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NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ENDER NOTICE No. EEPr/CLZ/TC/2020-21/09 Dated : 12.10.20 Executive Engineer (Project) Civil Line Zone, on behalf of Commissioner, North DMC invites online bids from the eligible bidders in two bid system for execution of the work Providing and installation of effluent treatment plant, sewerage treatment Plant and water treatment plant at Balak Ram Hospital, Timarpur in Civil Line Zone" under H/A XL-IXA-VII. Tender Amount : Part 'A' Rs. 15,09,732/- (Civil Work), Part 'B' @ Item Rate (SITC of STP, SITC of ETP & SITC of WTP), Part 'C' @ Item Rate (Operation & Maintenance work for 5 years), Earnest Money : Rs. 4,08,400/- & Tender Cost : Rs. 1500/-, Technical Bid Open Date : 23.11.2020 at 15:30 Hrs. & Financial Bid Open Date : to be informed to responsive bidders, Time of Completion is 6 Months and Rate holds good is 05 Months.

For full details and submission of bids, please see the website https://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER from 18.10.2020 at 10.00 Hrs. R.O. No. 25/DPI/North DMC/2020-21 E.E. (Pr.) CLZ

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

No.: 21/EE/C2D/2020-21/CHENNAI The Executive Engineer, Chennai 2 Division, CPWD, Chennai - 06,

invites on behalf of the President of India, online lumpsum tenders e-bids from Lab Consultants in Two Bid System (Technical Bid & Price Bid) for the work of "Providing Lab Planning Consultancy fo Modernization / renovation and development of existing BIS Lab to worldclass BIS Labs and proposed new lab building at Taramani, Chennai". Estimated Cost : Rs. 28,82,000/-, Earnest Money Rs. 57,640/-, Period of Completion : 3 (Three) Months. Last date and time of online submission of bid : 10.11.2020 upto 23.00 Hours. Date 8 Time of opening of Technical Bid Tender: 11.11.2020 / 11.00 Hours The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the Website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in or www.eprocure.gov.in



RIICO invites tenders/bids costing more than Rs. 200 lacs through eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from registered, reputed and experienced contractors for under mentioned works. As such, this is to inform all the prospective bidders/contractors registered in appropriate class in any department or public undertaking of any state in India/GOI, that they may ownload & submit online tenders/bids for following works

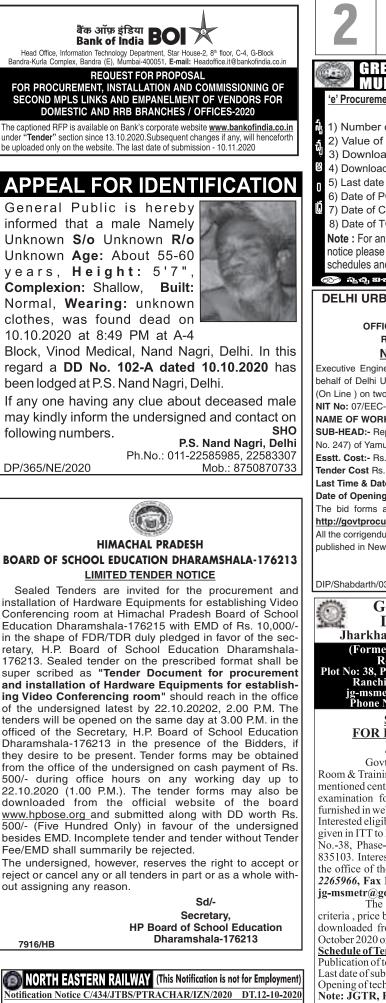
Sr.	Name of Work	Estimated
No.		Cost (Rs.
		in Lacs)
1	Sr. Regional Manager, Ajmer	
1.1	Upgradation of Infrastructrure at I/A Kekri	360.50
	UBN-RDC2021WSOB00911	
2	Sr. Regional Manager, Rajsamand	
2.1	Providing Laying and shifting of power lines at I/A Baggad,	344.58
	Rajsamand. UBN-RDC2021WSOB00914	
Raj.S	Udyog Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur- 302 005, Phone : 0141-2227751, 4593201 Fax : 0141-4593210 E - Mail : riico@riico.co.in Website : www.riico.co.in amwad/C/20/5558	

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.

ल्पकालीन सामान्य निविदा संख्या:- 59/2020-21/वि.वि.मं./मेरठ, विद्युत वितर खण्ड चतुर्थ, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड तृतीय, खरखौदा के कार्य क्षेत्र में 33/11 केर्व उपकेन्द्र खरखौदा पुराना पर स्थापित 03 नं. 33 केवी वीसीबी के कन्ट्रोल पैनल एवं सी.टी. की वायरिंग करना तथा ओवरालिंग कार्य एवं 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्र बिजौली पर 33 केवी का क्षतिग्रस्त ब्रेकर बदलना, 01 नग 33 केवी पैनल की स्थापना एवं कॉपर कन्ट्रोल केबिल से वायरिंग करने हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे pvvnl.org पर प्रकाशित किय गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रुपर 2,00,000.00 है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। निविदा प्रपत्र जग करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 29.10.2020 (12:00 बजे तक) है। अल्पकालीन सामा **निविदा संख्या:**- 60/2020-21/वि.वि.मं./मेरठ, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुर्थ, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्र हसनपुर एवं नंगली किठौर की 2–2 नग 33 केवी ब्रेकरो को नये कॉपर कन्ट्रोल केबिल से वायरिंग करना एवं उपकेन्द्र किठौर पर 33 केवी क्षतिग्रस्त पैनल बदलना आदि कार्य करने हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे pvvnl.org पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। कार्य की अनुमानित गगत रुपये 2,00,000.00 है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। निविद प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 29.10.2020 (12:00 बजे तक) है। कार्य की मूल मात्रा, निविदा विशिष्टीकरण व अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते pvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध है अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से सम्बन्धित सूचना यदि कोई होगी, केवल वेबसाईट पर डाली जायेगी। अतः स्वंय को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित देखें '**राष्ट्र हित मे बिजली बचायें'**, विद्युत चोरी की सूचना 1800–180–3002 पर दें। हस्ता/-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-मेरठ। पत्र संख्या 2617 वि.वि.मं./मेरत दिनांक : 14.10.2010

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–**निविदा संख्या:**- 57/2020-21/**वि.वि.मं./मेरठ**, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड द्वितीय, परतापुर के कार्य क्षेत्र में 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्रो पर स्थापित जर्जर 11 केवी वीसीबी की इनकमिंग व आउटगोइंग सम्बन्धित कार्य करने हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे



Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Izatnagan Bareilly on behalf of President of India invites application fot the selection and appointment of 1389 nos. Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Sevak (JTBS) location of 38 important serving stations over Izzatnagar Division to issue computerized nreserved tickets only through UTS (Unreserved Ticket System). Interested persons fulfilling the stipulated conditions may apply in the prescribed format

The Reservation	criteria will be applicab	le as per extant rules.							
Name	Name of Work: Allotment of JTBS at Railway stations.								
Name of	stations (JTBS) for w	hich Applications a	re invited.:-						
(1) Farrukhabad	(11) Khatima	(21) Daryaoganj	(31) Bilhaur						
(2) Kashipur	(12) Rudrapur City	(22) Kalyanpur	(32) Kamalganj						
(3) Pilibhit	(13) Fatehgarh	(23) Barrajpur	(33) Bareilly City						
(4) Badaun	(14) Ujhani	(24) Hathras City	(34) Gursahaiganj						
(5) Kannauj	(15) Haldwani	(25) Mathura Cant	(35) Roshanpur						
(6) Kichha	(16) Izatnagar	(26) Kayamganj	(36) Tanakpur						
(7) Rudain	(17) Ramnagar	(27) Kasganj	(37) Sahawar town						
(8) Bazpur	(18) Baheri	(28) Patiyali	(38) Rawatpur						
(9) Sikandra Rao	(19) Bhojipura	(29) Lalkuan							
(10) Kathgodam	(20) Soron Soker Chhatra	(30) Ganjdundwara							



Project Director-OCTDMS OIPR-32234/11/0003/2021

Date & Time

19.10.2020 at 03:30 pm

21.10.2020 at 03:30 pm

Joint Transport Commissioner (Road Safety)

2223/2020

No. CIID/SLR/Tender/2020 (Part IV) Date: 13.10.2020 Tender Notice The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the contract of leasing of SLR/SLRD space in the following special trains originating from various stations over Delhi Division:-

NORTHERN RAILWAY

	Tender Open Date: 13.11.0220										
S. No.	Train	Station From	Station To	Comptt. (SLR/ SLRD)	CC (Ton- nes)	Days of operation	R.P. (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Cost including GST @18% (in Rs.)	Tender No.	
1	05484	DLI (Delhi)	APDJ (Alipur duar Jn)	F-II	04	Daily	25008	100000	1180	SLR-FII-05484-Oct20	
2	02004	NDLS (New Delhi)	LJN (Lucknow NE)	F-I	3.9	Daily	11527	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02004-Oct20	
3	02554	NDLS (New Deihi)	SHC (Saharsa Jn)	F-I	3.9	Daily	20145	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02554-Oct20	
4	02824	NDLS (New Delhi)	BBS (Bhubaneshwar)	F-I	3.9	Daily	32293	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02824-Oct20	
5	02692	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	SBC (KSR Begaluru)	F-I	3.9	Daily	39220	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02692-Oct20	
6	04006	ANVT (Anand Vihar Trm)	SMI (Sitamarhi)	R-I	04	Daily	19231	100000	1180	SLR-RI-04006-Oct20	
7	02414	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	MAO (Madgaon)	F-I	3.9	Friday & Saturday	35621	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02414-Oct20	
8	02618	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	ERS (Ernakulam Jn)	F-I	04	Daily	37665	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02618-Oct20	
9	02618	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	ERS (Ernakulam Jn)	F-II	04	Daily	37665	100000	1180	SLR-FII-02618-Oct20	
10	02963	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	UDZ (Udaipur)	F-I	04	Daily	12716	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02963-Oct20	
11	02963	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	UDZ (Udaipur)	R-I	04	Daily	12716	100000	1180	SLR-RI-02963-Oct20	
12	02284	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	ERS (Ernakulam Jn)	F-I	3.9	Saturday	44491	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02284-Oct20	
13	04739	DEE (Delhi S Rohilla)	BKN (Bikaner Jn)	F-I	04	Sunday, Wednesday & Friday	11790	100000	1180	SLR-FI-04739-Oct20	
14	04739	DEE (Delhi S Rohilla)	BKN (Bikaner Jn)	R-I	04	Sunday, Wednesday & Friday	11790	100000	1180	SLR-RI-04739-Oct20	
15	02463	DEE (Delhi S Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	F-I	04	Sunday, Wednesday & Friday	10711	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02463-Oct20	
16	02463	DEE (Delhi S Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	F-II	04	Sunday, Wednesday & Friday	10711	100000	1180	SLR-FII-02463-Oct20	
17	02463	DEE (Delhi S Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	R-I	04	Sunday, Wednesday & Friday	10711	100000	1180	SLR-RI-02463-Oct20	
18	02626	NDLS (New Delhi)	TVC (Trivandrum Central)	F-I	3.9	Daily	36358	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02626-Oct20	
19	02314	NDLS (New Delhi)	SDAH (Sealdah)	F-I	3.9	Daily	27981	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02314-Oct20	
20	03414	DLI (Delhi)	MLDT (Malda Town)	F-I	04	Monday, Wednesday & Saturday	22642	100000	1180	SLR-FI-03414-Oct20	
21	02780	NZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	VSG (Vasco Da Gama)	F-I	04	Daily	30693	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02780-Oct20	
22	02802	NDLS (New Delhi)	PURI (Puri)	F-I	3.9	Daily	26315	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02802-Oct20	

http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रुपये 2,00,000.00 है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 13.11.2020 (12:00 बजे तक) है। **ई-निविदा संख्या**ः 58/2020-21/**वि.वि.मं**./**मेरठ**, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम, मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड तृतीय, मेरठ के कार्य क्षेत्र में 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्रो पर स्थापित जर्जर 11 केवी वीसीबी की इनकमिंग व आउटगोइंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य करने हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे <u>http://etender.up.nic.in</u> पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रुपये 2,00,000.00 है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 2000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 13.11.2020 (12:00 बजे तक) है। कार्य की मुल मात्रा, निविदा विशिष्टीकरण व अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये ई-निविद निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से सम्बन्धित सूचना यदि कोई होगी, केवल वेबसाईट पर डाली जायेगी। अतः स्वंय को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित देखें। 'राष्ट्र हित मे **बिजली बचायें**' विद्युत चोरी की सुचना 1800-180-3002 पर दें। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-मेरठ। पत्र संख्याः -2616/वि.वि.म./मेरठ देनाँक : 14.10.2020

• Period: 3 years. • Tender form cost:- 500/- (Rs. Five Hundred only) for each station. • Earnest Money :- 5,000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) for each station. (1) Sale of application form: From the office of Divisional Rail Manager Commercial) North Eastern Railway, Izatnagar, Bareilly in any working day between 10:00 to 16:00 pm till 11-11-2020 on payment of Application form fee which will be deposited in cash in booking office at Izzatnagar station. (2) Applications submission date & time: 05-11-2020 to 12-11-2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. (3) Applications Opening date & time: 12-11-2020 at 15:30 Hrs. (4) This applications form & document is available on North Eastern Railway & government website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in The person who are interested to submit their applications from website he can download the documents and the cost of application form & earnest money should be deposited necessarily with application form through Demand Draft issued by Nationalized Bank in favour of F.A. & C.A.O/North Eastern Railway Izatnagar, paid in Bareilly. The railway administration reserved the right to cancel the application without assigning any reason.

CPRO/Vanijva-34 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Izatnagar About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955 Never travel on roof and foot boards.

Office of Executive Engineer Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan one No:- 0135-2672069, Webs

Letter No: 596/E-TENDER NOTICE/PERI URBAN/Nathanpur/2020-21

Dated: 14.10.2020

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING E- Tender Notice

On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun, E- tenders in Two Bid System, on item rate contract basis (inclusive of all material), are invited for the construction of following works for Improvement of Nathanour Water Supply Scheme in District Dehradun (Uttarakhand) from technically and financially capable bidders, registered with Central / Any State Government / Central or Any State Government Undertaking Department / Government Institution up to prescribed time & date and on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions given below:-

Bid No.	Particular of work	Earnest money Rs. (In Lakh)	Period for downloading the Bidding Document	Period for Online Submission of Bids	Time & Date of Opening of Bids	Last Date & Time of submission of pre-bid queries	Last Date & Time for physical/ offline submission of documents	Tender document Cost in Rs.	Time, Date and Place of Pre – Bid Conference
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Supply of all materials, labour and T&P for construction of following works for improvement of Nathanpur water Supply Scheme complete in all respect, including commissioning, testing, trial, defect liability and Operation & maintenance of water supply scheme including billing and collection of water charges for five years. With its appurtenant works, in Nathanpur (Zone I, II, III, IV & V) Distt. Dehradun Uttarakhand As-Construction of 03 Nos. of Tube wells & Pump Houses, 02 Nos. of R.C.C. O.H.T, Rising main, Distribution System, House Service Connection with AMR Metering, Auto chlorination dosing system, Automation of Tube wells & Pressure transmitters (SCADA) and Related Works.	65.00	15.10.2020 (Thursday) at 14:00 hrs. To 18.11.2020 (Wednesday) at 14:00 hrs.	07.11.2020 (Saturday) at 11:00 hrs to 18.11.2020 (Wednesday) at 17:00 hrs.	(Friday) at 11:00 hrs.	23.10.2020 (Friday) at 14:00 hrs.	19.11.2020 (Thursday) at 17:00 hrs.	5000+ GST @18%	29.10.2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 hrs. Office of the General Manager (TRM), Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, B-block, Nehru Colony Dehradun

All information and conditions related to e-tendering can be seen at Uttrakhand e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. http://www.uktenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer**

nterested bidders may please visit official website for E-tendering i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and submitting tender. Important Note:

1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) Government of India. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from www.cca.gov.in

2. Bidders who want to participate in this e-tender will be required to register on Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in through a valid Class-3 Digital Security Certificate (DSC), if not registered earlier. All information related to bidder registration and participation in this e-tender is available on the official website of Indian Railways www.ireps.gov.in

3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these tenders/contracts at any point of time (or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these tenders/contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions) depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these special trains or commencement of corresponding regular train services.

For Item at S. No. 5 of this NIT, the originating station has been temporary changed/revised from NZM station to NDLS station due to internal reasons for time being. However, the same may be restored as and when the regular train services got restored or earlier also. Accordingly, tenders for the said trains/compartments are being invited from NZM station. Moreover, Railways reserve the rights to modify the terms and conditions regarding these trains (including Reserve Price) in proportionate to change in Distance/Route. 2214/2020

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ence of the Minister and accusing the Centre of adopting "double standards". The meeting at Krishi Bhawan, which houses the

Agriculture Ministry, went on for barely an hour and came to a

Agriculture Secretary Sanjay

Agarwal, demanding the pres-



Farmers' delegation from Punjab accuses govt of 'double standards'



Farmers protest outside Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

Representatives of 29 farm unions from Punjab – which is TALKS BETWEEN the governat the centre of the recent ment and representatives of protests against three farm laws passed by Parliament – had farmer unions from Puniab ended on a stormy note as memcome to New Delhi to participate bers of the delegation walked in the meeting. out of a meeting with

sudden end as the farmer lead-

ers walked out of the meeting.

Dr Darshan Pal, a member of the coordinating committee of the 29 farm organisations, told The Indian Express, "There were more than 40 of us but only 10 were called to hold talks with the Secretary. As soon as we reached the venue, around 11.40 am, each of us was given a file with copies CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



National Conference leaders Faroog Abdullah and Omar Abdullah met PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti at her residence in Srinagar on Wednesday. @OmarAbdullah Twitter

Farooq, Omar call on Mehbooba; Gupkar signatories to meet today

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

THE DAY after PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti was released from detention. National Conference leaders Faroog and Omar Abdullah visited the former Chief Minister to invite her to a meeting of the signatories to the Gupkar declaration at the

senior Abdullah's residence on Thursday afternoon. "My father and I called on Mehbooba Mufti sahiba this afternoon to enquire about her well being after her release from detention. She has kindly ac-

cepted Farooq sahib's invitation to join a meeting of the Gupkar

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MEHBOOBA'S CHALLENGE Much depends on how she finds way forward in Kashmir's new reality

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Declaration signatories tomorrow afternoon," Omar posted on Twitter after the meeting on

Wednesday In response, Mehbooba tweeted: "It was nice of you & Faroog sahib to come home. It gave me courage listening to him. I am sure together we

all can change things for the better".

