

Poetry section

The savage!

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World's a stage; world's a platform;
World's a present; world's a juncture;
All's well with time steps,
All's well with time steps,
Humans knows all without praised,
Humans flatter all with evils then honors;
Humans experienced inch boundaries intensely,
All's a dull sculptured; all's an interesting statuette;
All's a varying model; all's a representation "he" and "she"
Something's worrying; something's imperfect
She's a carving figurine beauty; so as he's a virile!
"He" pursues and chases entrusting while-
She's still and "she's continuing feebly-
Adoring and treasuring and inclining.

World's a stage; world's a platform;
World's a present; world's a juncture;
All's a fancy instincts, all's a survey ramp
She grows excitingly uncultivated and dances wildly;
She blooms confidently with bosoms inseparably tight;
Her laughter a relishing exhilaration—a boon,
Her smiles a coordinate blend harmonizing heaven;
She twinkle in her distance; she's fond captivating
She's a miracle allurer; she's a life beyond spells;
All's a passive submission, and she accept her consent
Ah! What an attitude, what a proposal!
What a manifesto! What a sanction? He tosses upon "her"
He profoundly concubines validated;
He nerves "her" every inch assurance!

World's a stage; world's a platform;
World's a present; world's a juncture;
All's a surety impulses possession;
No matter what grace, No matter how dignity
She's always a temptation unwise to "he"
How severe she holds back; how loyal "she" be a mistress to "he"
"She" delivers administrators and she carries birthing;
All's not well to "his" liberation;
His activity a heathen barbarian to some,
"He" thinks merciless to some "she",
"He" attempts "her" pitilessly bloodthirsty;
Oh! Wonderful immortal
Injustice a committing divine praise;
Mauling his way, his operating etiquettes unfolding!

World's a stage; world's a platform;
World's a present; world's a juncture;
All's in pains, all's in martyrdom
His will attacks and his torture;
He's a plague to her sorrow distress!
He's fierce rough and inhuman;
How brutish "he" to "her"
Terribly and non-literately;
Still She's brave, she's a "Nirbaya" crucify!

Meeting the unmet need – The World Population Day

By; Savita Verma

There are some 7.5 billion people in the world. By 2050, the world population is likely to become nine billion. India, the second most populous country, has some 1.3 billion people and is expected to take the top position by overtaking China by 2050. Amidst increasing numbers, concerns over feeding the population and sustaining the resources are on top of the mind of governments, experts and planners. It is to address these issues and others related to population that the World Population Day is celebrated on July 11. The Day was first celebrated in 1989 when the world population reached five billion. Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme recommended that 11 July be observed by the international community as World Population Day, to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. Since then, population trends and matters such as reproductive health, contraception and challenges posed by the increasing population are deliberated upon on this day. The theme for 2017 World Population Day is "Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations." This year's celebrations also coincide with the Family Planning Summit, the second meeting of the Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) initiative, which aims to expand access to voluntary family planning to 120 million additional women by 2020. The theme this year has special significance since data indicates that some 214 million women in developing countries who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods. Most of these women

with an unmet demand for contraceptives live in 69 of the poorest countries. Lack of adequate family planning services jeopardizes women's health. Women are not able to use these services due to lack of access to information, or services, or support from their partners, or communities. Considering its importance in stabilizing population, access to safe, voluntary family planning methods is considered a human right and central to gender equality and women's empowerment. It is also seen as a key factor in reducing poverty. Investments in making family planning available yield economic gains which further propel development. India with its large population also has huge unmet need for family planning which government is trying to overcome. Statistics (DLHS III) indicate young population has an unmet need of 20.5 per cent at the national level - 13.3 per cent need for limiting methods and 7.2 per cent for spacing methods. Women between 15 and 19 years have an unmet need of 28.3 per cent and those between 20 and 24 years, have an unmet need of 28.5 per cent. Between 2001 and 2011 India added 181 million people to the world, slightly less than the entire population of Brazil. Much of India's population increase has occurred among the poorest socio-economic percentile. India's huge population and the fact that it is expected to increase further - according to government projections, the population is expected to reach 1.55 billion by 2035 - pose both a challenge and an opportunity. Since more than 60 per cent of this population will be in the younger age bracket, below the age

of 40 years, there will be economic gains if this human resource is provided with education and training in skill development. However, providing healthcare services to this pool of youth so that it is healthy and able to contribute to country's economy may turn out to be a challenge. In addition, taking care of the geriatric population, which goes up to about 223 million by 2035, will also be a challenge and require preventive, curative and geriatric care. While providing food to the ever increasing world population is a challenge, the UN has set ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture as the second of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the year 2030. Achieving these objectives will require addressing issues like gender parity, ageing populations, skills development and global warming. According to experts, agriculture sector will have to become more productive by adopting efficient business models and forging public-private partnerships. It will also need to become sustainable by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water use and waste. For India, it is imperative that it adopts effective measures to control its population. According to a paper by Ranjit Goswami, IMT, Nagpur in East Asia Forum, the global demand for water in 2050 is projected to be more than 50 per cent of what it was in 2000, and demand for food will double. On average, a thousand tons of water is required to produce one ton of food grains. It is for this reason that international disputes about water have increasingly been replicated among states in India, where the Supreme Court is

