

Six-Day War begets 50 years of corrosive conflict for Israel

International News

The country seized West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip during the battle, but since then faced charges that its treatment of Palestinians is a form of apartheid. It may well be remembered as a pyrrhic victory for Israel — in six days it stunned the world by vanquishing several Arab armies, only to be saddled with a deeply corrosive 50-year fight with the Palestinians for the ‘Holy Land’.

For several weeks in 1967, the underdog Israelis genuinely feared their young Jewish state would be wiped out. They mobilized reserves to face Egyptian troops arrayed at the border and barricaded the streets with sacks of sand.

impediment

something that hinders (especially in speech)

indigenous

native

‘Revision of rates left to GST Council’

Business News

The decision on revising the tax rates fixed on various goods and services has been left to the discretion of the GST Council, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Chairperson Vanaja Sarna said.

“We have been getting representations from various industries and businesses to revise rates. So, whether any of the items will be opened for revision or not, it is something the Council will take a call on that. It is meeting on June 3,” she said on Monday.

Various industries and businesses, including traders, FMCG and automobiles had been petitioning the central government for revising rates, Ms. Sarna told reporters here.

insatiate

never satisfied

intrepid

fearless

National News

EPF contributions to remain at 12%: Minister

Says Centre will not renew proposal to lower it

The Central government will not bring back its proposal to decrease rate of deduction from salary towards provident fund (PF) savings from 12% to 10% as even employers were against such a move, Labour and Employment Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said on Monday.

“I am happy to inform that employers have come forward to say that they will contribute 12% and not 10% (of income towards worker’s EPF account). It’s a healthy sign. Both employers and employees have opposed the proposal and now we will continue with our old notification,” Mr. Dattatreya said.

irate

angry

Jeopardy

danger