The Gupkar Declaration was issued on August 4, 2019, after a meeting of Kashmir's mainstream political parties at Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar residence unanimously resolved to stay united to protect to "defend the identity, autonomy and special status of Jammu and Kashmir".

The special status was scrapped the following day, and the state was broken up into two Union Territories.

The scheduled meeting on Thursday will be the first time the signatories of the Gupkar Declaration will meet since the events of August 2019. On **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

WILL VISIT NEXT MONTH **Army chief** heads to Nepal amid moves to repair ties

First big visit after border row, will be made Honorary Gen of Nepal Army

SHUBHAJIT ROY & YUBARAJ GHIMIRE NEW DELHI, KATHMANDU, OCTOBER14

IN WHAT would be the first high-level Indian visit to Nepal after the boundary dispute escalated this summer, Indian Army chief General MM Naravane will visit Kathmandu next month. While the dates are vet to be

announced, the Nepal Army, in a statement Wednesday, said the Indian Army chief "will visit Nepal in the month of November this year". It said the visit was "approved by the Government of Nepal" on February 3, but "was postponed due to lockdown in both the countries".

Nepal Army spokesperson Brigadier General Santosh Poudel said the two sides were in touch to decide the dates.

During the visit, Nepal Army on Gen Naravane - it's a President Bidhya Devi Bhandari 70-year-old tradition, a reciprocal arrangement between the will confer the rank of the Honorary General of the Nepal





Only 22% NRIs to vote Trump, support Rs 157 cr from Central staff salaries for for Modi cuts across divide: US survey

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didate Biden (52/100).

KARISHMA MEHROTRA SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 14

DAYS AHEAD of the November 3 US election, a survey has found that while almost half of Indian Americans approve of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's performance, they remain steadfastly Democratic despite the apparent courtship between Modi and US President Donald Trump – 68 per cent plan to vote for Joe

PM Cares; over 93% from Railways



At the 'Howdy, Modi' event in Texas in Sept 2019. File

Biden and 22 per cent for Trump. The survey, by Carnegie Endowment for International SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14 Peace, Johns Hopkins University,

FROM THE largest government the University of Pennsylvania, and released on employer Railways to the Department of Space, 50 depart-Wednesday, however, found that Indian Americans voting for ments under the Centre have conincumbent Trump have a much tributed Rs 157.23 crore from staff salaries to the Prime Minister's more favourable view of Modi (at a rating of 76 out of 100) than Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM those voting for Democratic can-CARES) fund, RTI records accessed CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 by The Indian Express show.

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Topping the list with Rs 146.72 crore, the Railways said in its RTI response that the amount "has been contributed to PM CARES Fund through contribution from employees".

Based on RTI responses received, the Department of Space is next on this list with over Rs 5.18 crore. In its response, the department stated: "Contribution made by employees is in their individual capacity...through their salary".

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However, several key departments, such as the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), those under the Ministry of Home Affairs, and large employers such as the Department of Posts, did **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



window THE ARMY chief's Nepal visit is important given

the intertwined history of the two armies. It also opens a window of opportunity for a conversation with Nepal's military and political establishment following the strain in ties over the boundary.

Women volunteers prepare Covid kits in Patna. Dipankar Ghose

DIPANKARGHOSE PATNA OCTOBER 14

THERE ARE 20 minutes left till 8 pm, and the enthusiasm

is dropping. For over 11 hours now, 500 women have been sorting and wrapping, raising a hand when they run out of equipment. In an indoor hall the size of a hockey field, a voice booms on a microphone: "Chalu

rakho (Keep it going)." Off the mike, there is another instruction: "Music chalu karo, thoda energy badhao (Start the music, step up the energy)." Soon, smiles fill the hall as a Bhojpuri

song begins to play. In the halls of Gyan Bhawan in Patna, a um swanky convention centre usually used for exhibitions and confer-DECISION ences, the music is the **CONTINUED ON** 2020 PAGE 4

Nashik prisoner hangs himself, note found in body blames jail staff

Five other inmates complain against prison staffers; investigation on

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SADAF MODAK MUMBAI. OCTOBER 14

MAHARASHTRA POLICE have begun an inquiry after allegations of harassment against staffers in Nashik central prison were found in a suicide note recovered from an unusual place the abdomen of a prisoner who was found hanging inside a cell.

Senior officers said five other inmates of the jail, and a prisoner who had been released recently, have written to authorities, including the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, seeking an FIR under IPC Section 306 (abetment to suicide) against jail staffers.

The two-page note, written in Marathi and wrapped in plas-

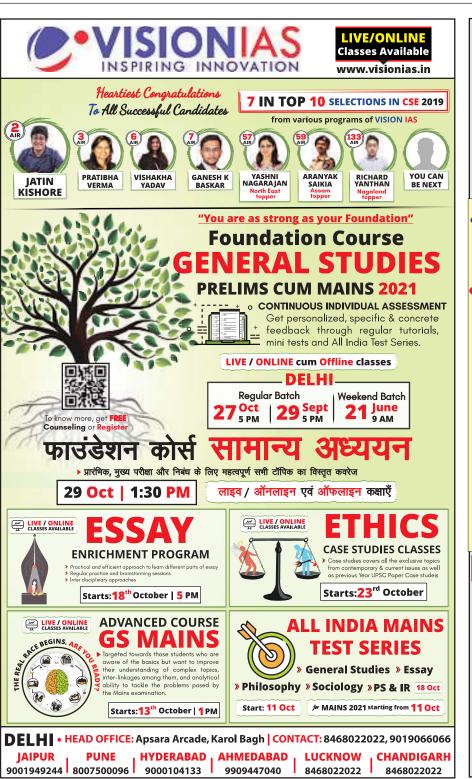


been filed as per procedure in cases of unnatural death. An official said that an investigation is also being conducted

into who wrote the note for Mansoori – the family told police that he could not read or write.

Mansoori, who was serving a life term on charges of murder, had completed nearly 14 years in jail, and was given the responsibility of a warder to assist jail staff, including keeping vigil at night

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Army chief

two armies since 1950.

The choice of General Naravane for the first high-level Indian visit to Kathmandu since the boundary row gained momentum is significant since it was his comment that Nepal was acting at the "behest of someone else" - an oblique reference to China which complicated relations amid tensions over the boundary issue.

On May 15, General Naravane suggested that Nepal might be raising the issue of Indian road construction via Lipulekh to Mansarovar at the "behest of someone else"

Nepal reacted sharply to the Army chief's comments. Nepal Defence Minister Ishwar Pokhrel called the statement "insulting... ignoring Nepal's history, our social characteristics and freedom".

The inauguration of the new road from Dharchula to Lipulekh on the Mansarovar Yatra route angered the KP Sharma Oli government which came out with a new map of Nepal, adding to it an area of 370 sq km at the tri-junction of Nepal, India and China (Tibet) which India maintains is its territory.

A Constitution amendment Bill was passed by Nepal's parliament to legitimize the alteration or addition Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura to the country's new map. The passage of the Bill and the new map led to breakdown of communication between the two countries

But in recent months, starting from the phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Oli, efforts have been made for a rapprochement between the two countries.

This was followed by a meeting between officials in Kathmandu to review projects funded by the Indian government. The August 17 meeting took place in Kathmandu where Nepal's Foreign Secretary Shankar Das Bairagi led a team of officials and

Sudhir Kumar, General Manager, Bihar Medical Services Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (BM-SICL), said the women volunteers ---NGO personnel, ASHA workers and mid-day meal staff -- come in two shifts beginning 8 am, and ending 12 hours later. "300 come in the first shift, and 200 in the second. The biggest challenge is the pace cannot drop," Kumar said. Every volunteer gets Rs 220 extra per day, with food and travel to and from the venue pro-

vided for. Patna is one of the three centres where this exercise is taking place, the other two being Muzaffarpur and Purnea. "On the first day, we created 30,000 kits, on the second 40,000, and on the third (Tuesday) close to 60,000. We need to bring out 5 lakh kits overall from this centre," Kumar said. He is one of 25 BMSICL officials at the Bhawan round the clock.

If the scale of this exercise -- from trucks bringing in material to men unloading and loading crates -- underlines the challenge in conducting an election during a pandemic, senior Health officials said even to get to this stage has been a logistical feat. 'When you tender and buy, it can take time. So there are representatives of the state government camping in cities where the companies we have procured material from are based, like Ajmer, Agra, Dehradun and New Delhi. Everything is a new challenge," a senior official said.

Another aspect that needs to be addressed, officials said, is the disposal of used material. So a protocol to dispose bio-medical waste has been made, which includes three dustbins with 100-litre capacity per polling station. The waste material will be carried in closed dedicated vehicles, with GPS-based tracking till bio-medical waste treatment facilities. Officials said they are also looking to finetune helpline numbers and the Sanjeevani app, which provides Covid updates.

Pratyaya Amrit, Bihar Health Secretary, said that in meetings with

Rs 157 crore from central govt pay for PM fund

not respond to RTI queries from The Indian Express.

The PMO, which also manages the fund, had earlier declined to furnish details of the contributions received. "PM CARES Fund is not a public authority under the ambit of Section 2(h) of the RTI Act. However, relevant information in respect of PM CARES Fund may be seen on the website pmcares.gov.in," it said in an RTI response. The fund was set up on March 28

this year following the Covid outbreak and had a corpus of Rs 3,076.62 crore by March 31 itself, of which Rs 3,075.85 crore were listed as "voluntary contributions", according to the website.

So far, RTI queries filed by *The* Indian Express have revealed contributions of Rs 2,105 crore by 38 PSUs from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds -- and Rs 204.75 crore from seven public banks and other financial institutions, apart from Rs 21.81 crore by several central educational institutions, all from staff salaries.

The data on central government departments is based on RTI responses received until Tuesday to queries sent from August to

ment zones, and over 11,000 active cases of which more than 9,000 are in home quarantine. To keep voting safe, the Health Department is planning "100 per cent testing" in all containment zones, beginning three days before polling day. "For instance, for polls starting October 28, our houseto-house tests in containment zones will be done from October 23-26," a

senior official said. Consider the key elements in Bihar's bid to keep Covid at bay for the polls:

For Voters: 29 lakh hand saniser units: 18 lakh face shields: 7.21

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Railways	146.72 crore
Dept of Space	5.18 crore
Environment	1.14 crore
External Affairs	43.26 lakh
Statistics & Program Implementation	34.83 lakh
Dept of Defence	26.20 lakh
Dept of Revenue	22.60 lakh
Health	18.51 lakh
Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension	ns 16.91 lakh
Dept of Education	14.24 lakh
	Source: Replies under RTI Act

Fund is not a public authority under

From staff salaries (Rs)

Some of the departments forwarded the RTI query to the PMO, which reiterated that the fund is "not

In other responses, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change contributed Rs 1.14 crore from

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that Rs 43.26 lakh "has been deducted during the period March to August 2020 from the salary

Trump supporters have a higher opinion of Modi, Trump's detractors are divided on their views on the Indian prime minister". Those who disapprove of Trump are split on Modi, with roughly 40 per cent approving and 40 per cent disapproving of him.

"Indian Americans have actually "While Republicans are more bullbecome a talking point in this elecish on Modi, it is worth pointing out tion in a way that very few of us could that Democrats still largely view him have ever imagined... The spectre of favourably. The simple notion that Modi coming to power in 2014 undoubtedly created some cleavages ers and Modi opponents are Trump within the Indian American community. And one of those cleavages is the way Indian Americans view the Prime

of the officials on the pay rolls of the Ministry" for the fund.

As part of its RTI response, the MEA attached a tweet dated April 4 by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla stating that "MEA's contribution" to PM CARES has "gone up to Rs 2.2 crore". However, the response did not specify whether the contribution was from staff salaries or other sources.

The Department of Defence, under the Ministry of Defence (Civil), said its staff contributed Rs 26.20 lakh from salaries while employees from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare chipped in with Rs 18.51 lakh. The Ministry of Personnel, Public

Grievances and Pensions, which comprises three departments and functions directly under the Prime Minister, responded that it contributed Rs 16.91 lakh from staff salaries. And employees of the President's Secretariat chipped in with Rs 12.05 lakh.

Apart from the 50 departments that together contributed Rs 157.23 crore, employees of the secretariats of Lok Sabha (Rs 52.54 lakh) and Rajya Sabha (Rs 36.39 lakh) contributed to the fund from their salaries.

the highest number of battleground states that could go either way in November – plan to vote for Trump at 27 per cent, while those in the South plan to vote for him at 24 per cent.

Even among the Indian Americans who have registered as Republicans, only 44 per cent "strongly approve" of Trump and 27 per cent "approve' of him.

Economy, healthcare, and racism were the most important issues for Indian Americans.

could have led to an early release, possibly within the next few months. And following complaints sent by inmates in this regard, he feared he would be mentally and physically tortured or attacked, the letter claims The other letters allege corrup-

away from an open prison, which

tion and demands for money made by prison staffers, and state that the inmates are ready to record these charges in statements before a magistrate.

Maharashtra Additional DGP (Prison and Correctional Services) Sunil Ramanand said that as per provisions of Section 176 of the CrPC, an inquiry will also be conducted by a judicial magistrate into the death --apart from the police probe.

"They will arrive at their own findings after the inquiries and decide on whether any criminal offence has been committed," he said.

Senior Police Inspector Suraj Bijli from the Nashik Road police station confirmed that a suicide note was found from Mansoori's abdomen and said that a probe was ongoing.

Mansoori's niece, who did not wish to be identified, said: "He would always be laughing, joking on video calls with us (after visits were stopped during the lockdown). In the last call a few weeks ago, he suddenly said that he does not feel like living anymore. When we asked why, he changed the topic."

Farm leaders of the farm laws.'

He said their biggest grudge was that there was no minister to talk to them and that Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary was addressing farmers of Punjab through videoconferencing on a day that they had been called to Delhi for the talks

While Choudhary was holding his virtual meeting at the BJP headquarters, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was in the Cabinet meeting that was on at that time. The Indian Express has learnt. "Aggarwal could not give us any satisfactory reply, and only said 'Discuss karte hain'. We told him that BJP appears to be playing politics. We auestioned the government's double standards -- first, they invite us here and then they campaign against us in Punjab," said Pal, who is also president of the Krantikari Kisan Union, Puniab. The Indian Express tried to reach out to Agarwal for his version of the events at the meeting, but his office said he was busy and not available for comment. Soon after the meeting ended, the farmer leaders assembled at the gates and sat on a dharna, during which they tore copies of the farm laws. Joginder Singh, state president of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, Ekta (Ugrahan), said, "We were told that the meeting has been called by the department. But when we saw that the meeting is with the Agriculture Secretary and not with the Minister of Agriculture, we decided to walk out.' Singh submitted to the Agriculture Secretary a 10-point demand list, which included repealing of the farm laws and the Electricity Amendment Act, 2020, and that the government legally ensure procurement of farm produce on minimum support price. The demands also include "immediately release of detained and imprisoned intellectuals. democratic rights activists and student activists all over the country." Later in the evening, the Agriculture Ministry issued a statement saying, "This meeting was scheduled to be held at the level of Secretary Agriculture (AC&FW) Government of India... In this meeting, various issues related to farmers' welfare were discussed for about two hours. At the end of this meeting, two memorandums on behalf of the Farmers' Unions were given to Secretary... The Government of India is always committed to protect the interest of farmers and is always open for discussions. WITH INPUTS FROM RAAKHI JAGGA, CHANDIGARH

September. There are 89 departments under 59 ministries -- 50 of them, un-RTI Act." der 43 ministries, responded to the **RTI** queries The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE) and

Department of Pharmaceuticals denied the information. DBT said the information "may not serve any public interest"; DARE stated that it is "third party information"; and, the Department of Pharmaceuticals echoed the PMO's line: "PM Cares

The survey comes even as the

41.61 lakh-strong community finds

its voting choices in the spotlight

given one, their view on politics back

in India and two, the Democrats'

choice of Indian-origin Kamala Harris

as vice-presidential candidate.

US survey

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staff salaries.

the Indian side was led by Indian ambassador Vinav Mohan Kwatra.

Patna's Covid race

closest to normal that it will get for the next few days. Because, with just a fortnight left for the Bihar elections. it is here that a mammoth exercise to create Covid kits is taking place -- for voters, polling personnel and security staff.

the state government, the Election Commission has conveyed that this is a poll that will be "watched by the whole world". "People have expectations from us, and trust. The team has taken up this challenge and we are leaving no stone unturned. This is an opportunity to create a successful model, even in these challenging times," Amrit said.

Bihar still has around 600 contain-

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crore single-use hand gloves. For Central Police: 5.63 lakh hand sanitiser units; 11.26 lakh 3-ply masks; 5.63 lakh face shields; 11.26

lakh hand gloves. For State Police: 67,830 hand sanitiser units; 4.06 lakh 3-ply masks; 2.03 lakh face shields; 4.06 lakh hand gloves.

For polling personnel: 7.66 lakh hand sanitisers; 46 lakh 3-ply masks; 7.66 lakh face shields; 23 lakh hand

gloves: 1.06 lakh New Okhla Industrial Development Authority hand-held IR ther-

Milan Vaishnay, lead researcher and Senior Fellow, South Asia Program at Carnegie, told The Indian Express.

Trump supporters are Modi support-

opponents does not find support,'

Indian Americans have traditionally voted for the Democratic Party -as many as 93 per cent voted for Barack Obama in 2008. The Democrats have, however, been incrementally losing the community's votes to the Republicans in every election since then.

Almost half of the Indian Americans (48 per cent) surveyed approve of PM Narendra Modi's performance while 32 per cent disapprove

Yet, the survey found, "there may be a floor to Modi's favorability; while mometers.

Minister. But to what extent are Indian Americans going to vote on the basis of India? I am very sceptical about this," Vaishnav said.