frequently asked to intervene. Keeping aside the projections, government data indicates that India's total fertility rate has declined from 2.6 in 2008 to current 2.3. India is now just 0.2 points away from reaching the replacement level of 2.1. In fact, 24 states have already achieved replacement level fertility and about 60 per cent of the population resides in states where replacement fertility has been reached or will soon be met including the southern states, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Punjab. The government is now accelerating family planning measures. It has identified 146 districts with total fertility rate, the number of children born per woman, of more than three to focus on. These districts are in the seven states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Assam and make 28 per cent of the country's population. The health ministry is starting a programme called "Mission Parivar Vikas" in these districts to improve access to family planning services, create awareness and make family planning choices available. Besides, government is already running a strategy to push up the age of marriage of girls and delay in first child and spacing in second child. The couples who adopt this strategy are awarded suitably. Under another programme called Santushti Strategy, Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh, has invited private sector gynaecologists and vasectomy surgeons to conduct sterilization operations in public private partnership mode. The private hospitals/nursing homes which achieve target are suitably awarded as per strategy.

National and International News

Oil Ministry intensifies monitoring of ONGC fields

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New Delhi, July 16: The Oil Ministry has intensified monitoring of oil and gas fields of state-owned firms like ONGC to avoid slippages in domestic output derailing the target of cutting import reliance by 10 per cent by 2022. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) in the last few weeks has issued specific directives to Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) to submit daily field-wise production report as well as periodic reservoir management reports, the orders said. In March 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called for cutting India's dependence on imports to meet oil needs by 10 per cent by 2022, from 77 per cent then. However, India's import dependence has since only risen to 81 per cent. While output as well as investments by private firms have all but dried up, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan sees raising production from fields given to state-run firms on nomination basis, or without bidding, as key to achieving the target. On May 25, the ministry offered all-powerful review committees headed by its upstream technical arm DGH, to monitor performance

of ONGC and Oil India, and having powers to relinquish any oil and gas field for auctioning to private firms. The panels will review from annual work programme and budget to declaration of a discovery as commercial as also reservoir and production performance, monitoring of development activities and collaborations with other explorers. "The advice/decision of the Review Committee shall be implemented forthwith by the NOC (national oil company) concerned and the progress of implementation shall be reported to the Review Committee through DGH at its next meeting," the order issued by Atanu Chakraborty, Director General, DGH, said. DGH followed it up with a June 21 order asking NOCs to submit "at the end of each day, data relating to Daily Production for each field" as well as on second day of every month "the provisional Production Data for the preceding month" and "the Reconciled Monthly Production Data for each month on or before the tenth day of the following month." In a July 11 order, it asked the NOCs to reservoir production and performance data on a half-yearly basis and in-place reserves in

each of the fields on a yearly basis. Besides seeking all technical data on reservoir performance, it asked NOCs to immediately notify any discovery and detailed timelines for subsequent processes like declaring a find commercially viable and submission of a field development plan. "If the NOC declares the discovery a commercial discovery, then within 200 days (for oil) and 365 days (for gas), the NOC shall submit to DGH for the purpose of review and advice by the Review Committee, a comprehensive Field Development Plan (FDP)/ Feasibility Report (FR)," the July 11 order said. For previous discoveries, it wanted a quarterly status report.

ONGC produced 86 per cent of its 26.13 million tonnes of crude oil in 2016-17 fiscal from fields given to it on nomination basis. Natural gas production from nomination fields accounted for 93 per cent of the total output of 25.34 billion cubic meters. Pradhan had at an industry event last month stated that oil recovery from reservoirs internationally is 35-40 per cent and that for gas is 55-70 per cent. "In India, the current recovery factors of ONGC and Oil India for crude oil are as low as 27 per cent and 23 per cent. In case of natural gas, it is 54 per cent and 43 per cent for ONGC and Oil India, respectively," he had said.

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Wimbledon Men's Singles

London, July 16: In the Wimbledon Tennis championship, Roger Federer will clash with Marin Cilic in the Men's singles final tomorrow. Federer beat Tomas Berdych 7-6,7-6,6-4 in the semifinals yesterday. The Czech defeated Federer the last time they played at Wimbledon - in the 2010 quarter-finals when the Czech went on to lose the final

to Rafa Nadal - but the version he faced in the sunshine seven years later appears to have turned back the clock. Cilic beat S. Querrey 6-7,6-4,7-6,7-6 in the semi finals. Cilic's former coach Goran Ivanisevic says, Marin has the potential to become a top-four player and this weekend represents his best chance of winning a Wimbledon title.

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