Make informed decisions, who you vote for is your choice, however investigation of the Candidate is of prime importance. If the person is a first time candidate, then you need to research thoroughly. If the candidate is standing for the 2nd/3rd term you already know the candidate make a judicious decision. Most important is that you cast your vote and get your neighborhood members to do the same. “Rights and duties are two sides of the same coin, to enjoy one you have to perform the other” If you do not vote you lose the right to complain. MMJ

CYBER SECURITY ALERT

Announcement

Let's look sharp all admins*
WhatsApp has added a new security feature to prevent hackers from joining Groups.
I Hope Admins will take advantage of this feature.

Admins should go to group settings and
"TURN ON" Approve New Participant.

This will prevent unauthorized access for hackers.

WHATSAPP ADMINS
ALERT!!!

'No Country For Old People': Senior Citizens' Welfare Associations Express Discontent Over Union Budget 2024

 [Dhairya Gajara](#)

As the annual union budget presented by the finance minister received mixed reactions from different sectors, the senior citizens welfare associations have expressed discontentment with this year's annual budget. Organisations said that the budget is a big setback for senior citizens claiming that it has totally neglected and ignored the elderly population of 149 million Indians.

Various groups working for the welfare of the senior citizens have expressed displeasure against the union budget especially after the Economic Survey report 2024 had strongly mentioned urgent need for structured elder care policies in the country. Additionally the Niti Aayog report of 2023 on Age Care also highlighted the urgent need to address issues of the ageing population in the area of Health Care, Social Engagement, Financial Stability and Security and Digital wellbeing.

Sailesh Mishra, founder president of Silver Innings organisation, said that the government has not considered any of the choices made by the senior citizen welfare groups since a long time. He added that the government did not consider any of their demands including restoration of railway concession for senior citizens, withdrawal of 18% GST on medical insurance, Ayushman Bharat scheme for all seniors, increased old age pension of Rs. 3000/- to all non taxpayer seniors, implementation of National Policy of Senior Citizens, National Dementia Policy for fast growing non curable brain disorder and passing the pending amendment bill of Senior Citizens Maintenance Act.



"Our finance minister and prime minister are themselves above the age of 65 and still they did not find it worthy to acknowledge the 60-plus population. We expect empathy and not sympathy from our lawmakers. We need concrete steps from the government with adequate budgetary allocations for safety, security, human rights and dignity of 149 million Senior Citizens," he added.

Prakash Narayan Borgaonkar, chief executive officer of the Aaji Care Sevak Foundation, working for the welfare of senior citizens from 2012, said that on one hand the government comes up with tirth yatra schemes for the elderlies but on the other hand it totally forgets them in the union budget. He said that the government has missed on bringing the constitution of the Employment Bureau of Senior Citizens. and much but they will expect that the government will spend around 9-10% of the budget on the welfare of senior citizens, who are projected to be around 11.5% of the total population of the country. There has been no census after 2011 and without the census of the population of senior citizens, we are just making policies in the dark," he added.

Vijay Aundhe, the vice president of the Federation for Senior Citizens Association of Maharashtra said that the budget is the worst budget ever for the senior citizens. He said that many parties had included senior citizen welfare schemes in their manifestos after the senior citizen associations released a manifesto before the Lok Sabha elections but

Flag hoisting at Wadala



As in the past, the members of Wadala (West) Citizen's Forum celebrated the 78th Independence day with hoisting the National Flag.

Sweets and snacks with tea were distributed to all. MMJ

'No Country For Old People'

nothing reflected in the union budget.

"The budget is very disturbing for senior citizens like us as we were expecting that after taking so many facilities away from us, they will at least provide something in this budget but our hopes have been shattered. The earlier budgets were still better than this as this year we have been made to feel that they do not consider us in the budget. They are not taking care of such a huge population probably because they think we can not do anything. Now we will come back with our demands in a more vocal manner," he added.

Maharaj Krishna Raina, founder of Shehjaar Homes For Senior Citizens which has been running old-age homes in different parts of the country since 2005 said that the government has not considered senior citizens as they think it is a waste of

money. He also expressed hope that once the voices of the senior citizens across the country will be unified, things will change for the better.

"We had expected that this budget would at least provide us the railway concession back which was stopped during Covid pandemic. Or the government could have launched some small scheme for our welfare but we see that there is a total indifference towards the senior citizens. They talk about the dignity of the senior citizens but they think it is a waste of money to allocate some part of the budget for us. We are told that we will be the third largest economy in a few years but nothing seems to be changing for us. Hopefully, we might see a unified voice of the seniors and things will change," he added. MMJ

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Police Meet regarding New Laws in Bandra

contd. from Page 1 in the new Laws. The police will also conduct sessions to increase the awareness among



Citizens. Filing of eFIR, electronic evidence is accepted by the courts. The e-FIR has to be physically signed by the complainant within 3 days and verified before action is taken. The processes adopted will

prevention as well as detection. Specially trained teams to tackle Cybercrime, which is often Cross border (issues of jurisdiction), which hamper recovery of the funds lost. Police have details of Senior Citizens living alone and periodical visits are made to them to understand and resolve their difficulties to the extent possible. There are ongoing efforts to strengthen the manpower. The Police is relying increasingly on Technology in prevention and detection of crime. 5000 cameras are

already in operation in Mumbai and more are being added. These are monitored at the PCR.

Delivery by Online Platforms

– To meet deadlines, they cut lanes, enter 'No Entry' lanes, violate traffic rules

As e bikes do not come under RTO, it is difficult to control them. The Police Department has held discussions with the Online Delivery Platform companies to highlight that they are responsible for the conduct of their delivery staff. There is also the need for

- verifying KYC,
- following traffic rules
- using helmets

Citizens need to be alert and not respond to any suspect communication pertaining to winning lottery, parcels intercepted, detected engaging in illegal activities, involved in stopping services, disconnecting utilities / cell



services.... To the extent possible, such communication should be verified and reported to the Police asap.

Satya Narayan appealed to those present to be prompt in using the Cybercrime (24 x 7) Helpline – 1930. Reporting can be done even by email or calling the Poilce Station over the cell phone.

Q & A session covered aspects such as -

- Protecting youngsters from cyber frauds, stalking,
- Recurring issue of hawkers repeatedly resurfacing very quickly after eviction.
- Drug menace
- Cow menace
- Traffic congestion on key roads and junctions.
- Wrong Parking and NO PARKING There is need to rationalise this, particularly in the narrow congested by-lanes of residential areas. Improved signage is also required.
- Loud Noise and dust from redevelopment projects - Ms. Madhu Poplai, heading PHRA, shared that she took up the matter of installing sound barriers, in Pali Hill area, peripherally on the plots under redevelopment, at the cost of the Redeveloper / Contractor. The concept will be taken forward with Authorities at a later stage.

Mr. Satya Narayan, the Chief Guest, suggested that pending queries could be sent to the Police Officials at the Police Stations / Deputy of Police Commissioner / himself, over email / WhatsApp / cell phone (details available in the public domain) and the concerns addressed by his officers.



ensure increased transparency. Cybercrime is a new area. Speed of crime, its being faceless add to the complexities in both

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