The survey, conducted in September on a representative sample of 1,200 Indian Americans, said that "contrary to the emerging narrative, Indian Americans favour the Democratic Party to the Republican Party by a greater than two-to-one margin".

The community's support for Biden (68 per cent) is higher than that of Hispanic voters (64 per cent) and close to that of African American voters (79 per cent).

The survey found that while US-India relations were top priority for only three per cent of those surveyed, when asked, half of the respondents said a candidate's position on India will be "very important" or "somewhat important" to their vote.

Support for Trump amongst Indian Americans is highest among those who identify as Hindu (22 per cent for Trump) and Christian (45 per cent), while only 10 per cent of Muslim Indian Americans plan to vote for Trump.

Almost half of Indian Americans (45%) said Harris's pick made them more likely to vote in the election.

There is an even split amongst Indian Americans about how they see Trump's handling of relations with India. Less than a quarter "strongly approve" while exactly a quarter "strongly disapprove".

While two-thirds (67 per cent) of Democratic Indian Americans opposed Trump's "Muslim ban" (the administration had placed restrictions on travel to the United States for citizens from Muslim-majority countries), only a fourth (28 per cent) of Republicans do. Interestingly, the only topic on which Democratic and Republican Indian Americans converge is university admissions. Roughly half of both groups oppose affirmative action in higher education.

Two other defining characteristics split the Indian American voting patterns: time spent in the US and region. Of those who have only lived in the US for 10 or fewer years, only 28 per cent plan to vote for Trump. Similarly, those in the Midwest – a region with

Farooq, Omar

August 22 this year, the mainstream political parties in the Valley issued a joint declaration reiterating their commitment to fight for restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Mehbooba, who was under detention then, had given the go-ahead for the resolution over a telephone call with the senior Abdullah. The resolution had vowed to stick by the Gupkar Declaration.

Mehbooba on Wednesday also met leaders of her party at her residence

"It was essentially a courtesy call as we were meeting after a very long time. The informal discussion veered around to the political situation of Jammu and Kashmir," a senior leader of the PDP who was present at the meeting told The Indian Express.

"We had an appraisal of the situation of the last one year, and we also discussed the challenges ahead".

This leader said the general opinion of PDP leaders was that the battle to restore J&K's special status and position would be "long and tough". 'We were of the opinion that there are no power goals and we all have to

strive together," he said. Mehbooba has announced a press conference on Friday. The time and other details would be decided after Thursday's meeting at Farooq Abdullah's residence, a senior PDP source said.

In the evening, People's Conference president Sajad Lone also paid a courtesy call to Mehbooba at her residence.

Nashik prisoner

However, the letters written by Mansoori's co-inmates claim that he was kept in a separate cell for the past few weeks as "punishment" by a prison staffer. They allege that the staffer was involved in illegal activities, including arranging cell phones for inmates, and feared that Mansoori would alert senior officials.

"He was being harassed because of this continuously, and he told me that he was being threatened that a false case would be filed against him." states one of the letters.

It claims that Mansoori was kept

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BOY WAS LEARNING TO DRIVE: POLICE Day after two sisters were killed in hit Over 20 students to be and run, police apprehend 17-year-old made accountable: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A DAY after two girls aged 5 and 8 were run over by a "white sedan" in Northwest Delhi's Model Town, Delhi Police apprehended a 17-year-old Class XII student who was allegedly driving the vehicle. The boy's father has been booked under the Motor Vehicle Act. Initial investigation has revealed the boy was allegedly learning to drive when he lost control of the vehicle.

DCP (Northwest) Vijayanta Goyal Arya said the children were crossing the road with their father's friend, Milap Singh (55), when the car hit them.

A PCR call was made at 11.49 pm by a passerby about the accident, which took place near Gurdwara Nanak Piao Sahib. The victims were identified as Gunjan Sarsar and her younger sister Bhoomi, while their sixyear-old brother Gaurav is ad-



mitted at AIIMS Trauma Centre with injuries to his head, spleen and kidney.

DCP Arya said a case under sections of rash driving and death due to negligence has been registered against the juvenile at Model Town police station. "After the incident, broken pieces of the vehicle's number



(Left) The car belonging to the boy's father, who has been booked under the MV Act; (above) the deceased, Gunjan Sarsar (8) and her sister Bhoomi (5)

site and we came to know its model and that it was registered in Haryana. We checked records with transport authorities in

Haryana and Chandigarh," she said. "We found that the car was sold thrice since its first ownership. We apprehended the juvenile from his residence. We have plate were recovered from the also recovered the car from the



lice came to know that the car

ficer said. The victims' family said they want the accused to be tried as an adult. "He killed my children... He's almost 18 and was in his senses when he was driving,' said Jashpal Singh Sarsar (36), fa-

ther of the victims. Jashpal's sister, Meenakshi, said that Gaurav has severe injuries on his face and head. "I have only seen him once after the accident. He is admitted in the red zone at Trauma Centre and will be shifted to Neuro department's ICU. He is critical and still unconscious. We are worried because his spleen is also

mechanic shop. Further investiruptured. He is only six years old gations are on," said Arya. and doctors told me that a part During the investigation, po-

of his skull is damaged severely. We have to wait till he is shifted to the ICU; we can't see him for now," said Meenakshi, outside the Trauma Centre.

The family lives in Burari's Sant Nagar, and had gone for a drive on Monday night. After a visit to the market for juice and medicines, Sarsar stopped at a CNG station around 10.30 pm near the gurdwara.

Jashpal, a driver by profession, said, "My daughter Gunjan wanted to drink mosambi and anaar juice; she hadn't even eaten dinner. We all left home – my wife and I. our three children, and my mother. At one point, we got out so CNG could be filled, and the children spotted shops across the road selling knickknacks. They left for those shops with Milap, holding hands, when a speeding white

sedan hit them... My wife saw

them all fly across the road."

THE DELHI government is trying to take its first steps towards bringing the city's sprawling private coaching and tuitions sector

under regulations, to be drawn by its education department. The capital is home to several

SURKITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

coaching centre hubs for entry to civil services, chartered accountancy(CA), company secretary(CS), banking services, engineering and medical courses, and various government jobs, with Mukherjee Nagar, Kalu Sarai, Karol Bagh, Laxmi Nagar, Munirka and Rajinder Nagar attracting students from across the country. There are also a large number of after-school tuition classes for children.

In a new notice asking all individuals and organisations running coaching institutes or centres with more than 20 students to register with it, the education department has referred to this as a "parallel education system".

"Private coaching institute/centres, imparting preadmission coaching to students for admission into medical/engineering or any other professional courses or pre-examination coaching for securing government or private jobs... or coaching/tuition of any subject taught at secondary or senior secondary school examination level, are growing rapidly in Delhi. Students from all over India come to the city for preparation of such exam-



All coaching centres with over 20 students need to register themselves on the education department's website and provide necessary information before November 14. Archive

private coaching centres. These are not under the ambit of any institutions are running as a parproper regulations. Last year, we allel education system and are had seen a tragedy like the fire at a coaching centre in Surat, in still out of the ambit of any regulation and running without any which 22 children died. So we are statutory compliances leading to trying to collect data on the basis of which we can frame policy for serious hazards to the students... regulating them, in which the pri-The government of NCT of Delhi is ority will be that they follow very much concerned to safeguard the interests of such stusafety norms such as having fire dents already enrolled or desirous safety certificates. There are other to enroll into such coaching insticoncerns such as students being tutes in Delhi." the notice read. cheated but those will be ad-Yogesh Pal Singh, assistant dressed at a later stage," he said.

director of education in the education department's private school branch, said the government does not yet know how many coaching centres there are in the city and the first priority in framing guidelines for them is to ensure the safety of students studying in them.

"It is likely that there are thoustudents and basic facilities besands of such institutes but they

inations and seek admission in fore November 14. Four arrested for stealing electronic devices from railway officer's coach

September 30. They were ar-

rested on Tuesday with most of

the stolen items. The computer,

which had important data on the

Railways, has not been recovered

yet. The officer was on duty when

the accused broke into his coach

Paweriya said, "A case had already

been registered under sections of

Railway Act. We have started our

probe by identifying the accused."

Using technical surveillance,

DCP (Crime Branch) Rakesh

and took all the items.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

DELHI POLICE has arrested four men who allegedly stole electronic devices from a senior railway officer's saloon coach at New Delhi Railway Station.

Police said the accused stole a personal computer, home theatre system, smart TV and speakers from the Railway Safety Chief Commissioner's coach on

police found that the accused are members of a gang named Dholbaaj Express, which targets railway stations and steals items from coaches and vacant offices.

Starting Thursday, all coach-

ing centres with more than 20

students will have to register

themselves on the education's

department website and pro-

vide information such as their

complete address, land area,

land status, faculty qualifica-

tions, fee structure, number of

Nearly two weeks after the break-in, the investigating team identified four of the accused men and traced their location. "We found that they were coming to Khajuri road to sell the stolen items. We went there and arrested them with the electronic devices," said DCP Paweriya.

Calling scene of crime 'horrific', HC denies man bail in riots case

After the riots. Archive

used to work as a waiter there,

was found dead later at the spot.

booked by Gokulpuri police sta-

tion in a case of rioting and mur-

der. Ali was arrested in March af-

ter he was identified by a

The accused, Ashraf Ali, was

SOFIAHSAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

OBSERVING THAT the violence at the scene of crime was "really horrific" and loss of an innocent life as well as damage to the property of general public was enormous, the Delhi High Court Wednesday dismissed the bail plea of an accused in a murder

case connected to the Delhi riots. "It is prima facie clear the applicant was part of unlawful assembly responsible for putting on fire the godown in which deceased Dilbar Negi was there and after that he was found dead (burnt alive). The accused were involved in the heinous crime/offence where the deceased person died and when a person dies it automatically attracts section 302 IPC," Justice Suresh Kumar

witness as one of the 250 per-Kait said in the order. The case, as per police, persons involved in alleged stonetains to the burning of Anil pelting and raising inflamma-

The counsel representing the accused had argued that unlike other accused in the case, there is no CCTV footage identifying Ali in any mob and the case against him relies mainly on a single witness statement, and without a test identification parade. It was also argued that the charge of murder is not made out against the accused. However, police submitted he is liable for the acts

tory slogans on February 24.

committed by any member of that "illegal mob gathered on 24.02.2020 at the spot, who set Sweet Corner at Chaman Park, Main Brijpuri Road. An on fire the deceased Dilbar Negi". Uttarakhand resident, Negi, who

Meanwhile, the court has granted bail to an accused in a case registered over violence which broke out near former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain's house in February. The court said the accused, Kasim, is not seen in any of the 11 footages received from different social media, and noted that police officials did not make any PCR call or DD entry.

15 in Gurgaon 'road rage' EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Man killed by group of

GURGAON, OCTOBER 14

A 50-YEAR-OLD engineer was killed in an incident of alleged road rage when a man, who claimed the victim had hit his scooter with his car, called "around 15 men" and beat him up on Sunday night, with the victim succumbing to his injuries on Monday.

According to police, the deceased, Netrapal Singh, was a resident of Ghaziabad and ran a business in Delhi. He had come to Gurgaon with two relatives for some work on Sunday evening and was driving back when the incident occurred.

"When their vehicle reached near Kherki Daula, a man riding a scooter allegedly intercepted them, because of which they had to stop their car. He then accused the victim of having hit his scooter and started beating him up. When the relatives tried to come to his aid, the man on the scooter called

The accused claimed the man had hit his scooter with his car. He then called around 15

up someone on his phone and a group of men arrived within minutes, armed with sticks," said Vishal Kumar, SHO of Kherki Daula police station.

In the minutes that followed, the men allegedly beat up Singh, fleeing only when commuters in the area began to gather. Although Singh was immediately rushed to Medeor Hospital, he was later transferred to Fortis Hospital in Gurgaon, where he succumbed to his injuries on Monday night.

Police said an FIR has been registered under sections of the IPC including Section 302 (murder).

"We are conducting investigation. No arrests have been made yet," said the SHO.

men and beat him up

AGM (HR, Admn. & Lega

'Vandalism' of temple: Man gets bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A DELHI court on Wednesday granted bail to a man in a case related to alleged vandalism of a temple during the Northeast Delhi riots in February, saying that besides his disclosure statement, prima facie there was nothing on record to connect him with the commission of the crime.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav granted bail to Gulfam on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 20,000 with one surety of like amount in the case of alleged vandalism of Shiv Temple at Moonga Nagar in Dayalpur area by a riotous mob on February 25.

The court said he was arrested in the case at Mandoli jail on the basis of his disclosure statement in another case related to the riots.

Gulfam was lodged in Mandoli jail after he was arrested in the other case earlier. He has already been granted bail in the matter

The court said there was no CCTV footage available on record to corroborate the prosecution's case about his involvement in the incident. It added that since Gulfam was a resident of the locality, his call detail record location was also not of much consequence.

The court further said there was no independent eye witness corroboration of the incident.

"The applicant cannot be made to incarcerate in jail for infinity merely on account of the fact that other persons who were part of the riotous mob have to be identified and arrested in the matter," it said.



This is to bring to the notice of General Public that original Deed of Conveyance dated 07/01/1999 & Supplementary Deed of Conveyance no. 7981of 2003 dated 29/08/2003, executed by Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) in favour of RITES Ltd duly registered with Sub Registrar, Gurgaon in respect of lands purchased by RITES Ltd in the year 1999 and 2003 from HUDA admeasuring 15,374 sq m trituted at 1Plot No.1, Sector 29, Gurgaon has been misplaced/lo and is untraceable. Information Report vide LR No. 652761/2020 dated 13.10.2020 has bee lodged with P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.

Anyone, who finds it, is requested to return/intimate the same at below mentioned address:-a. Corporate Office at RITES Bhawan No. 1, Sector 29, Gurgaon, Haryana (Telephone No 0124-2818635)

b. Registered Office at SCOPE Minar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092 (Telephone No. 011-22024610)

पंजाब नैशन्ल बैंक U punjab national bank

HRM Division, Corporate Office, Sec.-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

CORRIGENDUM

(In partial modification of our notification dated 07.09.2020 regarding Recruitment of 535 Technical Officers in Punjab National Bank)

1.	The	Amount of	Bond	has	been	ina	dvert	ently	spea	cified as Rs.	3.00	Lacs
	for	Post-Scale	MMG	S-III	and	Rs.	2.00	Lacs	for	Post-Scale	MM	GS-II
	resp	ectively.										

2. The bond details for the Indemnity Bond, to be executed by the Selected Officers before joining the Bank, are as under

Post-Scale	Amount of Bond	Bond Period		
MMG Scale-III	Rs 5.00 lacs	03 Years		
MMG Scale-II	Rs 3.00 lacs	03 Years		
DATE: 15.10.2020	GENERA	L MANAGER (HRMD)		

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ENGAGEMENT OF DOCTORS ON CONTRACT BASIS

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), a "Maharatna" Public Sector Enterprise, intends to engage Medical Officers-Field Duty on contract basis for a period upto 30.06.2022 on a consolidated honorarium of ₹75,000/- per month at its Rig-E-2000-VIII of Frontier Basin which may be located anywhere in India.

Eligible interested Candidates may send their application in requisite format for pre-registration from **15.10.2020** to **24.10.2020**

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Sub: Relinquishment of charge on relieving from Bengal Chemicals Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Shri PM Chandraiah, who is working as Director (Finance) and Managing Director (Add charge) with Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., is being relieved from the services the Company from 15th October, 2020 as per Order No. F.No. 250121/2016-PSU-I (Vol.II) lated 13th October, 2020 of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India. Therefore, it is to bring to the notice of all concerned that from 15th October, 2020, Shri PM Chandraiah is not responsible for any activities of the Company and will be relinquishing from all charges as Director (Finance) and Managing Director (Addl. Charge) of Bengal Chemicals k Pharmaceuticals Ltd. All Concerned Drug Authorities, Clients, Stakeholders, Statutor Authorities and all others, may kindly note the above relinquishment of charge of Shri Ph Chandraiah from Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. lace : Kolkata BIPLAB DASGUPT

Date: 15.10.2020

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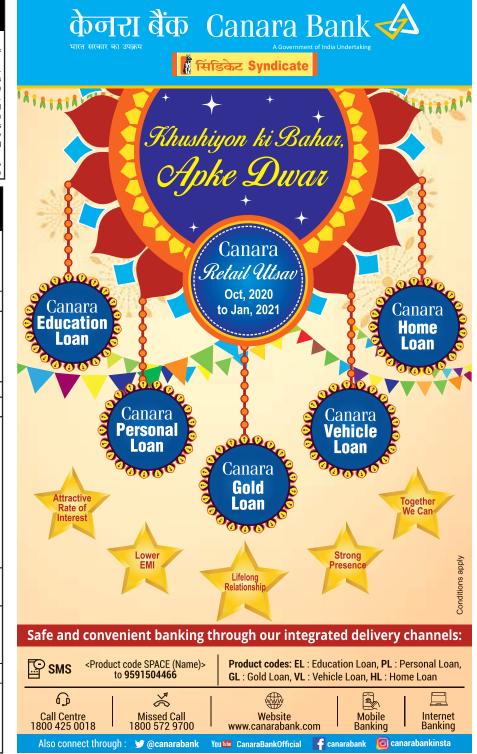
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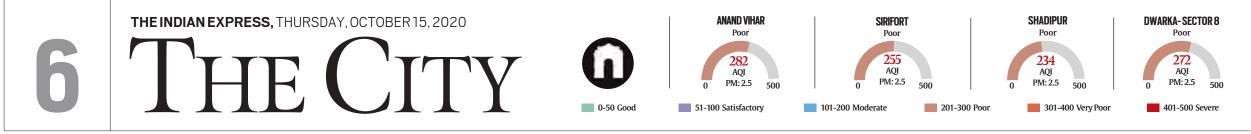
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BRIEFLY —

Sisodia handed labour dept charge

New Delhi: In a reshuffle of departments on the Delhi government, the responsibility of the labour and employment department has been given to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. Officials said Gopal Rai, who headed the department till Wednesday, will be relieved to pay his complete attention to the environment department at a time when pollution in the city is increasing.

18-yr-old dies as tanker hits scooter

New Delhi: An 18-year-old woman died and her father sustained injuries after their two-wheeler was hit by a water tanker in South Delhi's Ambedkar Nagar on Tuesday, Police said they have arrested the accused driver and seized his vehicle.

Woman found dead

New Delhi: A 40-year-old woman was found dead inside a park in Dwarka Sector 23 Tuesday. Police said the body had injury marks on the neck, and that she went missing a day before her body was found. Police said she was allegedly attacked with a knife or a sharp object.

3 held for creating fake **CPWD** site

New Delhi: Three men were arrested for allegedly creating a fake website of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and cheating over 50 people of Rs 10-12 lakh on the pretext of providing them jobs.

NDMC starts 2 YouTube

GRADED RESPONSE ACTION PLAN Diesel gensets turn off as measures to fix pollution crisis come into effect

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

DIESEL GENERATOR sets will be banned in Delhi-NCR from Thursday as the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) – to curb air pollution in the city - comes into effect. Banning of diesel gensets is a constant cause of power-cut worries as thousands of residents of NCR towns are still not linked to the power grid.

On Wednesday, the AQI in Delhi was 'poor' with a value of 276. On Tuesday, this value was 300, with PM 2.5 and PM 10 as primary pollutants.

The Delhi government, meanwhile, announced that the use of diesel generators will be allowed only in hospitals or nursing homes, lifts and escalators, Railway services, Delhi Metro, airports and inter-state bus terminals, and the National Information Centre data centre.

Under GRAP, several pollution control measures come into effect as the concentration of pollutants in the air increases.

For example, when air quality is 'very poor', parking fee is to be enhanced to push people to use public transport, and use of coal in restaurants is to be stopped. When it turns 'severe', brick kilns and hot mix plants have to shut and mechanised sweeping of roads is to be increased. At the 'se-



vere plus' category, entry of trucks into Delhi and construction activities has to be stopped, and oddeven road rationing has to be introduced Apart from banning the use of

generator sets. the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control)Authority also asked the Delhi government to ensure that pollution is controlled in the 13 hotspots in the city, a long-term solution for disposal of solid waste is prepared and put into action and roads be cleaned twice a day using vacuum cleaners.

In dry Delhi winters, dust is a

Salary strike may touch more health centres under MCD

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

SERVICES AT healthcare centres run by the MCD in North and Outer Delhi may be hit as resident doctors of Hindu Rao, striking over a delay in salary, could be joined by dispensaries and other hospitals.

The Municipal Corporation Doctors' Association that comprises doctors from all hospitals under the North MCD has writ



Doctors have warned of a full strike from Monday

amongst doctors... we always re-

strained ourselves from striking.

Now conditions have become

ices will remain unaffected dur-

ing the strike, said R R Gautam.

president of the association. "The

responsibility for this strike shall

lie with the government which

forced us to take this bitter avoid-

ready been joined by doctors of

Hindu Rao doctors have al-

North MCD mayor Jai Prakash

Rajan Babu Institute and is chalk-

ing out a strategy to end the strike

elsewhere. "We are seeking help

from the Centre as well as the

state government and are hope-

ful that things would be on track

soon... Like we have given salaries

to other sections, they too would

Meanwhile, Hindu Rao hos-

get theirs soon," he said.

able step," the letter reads.

Lifesaving emergency serv-

unbearable." the letter reads.

prime cause of concern. The Delhi government has asked all landowning agencies and municipal corporations to adhere to the guidelines and submit reports to the Delhi Pollution Control

Committee. Delhi environment minister, Gopal Rai, meanwhile, visited Chandni Chowk construction site Wednesday to inspect for dust pollution. Over the past week, Rai has visited several construction sites and imposed costs on sites where dust measures were not being followed.

Rai said that at Chandni

Chowk, which is a Delhi PWD department site, no violations were found. "We got several complaints regarding violation of antidust pollution guidelines but today when I visited the spot no violation was found. Officials here told me that to prevent dust pollution, four water tankers have been installed and water sprinkling is going on. They said that the people of the area dump debris here at night, so we instructed the officials to clean up the debris which is here. To do this PWD and MCD will work together," he said

As doorstep delivery turns 2, sahayaks down from 250 to 50

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE NUMBER of mobile sahayaks, who are last-mile delivery agents for the Delhi government's doorstep delivery project, is down by nearly 200 since its launch in 2018.

Mobile sahayaks respond to requests made by people through the helpline, 1076, for services ranging from issuance of marriage certificates to driving licenses, which remained susnended hetween March



The doorstep delivery project

with Matrix Processing House, which was scrapped later.

stations." ENS

VFS Global's own contract with the Delhi government is valid till September 2021, though it is learnt there are talks within the government to look for alternatives.

will manage

in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: As the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) comes into

force in Gurgaon, banning the use

of diesel generator sets from

Thursday, except in case of emer-

gency services, officials from the

Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) claimed that a

Regarding uninterrupted sup-

ply of power in Gurgaon, officials

said they have removed all "con-

straints" from their end. Speaking

about the affidavit given to the

EPCA last year, wherein it had

been stated by the Government of

Haryana that all issues would be

resolved before winter this year,

Vineeta Singh, Chief Engineer,

Smart City Projects, Gurgaon, said,

"Where there were certain con-

straints we had to fulfill, it has now

been completed. The issues in the

rest... are due to obligations that

the builders and developers have

to fulfill. For example, some have

not given money, or not set up

substations or given land for sub-

load" where required.

Asked, as part of the RTI application, if the government was planning to float fresh tenders to replace VFS Global, the response was, "Not decided as of now." Responding to the same query, the company said, "It would be appropriate if you reach out to the med Delhi govern



Of 59,730 applications, 22,186 approved so far. Praveen Khanna

In DU's 2nd cut-off, expect most courses open but slight dip

ing the names of the courses.

At Miranda House, principal

with a total sanctioned

Bijayalaxmi Nanda said that the

college's Political Science course

strength of 68 and a 99% cut-off

the SC and OBC categories in the

second list. "I have approved 666

admissions as of 5 pm... In politi-

cal science, we have approved 78

admissions of which 60 have

paid. Admissions for the unre-

served category will close in that

programme. It is also likely to

close for the unreserved category

At Hindu College, more than

the sanctioned number of seats

has been filled in all unreserved,

SC and ST categories for Political

Science, the course in which it

had set its highest cut-off at 99.5%

for unreserved seats. It has also

filled more than the sanctioned

number of unreserved seats in

English. However, in other

courses with high cut-offs, such

as B.Com (Hons), Economics and

Statistics, many seats are yet to be

filled. "There is still room for un-

certainty because there are re-

sults of entrance examinations

which are coming out even now,'

said principal Anju Shrivastava.

likely to keep admissions for most

subjects open, barring various BA

Programme combinations.

IP College for Women is also

in Geography...," she said.

is likely to remain open only for

large part of the city will be able to **ARANYA SHANKAR&** manage with the available electricity supply. DHBVN has said it is SUKRITA BARUAH also willing to provide "additional NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

> SEVERAL APPLICATIONS were yet to be processed on Wednesday - the last day of applying for admissions to undergraduate courses at Delhi University (DU) colleges on the basis of the first cut-off. Most top colleges are likely to have a majority of their courses open in the second round of admissions. but with only a marginal dip in cut-offs.

While Wednesday was the last day of applying, those whose applications have been cleared will have time to pay their fee and finish the admission process till 12 pm on Friday.

The second cut-off is likely to be announced on Saturday, on the basis of which admissions will begin on Monday. Out of a total of 59,730 applications, 22,186 have been approved and 11,248 applicants have paid the fee and completed their admission so far.

Lady Shri Ram College, which had declared highest cut-offs at 100% for Political Science, Psychology and Economics courses, will see all three subjects open for admission in the second round. "But the drop in cut-offs will be marginal because we don't want to risk over admission. Two of our other courses will likely be closed

Shri Ram College of Commerce principal Simrit Kaur in the second list," said principal said she cannot say till Friday if Suman Sharma, without revealcourses will remain open.

Jain writes to Centre on thermal plants



channels

New Delhi: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) launched two YouTube education channels – Atal Adarsh Shiksha YouTube channel for Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya and Navyug Pragati for Navyug Schools – to help with digital education in response to the pandemic Wednesday.

Cop dragged on car bonnet. driver held

New Delhi: A Delhi Traffic Police constable was dragged on the bonnet of a car for over 300 metres in the Delhi Cantonment area after he tried to stop it, as the driver was driving rashly. The driver was caught and handed over to police. ENS

ten to the administration saying they will resort to a complete strike from Monday if salaries of the past three months are not paid immediately.

North MCD presides over hospitals such as Hindu Rao, Maharishi Valmiki Infectious Diseases, Kasturba Hospital, Girdhari Lal Maternity Hospital and Rajan Babu Institute of Pulmonary Medicine and Tuberculosis, in addition to 21 dispensaries, 63 maternity and child welfare centres, 17 polyclinics and seven maternity homes. Hundreds of people, mostly from

Raian Babu Institute and Kasturba Hospital to press for lower income neighbourhoods, salary demands. are treated here. said he has ended the strike at

They employ at least 1,000 senior doctors, 500 resident doctors and 1.500 nursing officers across the medical facilities. "Doctors of North MCD, who

have been involved in Covid-related duties, have not been paid their salaries of past three months, when the government has paid salary on time to even those employees who did not work during the lockdown pe-

pital opened its OPD on Tuesday riod... Despite braving many even as resident doctors contin-Covid infections and mortality ued their protest outside.

August 31 due to the pandemic.

The Delhi government's administrative reforms department has administrative control over the project, which is run by VFS Global, a private company known for its visa processing operations. The project, under which 100 kinds of services are available, resumed on September 1.

According to information obtained under the RTI Act. on October 2018, a month after its launch, there were 246 mobile sahavaks working under the project. By October 2019. the number came down 110, the administrative reforms department said in its response.

The number dipped further after the pandemic hit its operations. As of now, around 50 mobile sahayaks are engaged to address service requests from people.

The number of mobile sahayaks came down even as the services on offer steadily rose from 40 in September 2018 to 70 in August 2019 and 100 in December 2019.

The monthly average of service requests remained around

19,000 until last December. Over the last one month, around 12.000 requests have been received. "Delhi doorstep delivery is the only scheme of its kind in the world which is not just extending government services to people but also reducing the risk of corona transmission," Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted on Wednesday. At least three mobile sahayaks who have been laid off, including two in January 2019, told The

Indian Express that they were asked to leave within a day's notice. In two cases, they were not given any reason, while in one case, the sahayak was told he was being terminated over an instance of "delay in service delivery".

In a written statement, VFS Global told The Indian Express that the operations of the project, including the mobile sahayak staff, are its own responsibility, and not that of any third-party manpower service providers from which the company may source staff from. It had one such arrangement

thority for required information."

VFS Global also said that in view of the pandemic, the company has had to "rationalise operational costs in line with reduced projected demand and capacity, and accordingly adjust the deployment of a section of the Mobile Sahayak staff".

"The associated health and safety risks of deploying too many sahavaks for the door-to-door service were also taken into consideration. We are fully cognizant of the valuable contributions and efforts of the mobile sahayaks towards this project, and in that regard, stand committed to meet with our obligations. We continue to work closely with the Delhi government and assess next steps on an ongoing basis," it added.

In another RTI response, the department said the government has not yet decided on any expansion of the list of services available under the scheme.

"As of now 100 services are available under doorstep. Not decided on expansion as of now, we may add but depends on the service and demand." it said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE DELHI government has reguested the Centre to shut down 13 coal-based power plants not adhering to 2015 norms of the environment ministry, saying emissions from these facilities are among reasons for the city's poor air quality.

In a letter to Union Power Minister R K Singh, Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain said the coal-based power plants operating in a 300-km radius of the national capital are the "worst offenders" responsible for Delhi's toxic air.

Jain said a 2016 IIT Kanpur study said emissions from these 13 thermal power plants, with a capacity of over 11,000 MW, contribute to the formation of secondary particles like sulphates and nitrates which are products of reaction between aerosols with gases such as sulphur diox-

ide and nitrogen dioxide. "Ministry of Power, GOI, had committed to the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the thermal

power plants will meet the pollution control norms by December 2019. Despite the directions of the Govt of India, the 13 coal-based thermal power plants affecting NCR have not yet adopted anti-pollution technology," Jain wrote.

Jain was referring to the Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2015, notified on December 7.2015, which revised emission limits for thermal power stations.

"The Central government in-

tends to renew these power stations and allow them two more years to function despite informing the Supreme Court in 2015 that by 2019 they will lower the pollution level... Dadri power station which causes immense pollution in the city despite crossing its threshold of completing 25 years is being planned to be renewed by the Central government," Jain said.

The minister added that since Delhi has alternative sources to generate power, these thermal plants can be closed as it will not lead to reduction of power supply.

MOVIES RELEASED BEFORE LOCKDOWN TO BE SCREENED INITIALLY First day, first show: Movie halls open doors — with abundant caution

ASHNA BUTANI, ANANYA **TIWARI & EKTAA MALIK** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

AS THEATRES gear up to reopen to the public for the first time since the lockdown was imposed in March, distanced seating, contactless payments, single-use of 3D glasses, social distancing markers, staggered exits and several other precautionary measures will be enforced in cinemas from Thursday.

With three films, alternate seating arrangements, sanitisation points and thermal checks

in place, Cinepolis at DLF Avenue said it is ready to give cinegoers a contactless experience from October 15. On Wednesday afternoon,

the staff carried out thorough cleaning and markings for social distancing were stuck on the floor. The menu has been limited to popcorn, nachos and soft drinks. Around 50 per cent of the staff will be on duty at one time, and the employees said they will be wearing masks, gloves and face shields on duty.

Arpit Srivastava, assistant manager of the cinema, said, "The staff will not serve food in

everything contactless. Further, food will be served on caddy trays, which customers can pick up from the counters. We are encouraging cashless transactions. In case someone uses a card or cash, we will sanitise it."

He added movies that were released before the lockdown will be screened since there are not many new films. "Since cinema halls in Mumbai were not open, there are hardly any new films. We expect to attract a small crowd initially."

the halls as we want to make

The three films to be screened at the hall initially are



Thappad, 1917 and Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan. Only two out of their six halls will be open. The staff said no bookings have been made yet since the announcement was made recently. However, those shopping in the malls made enquiries about it.

At PVR cinemas, among other measures to be enforced are distanced seating, with one seat gap in normal auditoriums, extended intermissions to avoid crowding.

The menu has been limited to popcorn, nachos and soft drinks at Cinepolis

staggered exits, QR code booking, markers at a distance of at least 1 metre, no pat down searches, advanced sanitisation, sterilisation of premises and seats multiple times a day, and PPE kits for staff. Providing an update on the implementation of the guidelines, ticket aggregator BookMyShow said it has launched a 'Safety First'

feature. "The new feature is a 'safety shield tag', which informs the audience of the various levels of safety and hygiene measures implemented across different cinemas that are listed on BookMyShow," said Ashish Saksena, COO, BookMyShow.

The feature will give information across parameters like incinema seat distancing, thermal screening, contactless security check, availability of hand sanitisers, daily temperature check for staff members, social distancing in cinema premises, sanitisation before each show, etc.

"Business will come back. I think the moment big films like Tenet start showing, we will attract the requisite audiences and they will adapt to this new way of experiencing cinema. Unlike the US, in India, cinemas account for almost 65 per cent revenue of a film," said Saksena.

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TEJPRATAP YADAV RID MLA. Mahua (To contest from Hasanpur)

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Stocks & bonds 25.1 lakh 25.1 lakh Other investments 4.26lakh Jewellerv 2.6 lakh Vehicle 44.89 lakh 44.89 lakh 33.85 lakh 33.85 lakh Other 1.12 cr 1.24 cr TOTAL LIABILITIES

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CRIMINAL CASES

5 pending, including one under IPC Section 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons), 341 (wrongful restraint), and Section 27 (punishment for using arms) of the Arms Act.



FIRST LANDING

Nitish Kumar arrives in Banka. The Bihar CM kicked off his field campaign Wednesday with four meetings - Amarpur and Sultanganj in Banka, Tarapur in Munger, and Mokama in Patna — to decent crowds as per Covid guidelines. He promised development and water to every field if voted to power. PTI

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APART FROM NDA, GRAND ALLIANCE. OTHER TIE-UPS IN THE POLL FRAY

• WHO'S WHERE TODAY Deputy CM SUSHIL MODI to campaign in Jamui, Gurua, Aurangabad; Jan Adhikar Party chief RAJESH RANJAN in Buxar

HASHTAG POLITICS



RJD leader Manoj Kumar Jha (@manojkjhadu) tweeted

"...Every Bihari is feeling hurt by Nityanandji's statement... Home Minister Amit Shah's own MoS has raised a serious question on his department." It was in response to MoS for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai's remark that "terrorists would escape Kashmir and take shelter in Bihar if RJD wins" at a poll rally in Vaishali two days ago.

1.7K LIKES. 430 RETWEETS IN 5 HOURS

@BJP4Bihar posted party leader Devendra Fadnavis statement: "RID has pushed back Bihar's development by 50 years." 732 LIKES. 374 RETWEETS IN 2 HOURS

'Referendum is a very big word... But yes, Modi work will be talked about'

In the Lok Sabha elections last year, the NDA won 39 of the 40 seats in Bihar. The Congress won one seat. How difficult is this election for the Grand Alliance?

Every election is unpredictable. Every election is difficult... Today, the electorate is very well-informed, there is highly advanced and sophisticated technology around... Everything is available to the voter. You just can't take them for granted.

But is there an antiincumbency wave?

Terrible, terrible (anti-incumbency wave). You (the Nitish Kumar government) have been in power for a very long time. You have come to power making so many promises. It is not humanly possible to fulfil those promises... On top of that there is the mishandling of floods, trouble suffered by migrant workers..

Is the Bihar election a

am sure they will do. They will not ask for votes in the name of Nitish Kumar or Sushil Modi or anyone else; straight in the name of Modi. So how Modi has performed will certainly be talked about, yes.

Why is there a secrecy over the 70 seats

that the Congress is contesting? When you are in an alliance...such situations do arise. There is nothing to get so worried about

> Will the decision to project Tejashwi Yaday as the CM face of the alliance be counterproductive, given the perception about the Lalu Prasad government? Don't ask me to comment on a voung man and his future... I wish all young men who are in politics to have bright futures...

BIHAR: MIGRATION At labour chowks, lockdown shadow over Nitish sushasan

Seeking daily wages in Patna, from as far as 100 km away, many say CM did work, but 'time for a change'



Polls on mind, home too far away, migrants in Ahmedabad ask: Can any party get us jobs

Everything becomes about numbers and caste. I feel very THE EXPRESS ashamed... If people stop talking of cast evant. Let's talk of elimination of poverty, the caste system.

government given all this?

Referendum in a state election...I don't know.I mean, referendum on a prime minister and his Cabinet is more in the general election. But yes, certain shadows certainly would be cast. People would be talk-

ing of Hathras, migrant labour, GDP...Referendum is a very big word.

So the results will not be a reflection on the Modi government?

I'm not saying it so categorically... The BJP will ask for votes in the name of Modi... That I

litan Ram Manihi, Upendra CONG STAR CAMPAIGNER Kushwaha, Mukesh Sahani left the grand Alliance.

We are in politics, there is no alliance or commitment for life.

Is it a setback?

I don't take anything as a setback. The Congress stands on a very firm footing of its ideology. And the Congress shall stand by it. The rest is immaterial.

Heir, there: Now Sharad Yadav daughter, on Congress ticket

MEIRA KUMAR

MANOJCG&WALIAHMAD NEW DELHI, UTTAR DINAJPUR, OCT 14

IN A Bihar election that has seen several big names pass on the baton, Sharad Yadav's daughter Wednesday entered the fray. With Yadav ailing and his fledgling Loktantrik Janata Dal finding no takers, Subhashini Yadav joined the Congress in Delhi – marking a full circle for her 75-year-old father's politics built on anti-Congressism.

Subhashini could be fielded from Bihariganj in Madhepura district, her father's pocketborough. Sources said the Congress could also give a ticket to former BIP MP Shatrughan Sinha's son Luv.

An MBA, Subhashini told The Indian Express, "Whatever my father's ideology is my ideology... My father has been in the Mahagathbandhan since 2017."

The Congress has already fielded CLP leader Sadanand Singh's son Shubhanand Mukesh from Kahalgaon and sitting MLA Awadhesh Kumar Singh's son Shashi Shekhar Singh from his Wazirganj seat. Ex-MLA Aditya Singh's daughter-in-law Nitu Kumari is the party candidate from Hisua.

"All parties have a tinge of dynasty," as JD(U) spokesperson K C Tyagi puts it.

RJD

Lalu Prasad's sons Tejashwi and Tej Pratap Yadav, standing from Raghopur and Hasanpur, respectively, lead the list.

RJD state chief Jagadanand Singh's son Sudhakar has been fielded from his father's bastion Ramgarh. And vice-president



Subhashini Yadav might contest from Bihariganj, Madhepura dist. Anil Sharma

Shivanand Tiwari has secured a ticket for son Rahul from Shahpur Buxar. The daughter of former Union minister Jai Prakash Narain Yadav, Divya Prakash, is contesting from Tarapu, while Chetan Anand, son of former MP couple Lovely Anand and Anand Mohan Singh, is standing from Sheohar.

JD(U)-BJP

Shreyasi Singh, the daughter of ex-Union minister Digvijay Singh, will contest from Jamui on a BJP ticket. The JD(U) has fielded Panchayati Raj Minister Kapil Dev Kamat's daughter-in-law Meena from Babubarh, and sitting JD(U) MLA Janardan Manjhi's son Jayant from Amarpur. The Kesariya JD(U) candidate is Shalini Mishra, the daughter of veteran CPI leader Kamla Mishra Madhukar.

And then there is former JD(U) leader Vinod Kumar Choudhary's "UK-returned" daughter Pushpam Priya Choudhary, with self-floated 'Plurals Party'.



At Boring Canal Road, Patna, workers say 'there are absolutely no jobs'. Dipankar Ghose

DIPANKARGHOSE PATNA, OCTOBER 14

THE SUN has now ascended into the sky, and hope is fading fast. By 5 am, every day, about 150 daily wage workers assemble at Boring Canal Road in Patna, waiting to be picked up for work. At 10.30 am on a Tuesday, the area is still packed. Only 10 men have found work so far. The remaining squat on the ground in groups, their tools next to them. Such scenes have become common since the lockdown, say the workers, even as their savings have dried up, making survival tough.

As Bihar prepares to vote in the midst of a pandemic, the plight of labourers, many of whom have returned from metros in the past six months, is an important election issue.

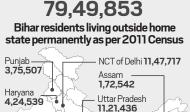
Next to where the men sit, the Boring Canal Road, and indeed Patna, seems to have returned to 'normalcy', with chaotic roads, open markets, and people roaming without masks. But these men ask "what is normal?" "There is absolutely no work. Most of us are mistri (masons) or rajmistri (supervisors), and depend on the real estate sector for work, earning between Rs 600-700 a day. Now, even if we get work, payment is not guaranteed,' said Raghu Gupta, a worker at the chowk.

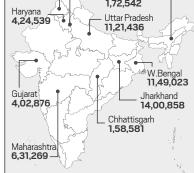
The group also alleges "gadbad" in government schemes. Says Kashinath, "This always happens to the poor. Some have ration cards, others don't. Some get government relief, others have their names incorrectly spelled in government records, and miss out.'

With little work in their villages, many of the intra-state migrants at the chowk have come from Masaurhi, Lakhisarai, and even Darbhanga, over 100 km away. As the conversation drifts towards elections, a majority of the labourers say they voted for Nitish Kumar in 2015. Some add that he is still the best option for the state. "Nitish ne kaam toh kiya hai (CM Nitish Kumar has worked for the state). Take prohibition. Earlier, we would spend the money we earned on alcohol. Now we use it to help our families," Kashinath said. Soon, an old labourer counters him, "Who says there is prohibition? Alcohol is just expensive now."

The workers here are also unsure if they will vote in the elections. "Travel back home







costs Rs 600. When you are earning only five days in a month, there is simply no money. Our room rent in Patna is Rs 3,000 per month; Rs 4.000 if it has a kitchen. None of us can afford to go back," Kashinath said.

Three km away, under the Sipara Railway Bridge, another spot where daily wagers assemble to find work, Rahul Kumar says earlier he worked at an export textile company in Mumbai for a monthly salary of Rs 20,000. He was among thousands of migrant workers who walked home (Jehanabad) in March-April, hitching rides. It took him 13 days.

Two months ago he moved to Patna in search of work. "I hadn't lifted even 10 kg in my life, and now I do this (construction work),' says Kumar, 29. In the last 19 days, he has had only two days of work, earning Rs 400 a day. He eats once a day at a temple and sleeps at the Patna Railway station. "In 2015, I voted for the BJP. This year, I will not go to vote at all."

His eyes well up as he talks about the struggles of the past months. "The government is the head of family. People died walking home. Does anyone hurt their own family in this manner? Jeete ji maar hi diya," said Kumar.

AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 14 MOHAMMAD SHOAIB Sheikh from

VAIBHAVJHA

Muzaffarpur runs a small garment factory in Ahmedabad's Surti Society. Every evening, he checks his WhatsApp groups at least once for an update on local politics back home.

Hailing from Khanpur Hathodi village, he has a clear favourite - Leader of the Opposition and RJD scion Tejashwi Yadav. "He picked my phone during the lockdown when I was stuck with 45 of my workers in Ramol for two months with no money. Which other leader would personally attend to migrant workers?"

While Sheikh, 32, is not going back to vote, with his factory just starting to get work postlockdown, he says, "I have at least 100 confirmed voters for the RJD from my extended family... The party is winning this time. They deserve a chance after 15 years of so-called sushasan(good governance) of Nitish Kumar." In the 2015 Assembly polls, RJD's Surendra Kumar defeated his BJP rival to win the Aurai seat under which Sheikh's village falls.

Mohammad Naseer, whose Ladora village is not far from Sheikh's, however, says his family's vote is for Nitish. "My village has a pucca road now and good electricity supply.'

Sheikh, Naseer and others here from Bihar say the fact that the ID(U) has tied up with the BIP doesn't matter in their choice. Politics in Bihar, they say, is influenced more by persona than ideology since the days of Lalu Prasad.

Ahmedabad city has a considerable Bihari migrant population, living in compact oneroom houses next to garment, welding, fabrication work and printing industries. While there are no official figures, an estimated one lakh Bihari migrants, temporary and permanent, are settled in the city. During the lockdown, approximately 72,000 left for Bihar on special trains. Now, they are slowly returning.

Politics is the subject of all discussions during the breaks from work. Often, the Sushant Singh Rajput case, with all its political dimensions, comes up. "Former DGP Gupteshwar Pandey reaped political benefits out of the case (he took voluntary retirement to join the ID-U), and has now been denied a ticket. Even Manoj Tiwari can get a ticket in Delhi but not in Bihar. He has to prove his worth there," asserts Brajesh Rai (28), who works at a welding factory in Bacchu Bhai ka Kuan, Vatva.

Referred to as "mini Bihar" due to its large migrant population, Bachchu Bhai Ka Kuan has shops carrying hoardings in Hindi rather than Gujarati. "There are over 5,000 houses here with every one of them rented out to mi-



Sheikh is backing Tejashwi Yadav, who took his call during lockdown. Express

grant workers," says Inderdev Prasad, who came here from Nalanda back in the 1980s.

While Nalanda might be Nitish's home district, for the youth here, the contest this time is between Lalu's younger son Tejashwi and the late Ram Vilas Paswan's son Chirag. Amit Kumar, 31, who came to Gujarat 14 years ago from Nalanda, and is a worker at a fabrication industry, says, "Chirag has ensured 20 hours of electricity in my area. However, more needs to be done for education and jobs."

Jobs rank high for all youths as to what they expect from a Bihar government. "In my village, children as young as 14 are ready to leave their homes as there is no work. We have been staying in Ahmedabad for 12 years. Back home there is no school, college or hospital, there is nothing," says Mohammad Shahid, 21, from Muzaffarpur, who stays in Surti Society.

Chandrashekhar Kumar (28), a fabrication industry worker from Siwan, says, "We don't even visit our village during Chhath as that would mean travel expenses and loss of earnings. There is nothing left to go back to."

BJP local MLA Jagdish Panchal says the party ensured "our brothers and sisters from UP and Bihar faced no difficulty during lockdown. Not only did we provide them food and water, we made sure they reached home".

However, unlike Sheikh, most have only bitter memories of the time. "For one month, I kept dialling numbers of parties in Bihar for help... Going back just to vote is a big effort and Idon't think any party is worth it," says Ganesh Paswan, 45, of Munger, who works in a chemical factory in Changodar.



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HONOUR & TRADITION

ARMY CHIEF Gen M M Naravane's visit to Kathmandu next month has brought the spotlight on a 70-year-old tradition between Indian and Nepalese armies. During the visit, Nepal's President Bidya Devi Bhandari will confer on Gen Naravane the rank of Honorary General of Nepal Army. The honour is a reciprocal arrangement between the two armies since 1950. This practice began with Gen K M Cariappa as the First Honorary General of Nepal Army.

HYMNS IN POLITICS

SLOGAN SHOUTING by enthusiastic supporters of leaders when they arrive to join the party is not exactly an uncommon sight at the Congress headquarters. On Wednesday, however, the party was in for a surprise. The press conference hall of the AICC reverberated with chanting of Vedic hymns after Sharad Yadav's daughter Subhashini, and Kali Prasad Pandey, who was a senior LJP leader, joined the party. Turned out Pandey's supporters were chanting the "swasti mantra", recited on auspicious occasions to usher in welfare and prosperity.

PRODUCTIVE TRIP

DURING HIS India visit, US Deputy Secretary of State Stephen E Biegun took the opportunity to reach out to Bhutan as well. While in New Delhi, Biegun met with Bhutanese Ambassador to India Major General Vetsop Namgyel to reaffirm the United States' close relationship with the people of Bhutan. From Delhi, Beigun is headed to Dhaka, where he will discuss bilateral ties with Bangladesh. This makes it a trip to the South Asian region much more productive than was originally planned.

Cong says Koshyari lowered dignity of office, Left demands sacking over his letter

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ROLL-OUT **Cabinet nod for World Bank-aided STARS** project, national assessment centre

For the six states, STARS pro-

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EXPLAINED

STARTING IMPLEMENTATION of the National Education Policy (NEP), the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a World Bank-aided scheme, with a total project cost of Rs 5,718 crore, to set up a national assessment centre and help six states on a pilot basis to improve learning and assessment in schools.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) will establish PARAKH, an assessment centre that will set standards for the 60-odd examination boards in the country the STARS through (Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States) project, it was announced.

PARAKH is among the assessment reforms proposed in the NEP that collectively aim to move schools boards away from highstakes examinations and towards holistic assessment. The STARS Project will also support Himachal

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LEADER OF Opposition in Bihar

Assembly and the Grand

PATNA, OCTOBER 14

Addressing basics through reform

IF THE learning poverty or low levels of learning among school students in India is not addressed immediately, the country could risk losing a generation of students. Improving foundational learning, such as basic reading and math skills, is thus among the main reforms proposed in the NEP. The STARS project is the first decision made the government to implement the reform.

Education entitlements; quality in-Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and terventions; teacher education; Odisha in improving basic readgender and equity; inclusive eduing and math skills of students cation; entitlements (uniforms, and undertake assessment retextbooks, scholarships, etc); upgraforms, the ministry stated. dation of learning environment."

"The STARS project is directed at strengthening the governmentmanaged school education system that primarily caters to the educational needs of girls and students from marginalised groups," the MoE stated in a release. "The programme covers many key areas: access and retention; Right to

Nitish laughing at 10 lakh job

promise as he is tired: Tejashwi

RJD LEADER FILES NOMINATION FROM RAGHOPUR

by this project, it was informed. PISA, introduced in 2000 by

the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), tests the learning levels of 15-year-old children in reading, mathematics, and science. The test is conducted every three years. India stayed away from PISA in 2012 and 2015 on account of its dismal performance in 2009, when it was placed 72nd among

(PISA) survey will also be funded

The proposal, close to the time

NRC authorities to delete names of 'ineligible' persons from citizens register

ABHISHEK SAHA

under NRLM for J&K, Ladakh

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet has approved a special package of Rs 520 crore for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh for five years to ensure funding of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission(DAY-NRLM) on a demand-driven basis without linking allocation to poverty ratio. "After the change in criteria... twothirds of the families of J&K and Ladakh are under the ambit of the scheme... Currently 7 crore women are beneficiaries... We want to take the cover to 10 crore," Union minister Prakash Javadekar said. ENS

Nod to Rs 520 cr GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 14 **AUTHORITIES OF the National**

Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam have ordered the deletion of "ineligible" names from the prepared register, a step coming on the heels of the state government's position that a 10-20 per cent re-verification of all included names is necessary in order to get a "correct" register.

The NRC, published in August last year under direct supervision of the Supreme Court, excluded nearly 19 lakh people out of around 3.3 crore applicants.

In a letter dated October 13 to all DCs, Hitesh Dev Sarma, the state coordinator of the NRC, explained that "some names of ineligible persons" - 'declared foreigners' by Foreigners Tribunals (FTs), marked as 'doubtful voters' (DV) by the election officials or those whose cases are pending at FTs and their descendants -"found entry into the NRC".

As per the laws governing the preparation of the NRC, persons under the above categories need to be kept out of the register.

Sarma instructed NRC district in-charges to "write speaking orders for deletion of such names... after specifically ascer-taining the identity of the person".

"The verification would mandatorily require the correct identity of the person so that no ambiguity arises in future so far as identification of the person is concerned," Sarma wrote. "You are, therefore, requested to submit the list of such persons who are not eligible for having their names in the NRC along with speaking order justifying reasons for each case for necessary action for deletion of such

names. On Wednesday, Sarma said,

"We have started the process to delete names from the NRC of 'declared foreigners', 'doubtful voters', those who have cases pending at FTs and their descendants. Lists of names are still coming in from several districts and it would not be fair to comment on the total number of such erroneous inclusions... Let

us get the complete lists." The Assam government has been reiterating its demand of re-verification -20 per cent in

border districts and 10 per cent

elsewhere – of the included

names in the final NRC, even as

it continued its criticism of for-

mer NRC coordinator Prateek

Hajela, holding him responsible

for what it calls an "erroneous"

NRC with "wrongful inclusion



Punjab nod to 33% women quota in state civil services

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

THE AMARINDER Singh government on Wednesday approved 33 per cent reservation for women in direct recruitment for the Punjab civil services, boards and corporations.

The state Cabinet, at a meeting presided by CM Amarinder Singh, approved the 'Punjab Civil Services (Reservation of Posts for Women) Rules, 2020' to provide such reservation for women for direct recruitment to posts in government, as well as in Boards and Corporations in Group A, B, C and D posts, an official

spokesperson said. The state had provided 33 per cent reservation for women in panchayats and local bodies.

The Cabinet also gave its nod to a Bill to replace the 'Punjab State Vigilance Commission

Amarinder Singh

Bill to negate farm laws on Oct 19

Chandigarh: Amid pressure from ruling party leaders, farmer outfits and the opposition, Punjab government has decided to convene a

one-day special session of

Alliance's Chief Minister candidate Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Wednesday said Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had been "laughing" at the RJD leader's promise of offering 10 lakh permanent jobs be-Tejashwi



said Raghopur has had a history of "choosing not just an MLA but the state CM".

Accompanied by elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav and senior party leader Bhola Rai, Tejashwi submit-

Deputy Chief Minister in the

Grand Alliance government. "We

started several roads and bridges

projects during my tenure as road

construction minister. We could

have done much more if we got

time," he said, referring to Nitish

walking out of the Grand Alliance

poses several interventions, ranging from developing teacher capayers' money on partnerships pacity and teaching-learning with private actors, has no concrete steps to build system capacmaterial to making Board exams more competency-based. ity from within and is being India's participation in the passed without adequately con-2022 cycle of the Programme for sulting with stakeholders in the 6 states," OXFAM India stated. International Student Assessment

the 74 participating countries. The government decided to end the boycott in 2019. of World Bank's approval, had received flak from NGOs working in the education sector on the ground that its implications had not been discussed enough. "The project encourages spending tax

THE CONGRESS and Left parties on Wednesday hit out at Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari over his letter to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. While Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the governor has lowered the dignity of the high constitutional office and asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take cognizance, the Left demanded his sacking.

In an official letter demanding the immediate reopening of places of worship, Koshyari had asked Uddhav if he has turned "secular".

The Congress said the governor's letter was shocking. "Once you take oath as governor... you take oath to uphold and abide by the Constitution, you are no longer a member of a party. Then you don't think about party... you are steadfastly committed to follow the Constitution... this is yet another example of how every institution is under attack and how the constitutional scheme of things is Congress under attack," spokesperson Pawan Khera told reporters.

"You are occupying the high post after having taken oath of the Constitution... and you are attacking that same Constitution sitting in that post. What can be a bigger



The CPM demanded that the Governor be sacked, saying he has crossed all limits of constitutional propriety by mocking secularism, one of the fundamental principles of the Constitution. "In his letter to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, an outrage in itself,

given the serious nature of the pandemic in the state, he has not only used intemperate language, but put the population of the state in jeopardy by demanding opening of the places of worship," the CPM said

The CPI said his remark on secularism was a "serious violation of the oath of Office he had undertaken while assuming the office". The party asked the President to "dismiss him as he has proved to be not fit for the post".

ted his nomination papers to the Sub Divisional Officer-cum election officer for the Raghopur seat at Vaishali collectorate here. He recounted his work as

Bhagat Singh Koshyari

crime than this?" he said.

Gehlot said "the Governor of Maharashtra has brought down the dignity of the high constitutional office" and "the PM must take cognizance in this matter".

"If people make me CM, I would give a nod to 10 lakh permanent jobs in the very first cabinet meeting. Job opportunities would also be created in the private sector," he said. Teiashwi also assured that contract teachers would get equal pay for equal work as government teachers.

in July 2017.

Referring to good turnout during his nomination. Tejashwi said. "We follow Covid norms. These people have come on their own. It shows their love and support."

Raghopur has been a traditional bastion of the RJD. Former CM Rabri Devi won the seat thrice before losing it in the 2010 polls to the JD(U)'s Satish Kumar Yadav. Yadav later joined the BJP and in the 2015 polls. Teiashwi defeated him. This time, Tejashwi is again up against him.

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav with his elder brother Tej Pratap and mother Rabri Devi before filing his nomination from Raghopur constituency, in Patna on Wednesday. ANI

BJP names 35 in final list

New Delhi: The BJP on Wednesday issued its fourth list of 35 candidates for the Bihar assembly polls, and with this the party has named all its nominees for the 110 seats that it is contesting in the three-phase elections starting from October 28.

All the candidates are for the third phase scheduled for November 7, the party said in a statement. The names of six women figure on the fourth list. PTI

LIP leader joins Cong New Delhi: Veteran LJP leader Kali Prasad Pandey joined the

Congress Wednesday. He has alreadv filed nomination from Kuchaikote constituency in Gopalganj district. The

Congress has fielded turncoat Gajanand Shahi from Barbigha. Shahi joined the Congress after leaving the ID(U)ENS

Ordinance, 2020'. It will be introduced in the next Assembly session.

The establishment of the multi-member Commission, aimed at bringing in more transparency and check corruption among public servants, was approved by the Cabinet last month through the ordinance, an official spokesperson said.

The Cabinet cleared the decks for the state to launch its own SC Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on October 19, to bring a legislation to try and negate the impact of the Centre's controversial farm laws. The go-ahead for the special session was given by the Punjab Cabinet on Wednesday during a virtual meeting. The government will

call another Cabinet

meeting to give a nod to

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the legislation.

and exclusion". One explanation that observers cite for such exclusion is that there is a lack of a synchronised real-time database which reflects the status of a suspected 'foreigner' to the NRC officials.

HC Bar panel condemns Jagan's allegations against Justice Ramana

Jagan Mohan Reddy,

ary" and termed Justice Ramana,

who is next in line to be the Chief

Justice of India, as "one of the

most virtuous judges with the

Association condemns this bla-

tant attempt to shake the confi-

dence of the public at large in the

judicial institution which has

been performing its duty of due

administration of justice as-

signed to it by the Constitution

of India," reads the resolution

ter "unfairly and without rea-

son" casts aspersions on the "al-

leged conduct" of Justice

Ramana and the judges of the

Andhra Pradesh High Court,

which, it said, "is an abject and

uncalled for interference in the

due administration of justice by

the Hon'ble High Court of

DHCBA further said the let-

passed by DHCBA.

"The Delhi High Court Bar

highest level of integrity".

Justice NV Ramana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE DELHI High Court Bar Association (DHCBA) Wednesday condemned the allegations by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy against Supreme Court judge Justice N V Ramana, saying that it amounts to contempt of court.

Jagan, in an October 6 letter to Chief Justice of India S A Bodbe, had alleged that Justice Ramana "has been influencing the sittings of the (Andhra Pradesh) High Court including the roster of few Honourable Judges". The letter, which was released by Jagan's office on October 10. also referred to Justice Ramana's alleged "proximity" to TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, and the Anti-Corruption Bureau investigation into "guestionable transactions of land" involving Justice Ramana's two daughters and others in Amaravati, before it was declared the site for the new

On Wednesday, the DHCBA, in a unanimous resolution, said that the letter and its circulation in public domain is "a dishonest attempt at overawing the judici-

SC advocates panel: Tends to breach independence of judiciary

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Advocates-On-Association Record (SCOARA) has condemned the release of the letter written by Reddy to the CJI at a press conference on October 10.

A resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the association on October 13 stated, "SCOARA notes with the deep anguish the comments of the letter... The SCOARA condemns the act of the unwarranted release of the said letter on 10.10.2020 in a press conference to be lacking in propriety and not in accord with the High Office of the constitutional functionary involved, as it tends to scandalise and breach the independence of the judiciary". ENS

SEEKS TO MAKE STATE 'MOST PREFERRED DESTINATION ROUND THE YEAR FOR HIGH-SPENDING TOURISTS' Goa govt approves new tourism policy

SMITANAIR PANAJI, OCTOBER 14

THE GOA government on Wednesday approved the longawaited Goa Tourism Policy 2020, with a vision to make the state the "most preferred destination around the year for highspending tourists" in 2024.

The document envisages 25 years of tourism, with a new Tourism Board to be the backbone for all decisions towards planning, development and

marketing of Goa tourism; with when there is uncertainty over a broad purpose to strengthen tourism assets, expand employterm revival ment opportunities and tourism

infrastructure from the footfall heavy beach belts to ecotourism initiatives in the hinterland.

According to the plan, 89% of total tourist arrivals -- bulk of whom are domestic tourists -are spread between October and December, "putting immense stress on Goa's ecology, infrastructure and tourism assets". The policy comes at a time

manner with tourism revenue benefits" the mining industry seeing long-

With the cabinet's approval, The larger plan is to ensure the next step is to have a legislaa single autonomous body tion which will see the board headed by the tourism minister with participation from industry stakeholders, unlike earlier taking over. This means that sevmodels where several governeral tourism committees will be ment bodies took independent dissolved

decisions "without any holis-"Now we can say we have a tic, long term vision". Industry vision for tourism. Short term and medium targets have been stakeholders say this will mean that "several misuse of defined, which allows for cretourism budgets towards ation of infrastructure within beautifying constituencies will proper timelines. Tourism consee allocation in a planned tribution to GDP is 40 per cent

and we want to ensure the employment opportunities are not limited to coastal belts," said Menino D'Souza, Tourism

"The other important aspect is allowing private participation as a model. We have used success models from other states and also global cities."

"We are happy it's been passed. Though we believe they have diluted our majority in the board," said Nilesh Shah, president of Travel and Tourism Association of Goa.

Director.

capital of the state.

New Delhi

Andhra Pradesh".

BETRAYED FATHER'S SOUL: CHENNITHALA

Led by Jose K Mani, Kerala Cong (M) faction switches to LDF

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

OCTOBER 14

AHEAD OF the local civic body elections this year and Assembly polls in 2021, a faction of the Kerala Congress (M) led by Rajya Sabha Member Jose K Mani on Wednesday quit the Congress-led United Democratic Front in Kerala and decided to join hands with the ruling CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the decision will create a strong spin-off in state politics. "lose's entry to LDF would strengthen the secular and democratic forces in the state. This marks the fall of UDF," Vijayan said.

However, Opposition Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala said Jose had betraved the UDF and flouted political dignity.

Jose told the media that he will now resign as a KC(M) Rajya Sabha member. "The party has been facing severe insult and iniustice from certain quarters in Congress. There is a strong agenda to politically annihilate the Kerala Congress (M)," he said. The move is a fallout of the

power struggle within the Kerala Congress (M) – following the death of Jose's father and party veteran K M Mani in 2019 - between Jose and senior party leader and MLA Joseph. Jose had fielded his nominee for the bye-election to Pala constituency, which had been held by K M Mani for 50 years, and had blamed Joseph and UDF for betraying him after his nominee was defeated. Since then, there have been several instances that drove a wedge be-

tween Jose and Congress leaders. By accommodating the splinter group of the regional Christian party in the LDF, CPI(M) hopes to

Pak pushing at multilateral meet: India

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14

AFTER THE incident at the Line of

Actual Control in Galwan in

Ladakh in June, in which 20 Indian

soldiers were killed in a clash with

Chinese soldiers, the International

Committee for the Red Cross

(ICRC) approached both the

Indian and Chinese governments

and asked that they observe the

Geneva Conventions to which

both countries are signatories, The

Galwan that killed 20 Indian sol-

diers, including their command-

ing officer, Colonel Santosh Babu,

took place on the intervening

night of June 15 and 16. The casu-

alties on the Chinese side have

not been officially declared. Ten

Indian soldiers captured by the

Chinese during the brawl were

Days after this, said sources,

the ICRC approached the

Permanent Mission of India in

Geneva and handed over a note

verbale, a form of diplomatic

communication, bringing atten-

tion to the rules under the

returned on June 18.

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

The violent encounter at

Indian Express has learnt.

Chennithala Jose K Mani

make electoral gains in the civic body and Assembly polls. Jose's fate in the LDF and his bargaining power with CPI(M) will primarily depend upon his faction's performance in the civic body elections while Assembly polls are a different ball game altogether. Jose's rival Joseph said the exit

will make little impact in the UDF. "Jose should reveal who has backstabbed him. All those who love K M Mani will continue to stay with the LIDF The decision to move to the LDF camp would be disastrous for Jose," said Joseph.

Meanwhile, several Congress leaders pointed to the bar bribery issue which the LDF had raised against KM Mani during his term as finance minister in the previous UDF regime - among key issues raised by the CPI(M) during the 2016 Assembly polls.

"By moving to LDF, Jose betraved the soul of his own father," said Chennithala.

In a statement, the CPI(M) state secretariat said Jose's decision will lead to a new, positive polarisation in Kerala politics. "The stand of Jose that he is joining the LDF unconditionally is welcome. UDF is now reduced to a coalition of Congress and Indian Union Muslim League."

Kerala Congress (M) had a short stint in the LDF 40 years ago, when K M Mani had become a minister in 1980 and quit the alliance after two years, toppling the then LDF government

After Galwan clash, ICRC approaches India and China

Geneva Conventions in situations of armed conflict. The Indian Express has learnt that the ICRC made an identical outreach to the Permanent Mission of China.

Responding to queries from The Indian Express seeking specifics on the discussions, the Geneva-headquartered organisation confirmed that it was engaged with the two governments, but said all such discussions were confidential.

"As part of its mandate, the ICRC regularly engages in a dialogue with the authorities on humanitarian issues as well as on rules applicable to various situations, based on the ICRC's internal analysis. This dialogue with the concerned authorities is conducted in a confidential manner and the ICRC does not normally publish either its findings or the content of these confidential discussions and recommendations that it presents. Based on these principles, we are also engaging with the Governments of India and China," an ICRC spokesperson replied.

"The confidentiality principle, on which our work is based is important for the ICRC to uphold its mandate and we would like to ask all concerned, includ-

Biegun sets stage for 2+2 meet; likely later this month

ing the media, to please understand and respect that," the spokesperson said.

Like all other members of the international community, both India and China have acceded to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, a set of four international treaties that ensure that in a conflict, warring parties conduct themselves in a humane way with non-combatants such as civilians and medical personnel, as well as with combatants no longer actively engaged in fighting, such as prisoners of war, and wounded or sick soldiers. Three protocols were added in later years. India has signed off on one

of the protocols. China on two. The ICRC, an international humanitarian organisation, has the mandate to monitor that signatories follow the rules in situations of conflict.

The Galwan incident was a turning point in the India-China stand-off at the LAC, and also caused international alarm over possible escalation between the two nuclear armed neighbours. It was the first time since 1975 that Indian soldiers were killed in a military encounter with Chinese soldiers. Several nations issued

statements of concern and asked both sides to show restraint.

No firearms were used by either side in the clash. As per an India-China agreement, soldiers at the border would not carry firearms to prevent escalation during patrolling by both sides. The Indian soldiers were unarmed. The Chinese soldiers were carrying nail-covered clubs and other blunt instruments, going by the injuries inflicted on the Indian soldiers. Some died after being pushed into the icy, fast-moving Shyok river.

The captured Indian soldiers were returned after diplomatic and military negotiations.

In February 2019, when Indian Air Force pilot Abhinandan Varthaman was captured by villagers after his MiG-21 went down in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir in a dogfight with the Pakistani Air Force, India invoked the Geneva Conventions seeking his protection and well-being while in Pakistani custody, as well as his return. At that time, too, the ICRC had approached both parties to remind them of the Geneva Conventions. He was held for over two days before Pakistan decided to return him as a "goodwill gesture".

discussed in the October 6 meeti-

by Secretary of State Pompeo."

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CORRUPTION IN COAL BLOCK ALLOCATION **CBI seeks life term** for former Union minister, 5 others

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE CBI on Wednesday urged a Delhi court to award life imprisonment to former Union Minister Dilip Ray and five others convicted in a corruption case pertaining to irregularities in the allocation of a coal block.

Vajpayee government in 1999,

was convicted by a special CBI

court which observed that he

'abused his official position" as

his decision of "relaxation of pol-

icy without any logical or legal ba-

sis amounts to gross abuse of his

of Brahmadiha coal block in

Giridih. Iharkhand. to Castron

Technologies Ltd (CTL) in 1999.

The court will pronounce its sen-

five others: CTL; its director Mah-

endra Kumar Agarwalla; Castron

Ray was convicted along with

ncing order on October 26.

The case pertains to allocation

powers by the minister".



Ray, then the Union Minister Former minister Dilip Ray of State for Coal in the Atal Bihari

> Referring to a number of cases, he submitted that "higher courts of the land have always taken a strict view whenever public servants are found to be indulged in acts of criminal misconduct and acts of misdemeanour".

The lawyers for the accused asked the court to take a lenient view on their sentence considering that they were not previously convicted in any other case. Some of the accused persons also asked the court to consider their age and medical conditions while deciding on their sentence and said whatever they did was upon in-

Mining Ltd: then additional secretary, Coal, and chairman, 14th Scrstructions from senior officers. eening Committee Pradip Kumar Singh told the court, "They have asked for lenient view since Banerjee; and Nitya Nand Gautam, the nature of offences under the then adviser (projects), Coal

Ministry, and member-convenor, which they were held guilty are 14th Screening Committee. much severe...The measure of The court held them guilty unpunishment depends on a varider IPC Sections 120-B (criminal ety of considerations such as the conspiracy), 409 (criminal breach

of trust by public servant), and 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) and Section 13(1)(c) and 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The court also held CTL,

IPC sections 379 (theft) and 34 (common intention).

ecutor appearing for the CBI, told special CBI Judge Bharat Parashar, resilient supply chains, promote increase and thus a strict view me security, topics most recently should be taken against the convict persons as they squander ng of Foreign Ministers attended away the natural resources of the country"

motive for the crime, its gravity, the character of the offender, his age, antecedent and other extenuating and aggravating circum-Agarwalla and CML guilty under A P Singh, senior public pros-

...white collar crimes are on an mittee was not competent to consider its allocation to any company much less to M/s CTL".

stances such as previous convictions, all to be carefully weighed before passing sentence...I request the court to pass strict sentence. As per the CBI's case, a criminal conspiracy was hatched by private parties and public servants involved in the process of allocation of Brahmadiha coal block, which was "not an identified captive coal block to be allocated to private parties, so even the screening com-

ment statement, Biegun met LAXMI VILAS PALACE CASE bigoted agenda Shourie furnishes personal bonds in CBI court, HC to hear case today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR. OCTOBER 14

FORMER UNION minister Arun Shourie appeared before a special CBI court in Jodhpur on Wednesday and furnished personal bonds in compliance with a September 23 order of Rajasthan High Court related to the case on sale of Udaipur's Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel in 2002.



GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (PRIVATE SCHOOL BRANCH) **OLD SECRETARIAT, DELHI-110054 PUBLIC NOTICE**

Private Coaching institutes/centres, imparting pre-admission coaching to students for admission into Medical/Engineering or any other professional courses or preexamination coaching for securing government or private job through written or oral examination conducted by any agency of the Government or a private establishment, or coaching/tuition of any subject taught at secondary or senior secondary school examination level, are growing rapidly in Delhi. The students from all over India come in the city for preparation of such examination and seek admission in the private coaching centers. These institutions are running as parallel education system and are still out of the ambit of any regulation and running without any statutory compliances leading to serious hazards to the students. A tragic fire incident at a coaching centre in Surat, Gujrat which claimed lives of 22 students, has drawn the attention of the Government to formulate guidelines for such private coaching institutions/centers with respect to basic facilities, fee and safety measures etc. It has also come to the notice of the Government about some events of cheating and fraud on the part of some private coaching centres which remain unattended due to lack of regulation in this field. The Government of NCT of Delhi is very much concerned to safeguard the interest of such students already enrolled or desirous to enroll into such coaching institutes in Delhi. Therefore, it is felt that there is an urgent need to regulate the functioning of such private coaching institutes /centers in Delhi.

US Deputy Secy of State winds up visit US DEPUTY Secretary of State

Stephen Biegun has set the stage for the Indo-US 2+2 ministerial External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Adviser meeting, as he discussed Washington's efforts to work with Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Harsh New Delhi on "regional security, Vardhan Shringla, and Defence economic cooperation, and coor-Secretary Ajay Kumar during his dinated efforts to address the chalthree-day India trip, which ended lenges of the Covid-19 pandemic". Wednesday. Shringla and Biegun The Indo-US 2+2 ministerial reviewed the entire gamut of engagements under the India-US between Foreign and Defence ministers of both countries are Comprehensive Global Strategic likely to take place in New Delhi Partnership, including political, seon October 26 and 27, sources said. curity and defence, economic, co-According to a US State Departmmercial, technology and peopleExternal Affairs said in a statement. "They exchanged views on a

rity Council for the period 2021-22," the MEA stated The MEA stated that Biegun, in Doval, discussed "ongoing bilateral

that Biegun addressed the India-US Forum, where he and Shringla underscored the importance of the partnership between the two nations, particularly in advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific. "The Deputy Secretary empha-

sized the work of the Quad toward a region protected and made prosperous in equal measure by strong and peaceful nations in the Indo-Pacific. Deputy Secretary Biegun also underscored enhanced coop-

his meetings with Jaishankar and cooperation and exchanged views on developments in the region". transparency, and increase mariti-

eration among the Quad to create

This is an oblique reference to the situation arising out of the stand-

off with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The US statement also recalled to-people contacts, the Ministry of

number of regional and global issues of mutual interest. They discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in the United Nations, especially during India's membership of the United Nations Secu-

Pakistan for using the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers' meeting to pursue its "bigoted, illconceived, narrow and unilateral agenda". This sharp statement came after Pakistan, at the multilateral platform, accused India of fomenting division and hatred among religious communities.

Both countries did not name each other in their statements. According to reports, Pakistan

Foreign minister Shah Mahmood Oureshi said at the meeting: "While the world remains preoccupied with pandemic, a state in south Asia is targeting its religious minorities groups in order to foment division and hatred amongst community groups. It has transgressed rights and freedoms of millions and fanned hypernationalism to engineer illegal demographic change in a disputed territory and sowed racial tensions. We ignore its transgressions only at our own peril.'

Vikas Swarup, Secretary (West) at the Ministry of External Affairs, said: "It was unfortunate that today's Commonwealth Meeting was misused by one of our south Asian member state to pursue its own bigoted, ill-conceived, narrow and unilateral agenda on a multilateral platform."

Swarup participated in the meet on behalf of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. "When we heard them rant about a south Asian state, we were left wondering why it was describing itself?"

Navy chief gives away distinguished service awards

New Delhi: The Naval Investiture Ceremony to felicitate naval personnel who have demonstrated leadership, professional achievements and distinguished service of high order was conducted at INS India in the national capital on Wednesday, with Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Karambir Singh, giving away the Distinguished Service Awards announced on Republic Day this year to the recipients.

Eight medals – one Yudh Seva Medal, one Nao Sena Medal (Devotion to Duty) and six Vishisht Seva Medal (long meritorious service) - were awarded, according to a media release. ENS

Shourie was Union disinvestment minister in the then Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government when the ITDC property was sold in 2002

Shourie told reporters in Jodhpur that both the CBI, in its closure report, as well as an earlier judgment of a division bench of High Court had concluded that there were no procedural violations in the sale of the hotel.

He said: "The CBI has filed two closure reports. There is a judgment of the Rajasthan High Court by a division bench of two judges - that there hasn't been any procedural violations or undervaluation. This (case) started once again in 2014 with an anonymous complaint and since then the CBI has

said twice in its closure report that there is no case, mentioning 14 points as reasons of why no case can be made out." On the disinvestment process,

Shourie said, "We had adopted a very strict procedure under the monitoring of Atal-ji (Vajpayee). It was the direction of Atal-ji that everything will be(done) in an inter-ministerial committee, then will go to the Committee of Secretary, headed by the Cabinet Secr-

Former Union Minister Arun Shourie speaks to the media after his court appearance, in Jodhpur on Wednesday. Express

etary, and then to the Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment, presided over by the Prime Minister himself." He said that besides him. members of the committee included then ministers LK Advani, Jaswant Singh, Yashwant Sinha

and Arun Jaitley, among others. Shourie added that he had to come to Jodhpur to appear before the court despite his poor health conditions, and leaving behind his wife and son who are dependent on him.

On September 23, the High Court had granted interim relief from arrest to Shourie and asked him to appear before the CBI court by October 15 and furnish a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and two sureties of Rs 1 lakh each.

His counsel Pradeep Shah told The Indian Express on Wednesday: "Mr Shourie appeared before the special CBI court in Jodhpur today. In compliance with the High Court order, Mr Shourie has filed personal bonds and sureties for his appearance, if any, to be fixed by the trial court."

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The case is scheduled to be heard by Rajasthan High Court on Thursday.

On September 15, the CBI court in Jodhpur had ordered that a criminal case be registered against Shourie, then disinvestment secretary Pradip Baija: Ashish Guha of the financial advisory firm Lzard India Ltd; Bharat Hotels managing director Jyotsna Suri; and Kantilal Karamsey Vikamsey, proprietor of valuer Kanti Karamsey and Co.

The court had summoned all of them through arrest warrants. The CBI had concluded in its cl-

osure report submitted to the court that evidence worth launching prosecution had not been found in the entire process of disinvestment of the hotel. The CBI court had rejected this closure report.

The High Court granted interim relief from arrest to all parties after they appealed against the CBI court's order.

The High Court had observed that prima facie the special CBI court was not justified in issuing the arrest warrants.

In this regard, attention of General Public/Owners of the private coaching institutes/ centers is invited towards the provisions of section 3 read with rule 43 of Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973 wherein the Administrator of Delhi is empowered to regulate the functioning of education provided by such Coaching Institute/Centres within jurisdiction of Delhi.

The Delhi Development Authority vide its notification dated 12/02/2020 has categorized the coaching centres (for more than 20 students) as educational building in modification to Building Bye-Laws.

For the purpose of framing policy for regulation of such private coaching centers, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi proposes to collect the data of these private coaching centers and details of their infrastructure, land area, basic facilities, fee structure, safety standards etc. available with them.

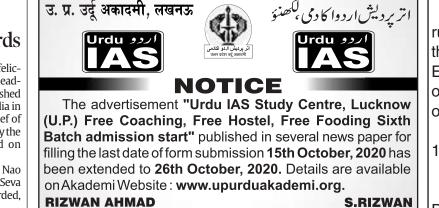
Therefore, General Public/Societies/Trusts/Agencies/Organizations/Individuals running private coaching institutes/centres in Delhi having the enrolment of more than 20 students are hereby directed to register themselves with the Directorate of Education and furnish the requisite informations in the prescribed proforma available online on the scroll side of official website i.e. www.edudel.nic.in of the Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 15.10.2020.

The last date of submission of online information in the prescribed proforma is 14.11.2020 till 6:00 PM.

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(YOGESH PAL SINGH) Assistant Director of Education (PSB)

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During the hearing, Akbar's

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Advocate Bhavook Chauhan,

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 **10** EXPRESS NETWORK

UP woman who set herself afire dies, Dalit Cong leader held for abetment: Police

Heavy rain lashes Hyderabad: 19 killed, streets flooded, vehicles swept away

AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 14

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman who set herself ablaze on Vidhan Sabha Marg in Lucknow's Hazratganj area on Tuesday died in hospital, police said on Wednesday. Police arrested the state president of the UP Dalit Congress, Alok Prasad Pasi, claiming they suspect that he incited the woman to take the extreme step.

Lucknow DCP(Central)Somen Barma said an FIR for abetment to suicide was registered against Pasi - son of former Rajasthan Governor Sukhdev Prasad - at Hazratganj police station.

At Civil Hospital in Lucknow on Tuesday, the woman claimed she took the extreme step due to harassment by her in-laws. Police, however, claimed that her dying declaration could not be recorded as she had been unconscious when efforts to do so were made. Civil Hospital director Dr Madhu Saxena said the woman, who had suffered nearly 90 per cent burns, succumbed on Wednesday.

DCP Barma said two police teams from Maharajganj reached Lucknow and a probe was on. Asked if the woman's in-laws would also be named in the FIR later, he said, "Their [alleged] role will be part of the investigation".

UPCongress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu alleged the BJP government in the state was targeting the Opposition and Pasi was "held without evidence". "The Congress party will keep fighting. Regardless of how much oppression we face or how many false cases are filed against our workers, we will not bow down," said Lallu.

Kashmir: SPO, SSB man go missing with rifles; search on

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

TWO SECURITY personnel -- a Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) constable and a Special Police Officer (SPO) -- have gone missing from their camps in central Kashmir's Budgam district within hours.

RAHUL V PISHARODY HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 14

NINETEEN PEOPLE died as heavy rain since Tuesday night inundated roads, flooded houses and swept away vehicles in Hyderabad.

Even as unprecedented rain lashed the capital city and other districts of Telangana, and the downpour showed no signs of abating in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured all possible help to both the states.

For October, the Begumpet meteorological office observatory in Hyderabad recorded the highest ever rainfall of 192.1 mm on Wednesday.

At least 19 people were killed in rain-related incidents, officials said. The victims included a toddler.

Nine persons of a family were washed away at Alinagar colony. While one of them survived, the bodies of two others were recovered on Wednesday. Search is on for the missing persons.

Mohammad Abdul Taher Oureshi, who survived, said they were standing near their gate when he was washed away. In an attempt to save him, his brother Mohammad Abdul Qureshi and other family members were also

washed away. DCP Shamshabad N Prakash Reddy confirmed to The Indian



A bus fell into a drain after a part of the Gaganpahad-Shamshabad road, near Hyderabad, caved in on Wednesday following incessant rain. PTT

Express that five family members are missing.

In another incident at Gaganpahad area, three people including a two-year-old boy drowned after a nearby water body breached Tuesday night.

The wall of a neighbouring compound crashed onto a row of houses, and eight people -- including a 19-day-old -- died in Ghouse Nagar. Two others were injured. A case of causing death by

negligence has been registered. At Sheriguda on the city outskirts, the collapse of a dilapidated structure led to the death of a woman and her teenage daughter.

In Banjara Hills, a doctor who came out of his home to switch on the motor pump drowned in a cellar filled with rainwater. He died of electrocution, said the police. The Greater Hyderabad

were inundated. About 61 relief camps have been set up, accommodating 684 people, and 1.5 lakh people were provided food. The state government de-

clared a holiday for all government offices and private institutions on Wednesday and Thursday, and people were ad-

Municipal Administration and Urban Development, held an emergency meeting and reviewed rescue and relief operations. He directed the Telangana State Southern Power **Distribution Company Limited** to coordinate with municipal administration and police to ensure power restoration at the earliest.

Due to heavy inflow, 13 gates of Himayath Sagar reservoir were opened on Wednesday. Similarly, water from Hussain Sagar lake was also being discharged after it reached the full tank level of 513.41 metres.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said one NDRF team is ready for flood assistance, while two more will be reaching the city.

Army personnel launched flood relief and rescue columns in Bandlaguda area in Hyderabad on a requisition from the state government, a Defence release said.

In neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, 10 people were killed in rain-related incidents following torrential downpour in the last 48 hours.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy held a high-level meeting and reviewed the situation. PM Modi spoke to Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao and Reddy and assured them of all possible assistance from the Centre.

-- WITH PTI INPUTS

Judge warns lack of jurisdiction can vitiate trial

AKBAR VERSUS RAMANI

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A DELHI court which heard arguments Wednesday whether a criminal defamation case, filed by former Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar against journalist Priya Ramani, can continue before a Special MP/MLA court, cautioned that the consequences of the trial continuing without jurisdiction can be "very dangerous" because the entire proceedings can be construed vitiated and the trial de novo

(anew, from the beginning). An order on the transfer of the case will be passed on October 22.

Ramani had levelled allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment against Akbar who sued her and resigned from the Union Council of Ministers.

The case, after two years of hearing, was in its last stages when Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vishal Pahuja – of the Special MP/MLA court at Rouse Avenue District Court - Tuesday said that he can no longer hear the matter.

He said this was not a case against an MP or MLA – it was a case filed by an MP – and must be transferred to a court of competent jurisdiction. This, he said, would be in line with the direction of the Supreme Court, and a February 2018 administrative order of the High Court on a dedicated court for cases against MPs/MLAs.

On Wednesday, District and Sessions Judge Sujata Kohli, while hearing arguments of the two sides, said, "This notification was passed in 2018. This case was filed in 2018 only. None of the officers took note of it and with due respect, none of the counsel brought it to notice."

"Now the result is: everything continues -- summoning, pre-summoning, the evidence and arguments. What would be the result of this if we say that without iurisdiction, the entire proceedings stand vitiated. I am only saying it aloud, don't take it otherwise. The consequences

ANJALI MARAR

PUNE. OCTOBER 14

to sweep over India.

THIS YEAR'S winter is likely to be

colder, with intense and more

frequent coldwave events likely

conditions in the Pacific Ocean

are likely to influence and trig-

ger severe cold conditions," IMD

director general Mrutyunjay

Mohapatra said on Wednesday.

Since August, a weak La Nina

"The prevailing weak La Nina

order. But eventually, we are bound by the mandate of law because the notification of the High Court specifies that the court had been constituted only for matters which have to be tried against MPs/MLAs. District Judge Kohli initially agreed with Luthra's arguments: You are right to an extent. This notification nowhere creates a bar that other cases cannot be marked to these courts. I have been assigning some cases which were not MP/MLA cases even. There was no embargo, so interpreting in the way in which you are submitting I had been marking certain matters... However, I wanted this as-

pect to be decided, that someone

goes to the High Court or Supreme

Court and they decide.

Intense, frequent cold

family, witnesses given protection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE UTTAR Pradesh government Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it has deployed adequate protection for the family of the victim and witnesses in the Hathras case. It also requested the top court to mon-

filed in response to this, said a three-fold mechanism-compris-

ing five armed constabulary personnel, civil police including a guard and gunners, and CCTV cameras and lights-has been put in place at the victim's house.

The inspector in-charge of the relevant police station has been made responsible for the arrangements. "He shall supervise the Police Force and o

UP to SC: Victim's CBI questions victim's family for 2nd day, whereabouts asked

AMIL BUATNAGAR HATHRAS, OCTOBER 14

THE HATHRAS gangrape and murder victim's family members were questioned for the second consecutive day by the CBI on Wednesday.

The 19-year-old victim's father and two brothers were taken to the makeshift CBI camp office, set up in a local government office, and questioned for nearly six-and-a-half hours. They were taken back to their vi



vised to stay indoors. K T Rama Rao, Minister for HATHRAS WOMAN'S DEATH

Municipal Corporation said that 20,540 houses in 122 localities

service rifles have also been reported missing from the camps.

IGP, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said, "The SPO issue is confirmed but we are verifying about the SSB man. The SSB man seems to have gone on unauthorised absence."

Police sources say they apprehend that the SPO has joined militant ranks.

The SSB constable was posted with the 114 Battalion and his Insas service rifle and some rounds of ammunition are missing, said sources.

Hours after the SSB constable went missing, an SPO posted at the camp of J&K Police's Special Operations Group at Chadoora was reported missing. Police sources said he was posted at the camp for five years. The sources also said two AK-47 rifles, including his service rifle, were missing.

After the security personnel went missing, police registered cases and launched a search.

itor the CBI pro e into the 19 year-old Dalit woman's alleged the security arrangement on a gangrape and brutalisation,

leading to her death. In an affidavit, the UP government urged the Supreme Court to direct the agency to submit fortnightly status reports to the state.

'That the Government of Uttar Pradesh is committed to provide complete security to the victim's family and the witnesses to ensure free and fair investigation.... The State Govt. further requests that this Hon'ble Court may direct CBI to submit fortnightly status reports on the

investigation to the State Government which can be filed by the DGP, U.P. In the Supreme Court," the affidavit stated.

On October 6, a beach headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde had asked the UP government if security as well as legal representation had been provided to the witnesses and the victim's family. The state's additional affidavit,

daily basis," the affidavit said. "The Circle Officer... is to ensure robust security arrange-

ment by holding regular clear briefings of the police force and in addition, he shall also inform the family members about the security arrangements provided to them." the affidavit added. It also pointed out that women guards had been deployed for the protection of the female members of the family.

"Further, to deal with any emergency situation, an appropriate O.R.T (Quick Reaction Team)" has been deployed, the state said.

It said that victim's brother has informed the police in writing that the family has engaged private advocates. "However, they have requested that the government advocate should also pursue the case on their behalf," it said.

heavy security in the evening.

The three were questioned in two separate rooms, and statements of each were recorded and videographed by investigating officials, it is learnt.

Sources said the family members were questioned about their whereabouts on September 14, when the crime occurred, and the sequence of events. Their statements were corroborated with ones they gave to the Special Investigation Team SIT and UP Police, according to the sources.

The CBI team probing the case includes DSP Seema Pahuja, who investigated the rape and murder of a minor in Kotkhai, Himachal Pradesh - the girl's body was subsequently found in a forest. ASP V K Shukla, DSP R R Tripathi and Inspector S Sreemathy, among others, are part of the CBI team.

A team of investigators from

Family members of victim were questioned at a makeshift CBI camp office on Hathras-Aligarh road. Gajendra Yadav

the central probe agency also questioned senior medical officials at Hathras District Hospital, where the victim was initially taken, hours after the crime, before she was referred to AMU Hospital. On Tuesday, the CBI had

summoned her brother and questioned him primarily on the evidence list gathered so far by investigation teams. "He was taken by CBI for pro-

cedural questioning. There were slippers, her clothes, which he was asked to identify. We are cooperating (in the probe)," the victim's sister-in-law said.

Meanwhile, police and administrative officials continue to remain deployed outside the family's home.

A team of 15 officials, including those from the Forensic Science Laboratory, have set up camp at the Krishi Vibhag Guest House on Hathras-Aligarh Road, around 7 or 8 km from the victim's village. The office space attached to the guesthouse has been turned into a makeshift office; entry has been barred for outsiders so long as the CBI team is stationed there.

Police officials from local thanas have been stationed outside the government office to ensure smooth operation.

The CBI teams are likely to visit AMU Hospital and Aligarh Jail, where the accused are currently in custody, as part of their investigation.

The investigation into the alleged gangrape and murder of the 19-year-old was handed over to the CBI on the UP government's recommendation.

wave to sweep country this winter, says IMD

> comes intense. The frequency and area covered under the grip of a cold wave becomes larger.'

> > "Though trends over India have been that of a warming winter during recent years, there is no particular trend observed for the regions experiencing cold

wave," Mohapatra said. However, regions in North and Northwest India – Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat - are most prone to cold waves and associated deaths, he said.

condition has prevailed over the In addition, starting this year, Pacific Ocean. On its influence dur-IMD will introduce impacting the winter season, Mohapatra based forecasts for sectors that said, "During La Nina years, the would be affected by severe cold conditions, Mohapatra said. severity of cold conditions be-

EXEMPLIFYING THE NEXT LEVEL OF FARM MECHANISATION Not just paddy and wheat, combines now harvest maize, pulses, oilseeds

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

RAMESH BABU is happy to see Manoj Kumar Chourasiya back in Davanagere, Karnataka's and India's leading maize-growing district. The 45-year-old comneeds graduate merce Chourasiya, who has brought three other men also from Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district, to operate his two 'Crop Tiger 40 Multicrop' combines.

They have returned after the lockdown and will harvest the kharif (monsoon) maize in Davanagere this month, followed by Haveri and Shimoga districts in November and December. The same machines will also harvest chana (chickpea) and sunflower in

Davanagere and Chitradurga during January-February. Then, we have the rabi (winter-spring)

maize crop of Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) in March and Shikaripura (Shimoga) in April. Each combine would work for 1,200-1,300 hours during these seven months," says Babu.

For entrepreneurs like Babu, and farmers, the multi-crop combines exemplify the next level of mechanisation. They harvest not just paddy and wheat, but also other crops where the use of machines is far less ubiquitous: chana, moong (green gram), tur (pigeon pea), maize, ragi, sunflower, soyabean and mustard.

Combine harvesting of paddy is something Babu has been doing since he bought his first machine in 2000. He now

has 15 'Crop Tiger 30 Terra Trac' combines that harvest only paddy.

Babu's paddy crawler combines can cover an acre in roughly one hour and 10 minutes. Farmers are charged an average hourly rate of Rs 2,000.

"Paddy is an established business where I have 55 operators. They are all local people," says Babu.

For the two multi-crop combines - which he bought two years ago for Rs 27.58 lakh each -Babu is employing operators from UP. "Two people are required per machine. I pay them Rs 35,000 per month per machine. This is less than the Rs 45,000 per machine plus a Rs

50/hour incentive for the Terra Trac operators, who are locals. I charge more for maize (Rs



Harvesting entrepreneur Ramesh Babu with a maize header combine at his workshop in Davanagere, Karnataka.

2.500/hour). as it is a new business that will take time to get established," he says. Mahendrappa Havalaman-

avar is a smaller entrepreneur. who also started with a Terra Trac paddy combine, albeit a second-hand one, that he pur-

chased in 2017. But the 62-yearold, who farms five acres at Holalu village in Bellary district's Huvina Hadagali taluka, soon disposed of the machine as he couldn't afford to take it to distant places for harvesting jobs. In August 2018, he invested in a Crop Tiger 40 Multicrop combine and followed it up with a second one a year later.

Havalamanavar, unlike Babu, works only in Karnataka mostly in Bellary and the adjoining Haveri and Gadag districts. He first harvests moong in August that takes up 200-odd hours and then maize during September-December (800 hours). In January, he does chana (200 hours) and ragi in February-March (150 hours). Only during April-May does he take the machines more than 150 km away

to Shimoga for 200 hours of rabi maize harvesting

Mrityunjaya Singh, managing director of CLAAS Agricultural Machinery Private Ltd - the Indian subsidiary of the €3.9 billion German company that makes Crop Tiger combines - attributes the spread of mechanical harvesting to even coarse grains and pulses to three

factors. The first is a general shortage of farm hands. "Agricultural labour availability is falling year to year. The reverse migration of workers we saw (due to lockdown) is a temporary phenomenon." he tells The Indian Express. The second is efficiency. For farmers, managing labour is a cumbersome affair. Harvesting an acre of ragi requires some 10

people working a whole day. The

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tied into bundles and taken for threshing, which needs extra labour. The combine, on the other hand, will harvest, thresh, clean and deliver the grain to the farmer's tractor trolley – all in iust over one hour.. The third factor is technology.

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Singh concedes that yield losses from manual harvesting are lower (hardly 1%) than from normal combines (up to 10%). But the quality of machines also has undergone significant improve-

ment over the years. Besides CLAAS, the US farm equipment giant John Deere and the Nabha (Puniab)-based Preet Agro Industries are selling multicrop and maize combine harvesters in India.

after.

HC seeks Centre stand on legalising same-sex marriages

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

SEEKING REPLY from the government on two petitions seeking legalisation of same-sex marriages – one under the Special Marriage Act (SMA) and the other on Foreign Marriage Act (FMA) - the Delhi High Court on Wednesday said the statute is gender-neutral and the Centre must interpret the law in favour of the citizens.

The division

Rajiv Sahai Endlaw and Asha Menon, while issuing notice to the Centre and Delhi government, asked them to file their replies within four weeks and ial...' said the rejoinders should be

filed within four weeks there-The case was adjourned for next hearing on January 8, 2021. "We may shed our inhibi-

tions. The very language of the statute is gender-neutral. Please try to interpret the law in favour of the citizens of the 'Sanatan

Menon said. "This (petition) is not adversarial. My request to both counsels from Union of India is that this is not adversar-The judge made the com-

ment in response to a submission made by advocate Raj Kumar Yadav, who appeared on behalf of the Centre. Yadav said. "This is a peculiar situation in the history of Sanatan Dharma. In 5,000 years of this history, this kind of situatio we have not faced."

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who also appeared for the Centre, agreed with Justice Menon that the matter was not adversarial and submitted that the government will file a reply.

In one petition, Dr Kavita Arora, a psychiatrist, and Ankita Khanna, a therapist, have sought enforcement of the fundamental right of choice of partner, after their application for solemnisation of marriage under the SMA was rejected by a marriage officer in Delhi's Kalkaji on the ground that they are a same-sex

The second petition, filed by Parag Vijay Mehta, an OCI cardholder, and Vaibhav Jain, an Indian citizen, who married in Washington D.C in 2017, also seeks direction for registration of their wedding under FMA after they were denied the same by the Consulate General of India

at New York. During the hearing, the court asked whether or not "the concept of marriage in Indian context" has to be the subject matter of challenge, as both laws prohibit

as per the customary laws.

However, senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing for the petitioners, contended that the two laws do not refer to any customary law, and the purpose of SMA in particular is to permit marriages outside customary laws.

The court also asked why the remedy of appeal under FMA was not availed. Guruswamy said that the authorities refused to even entertain the application, and that there is no order of re-

Mulayam tests Covid positive, admitted in Medanta Hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 14

SAMAJWADI PARTY patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, 80, Wednesday tested positive for

Covid-19 and was hospitalised. Party sources said Mulavam had trouble breathing, and was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram after testing positive. The party tweeted from its official handle that Yadav was

doctors and they will keep informating us about his situation' The veteran has been struggling with bad health over the last few years, being hospitalised

SP chief and son Akhilesh

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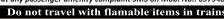
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Dr S M Rahman Founder & Director

Cradle Fertility Center





Infertility is on the rise nowadays!



Cradle Fertility lab



From left to right Dr Nishat Hashmi, Dr Honey Qureshi, Dr S M Rahman, Dr Disharee Das, Dr Parag Nandi

infertility is prevalent

across the world. lts prevalence is around 10-15%. We investigate a couple for infertility if they fail to conceive after one year of unprotected intercourse (female partner less than 35 years of age) or after six months of unprotected intercourse (female partner more than 35 years of age).

Causes of infertility can be divided into female factor (one-third of cases), male factor (one-third of cases) or both male and female factor (one-third of cases). Female partner is blamed for infertility in our society, but male partner may equally be responsible for infertility. So, both partners should be investigated and treated accordingly.

Basic investigations for infertility include TVS (Transvaginal Sonography), hormonal assays, tubal patency testing for female partner and semen analysis

he problem of for male partner. Depending on the initial investigation reports, further investigation and treatment are planned.

Contrary to the popular notion, IVF is not the only treatment for infertility. Treatment options include ovulation induction with timed intercourse, fertility enhancing surgeries (laparoscopy & hysteroscopy), IUI (Intrauterine insemination) and ART (IVF-ET, ICSI or IMSI). Suitable treatment options for a couple are decided according to the factor causing infertility, age of the couple and prior treatment history. Before starting any treatment, the couple is counselled regarding success rate, possible complications, method of treatment and approximate cost of treatment. Proper counselling is of paramount importance as couples are already under tremendous psychological stress due to infertility.

Assisted reproductive techniques (ART) include IVE-ET, ICSI or IMSI. It is absolutely indicated for couple with bilateral tubal block, severe endometriosis, diminished ovarian reserve or severe male factor. Couple with PCOS or unexplained infertility may require ART, if other treatment option fails.

ART treatment has undergone a lot of advancement in terms of drugs or new technologies. Cryopreservation of gametes (both sperm and oocyte) and embryos has opened up new horizon in the field of ART. As we know that female partner is central to the fertility process and with increasing career demand they are compelled to postpone pregnancy plans, infertility becomes an issue for them because of advancing age. Cryopreservation of gametes or embryo can offer them some solution.

ART procedure includes ovarian stimulation with gonadotrophins, ovum pick up, fertilization of gametes in the lab, embryo formation and embryo transfer into the uterine cavity. Complication rates are very less, and success rate is around 50% on an average.

Cradle Fertility Centre started its journey in Kolkata in 2014. Hundreds of couple have been successfully treated over here in the last 7 years. Two main features of Cradle have been its affordable cost and recent technologies. Cradle has a highquality IVF lab with excellent air quality. Cradle has advanced technologies like IMSI, spindle view tech-nology along with all standard equipment. This has enabled Cradle to achieve a good success rate. But these advanced technologies have not increased the cost of treatment significantly. Cradle also provides a high-quality obstetrics care along with foetal medicine facilities. Aim of Cradle is to help women go through their journey successfully from the stress of infertility to a successful motherhood. Women are the main pillar of our civilization.

Cradle Fertility

496/1 Diamond Park, Joka, Kolkata 700104, **Opposite to Joka ESI Hospital, (Near Old Kathpole)** Email: care@cradlefertility.in Phone: + 9732940553 1800-121-3292 033-46049292

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Baisana village falls, said Bimala's

name does not feature in the

beneficiary list of NFSA. "After

the lockdown, camps were or-

ganised to include beneficiaries.

But because of lack of docu-

ments, she could not be enrolled.

We could not issue the docu-

maybe she was not in the village

when camps were organised,"

took over as BDO, Kishorenagar,

said they will look into why no

action was taken all these

in Odisha has been under the

high court's scanner. The court is

hearing a petition, seeking its in-

tervention to scrutinise imple-

mentation of food security

measures in 12 districts with

high prevalence of malnourish-

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view of Covid. FULL REPORT ON

display the price of gold, that we

were apologising to the Hindu com-

police about the incident on

Tuesday. "In response, the police

came today. We have intimated

what happened but we don't intend

to file any police complaint. Our

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ad," Gupta said, adding that the

Pradeepsinh Jadeja posted on

Twitter that reports of the show-

room being "attacked" were false

and directed that a case be filed

against those spreading "fake news".

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Kutch (East) SP Mayur Patil said

According to store staff, a mob

Minister of State for Home

showroom was "not attacked".

Gupta said that he had informed

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The implementation of NFSA

Shyamal Ray, who recently

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PILs ON 'IRRESPONSIBLE' COVERAGE OF SUSHANT DEATH CASE We don't justify 'media trial', have enough regulations: Centre to HC

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI. OCTOBER 14

THE CENTRE, while responding to PILs against "irresponsible coverage" by news channels in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case, on Wednesday told the Bombay High Court that it did not seek to justify the "media trial": however, there were sufficient regulatory mechanisms that oversee electronic media. The Centre said it did not see any reason to put in place additional guidelines as sought by the petitioners.

Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh was responding to a division bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Girish S Kulkarni, which had on Monday asked the Centre why it does not have a statutory mechanism for electronic media similar to the Press Council of India, which regulates the print media in the country. The court had

asked why the electronic media should have an 'open hand' in its coverage.

The court, referring to absence of action over media trial. had said, "There are so many orders passed by the Supreme Court. Nobody cares.'

On Wednesday, ASG Singh told the court bench, "We do not seek to justify or support media trial. There is an existing statutory and regulatory framework which covers the electronic media. As per guidelines, there are certain stages where the complaints are considered before coming to the government. There are adequate safeguards and remedies.

Singh referred to several Supreme Court judgments and said it has been held that freedom of press was not only an essential prerequisite of democracy but 'mother of all liberties". He submitted that since Parliament had not enacted any

law controlling reporting of is-

sues by the media and the apex court had time and again observed that there was reasonable

regulation on the media, the High Court was not open to lav down guidelines for the reportag Singh said the Cable TV

Networks (Regulation) Act provided sufficient provisions under the Programme Code to keep a check on electronic media and additional mechanism was not required.

The division bench is hearing multiple PILs related to media coverage on Rajput's death, including one by eight former senpolice officers of ior Maharashtra, seeking restraining orders against 'media trial' in

the Raiput case. The Additional Solicitor General will continue his arguments and thereafter respondent broadcasters' associations and news channels will make their submissions during the next hearing on Friday.

AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 14

FOR OVER two months, a 3 ft x 4 ft x 6 ft toilet built under the Swachh Bharat Mission in Baisana village in Kishorenagar taluka of Odisha's Angul district was home to a septuagenarian woman and her three grandchildren.

The two girls (aged 5 and 8 years) and a boy (aged 6) came to live with their maternal grandmother Bimala Pradhan three years ago after their mother died and father abandoned them.

Pradhan then lived in a mud house and spent most of her time wandering in the forest and villages in search of work. "I don't own land, I live wherever I find space. But I am ageing and I cannot keep doing that. Now I also have three children (with me). After the rainfall this season, the mud house was damaged. The toilets were recently constructed



Odisha woman, grandchildren living

in Swachh Bharat toilet rehabilitated

The toilet, and cooking utensils near it.

and no one was using them. So I moved in along with the kids. We cooked in the open and the kids slept inside when it rained at night. We had nowhere else to go," she told The Indian Express. Following an intervention by local activists, the woman and the children were shifted to the panchayat office temporarily and later to a rehabilitation cen-

tre on Wednesday. Asked if she had approached the administration or the village

attack by fellow inmate

Gangster killed in jail

Vadodara: A 32-year-old gangster, incarcerated at the Vadodara Central Jail since his arrest in August in an extortion case, was killed in an attack by another prisoner on Wednesday. The gangster, Azharuddin Sindhi alias Ajju Kaniya, is from the old city area where security was tightened after the incident. As the news spread, several

Police said the accused, Sahil Mahesh Parmar (22) is in for murder. He attacked Kaniya with a sharp metal object after an argument. Kaniya's kin claimed jail officials sought a bribe in return for his safety. ENS

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panchayat for help, Bimla said, 'They ask for documents and I have none. I keep moving to look for work. I was stuck in one place due to the lockdown."

Without documents, Bimala and her grandchildren have not received benefits of social welfare schemes, including free foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA)

Kashinath Sahoo, Panchayat Executive Officer of Handappa gram panchayat under which

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YOGA EXERCISES, meditation. encouragement to share feelings, and ensuring social bonding despite physical distancing. These are among some of the measures that the Centre and the CBSE have asked to schools to take as students slowly return after a gap of nearly six months following the Covid-19 disruption.

While issuing the SOP for Unlock 5.0, the Centre had left it to the states to take a call on the schedule of reopening schools.

Now, the Department of School Education & Literacy (Ministry of Education) and the Central Board of Secondary Education have asked schools to ensure that for effective "Learning With Social/Physical Distancing", students' emotional and mental well-being is taken care of and they are encouraged to express, share their feelings and emotions with their teachers, parents and friends. The guidelines state that any symptom of stress or anxiety in a student must be taken care of immediately; special care should be taken of students affected by Covid-19 and they can be made to practise voga or meditation in classrooms to make them feel comfortable. The guidelines further say that ensuring mental well-being of teachers is also of

utmost importance. The guideline document says that reintegration of students into school may be taken on priority after reopening. "Teachers must talk and sensitize all students about Covid-19 and related myths, social stigmas and fears. Care should be taken to ensure social and emotional bonding despite having to maintain physical/social distancing... Children may be discouraged from sharing copies, books etc and how they will help each other this way in reducing the risk of spreading the disease may be explained to them," it states.

Observing that children might face some issues in adjusting to the school environment after such a long gap, the Ministry has instructed the schools to assess each student upon their return.

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Station and Ash handling switchgear buses of 2x210MW Unit #4 PTPP Parichha Estimated Cost Rs. 74.335.00 & EMD Rs. 2.000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 02.11.20 up to 17:00 Hrs. 10. E-Tender-T-09/EMD-I/ OH/ET/BTPS/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Annual Overhauling works of 6.6 KV motors ranging from 340 KW to 3600 KW of Unit #4, installed in 2x210MW Units of PTPP, Parichha, Jhansi." Estimated Cost Rs. 5.19.841.00 & EMD Rs. 11.000.00 e bid Submission dt.: 02.11.20 up to 17:00 Hrs. 11. E-Tender-T-10/TMD/O&MC-II/2x2 IOMW/BTPS/PTPP/2020-21 work o "Overhauling of HP Bypass valves (ARS 100) & its oil supply unit of 2x210MW, PTPP, Parichha during capita overhauling." Estimated Cost Rs. 12.24.531.00 & EMD Rs. 12.000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 09.11.20 up to 13:00 Hrs 12. E-Tender-T-11/TMD/O&MC-II/2x210 MW/BTPS/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Removal of scale of condenser tubes (tube material-90/10 CU/NI, No. of Tubes-19218, Size OD 25.4X1 MM Thick, Length of tubes- 7600mm) and Turbine oil cooler (Tube material- Admiralty Brass, No. of Tubes- 1250, Size OD 16X1 MM Thick, Length of Tubes- 3600MM) By Hydro jetting during capital overhauling of turbine of unit #4 of 2x210MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 5.99.500.00 & EMD Rs. 6,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 09.11.20 up to 13:00 Hrs. 13. E-Tender-T-12/TMD/O&MC-II/2x210MW/BTPS/PTPP/ 2020-21 work of "Miscellaneous works of pumps, repairing/servicing of HP valves, Safety valves of TG side of unit #4 of 2x210MW, PTPP, Parichha during overhauling." Estimated Cost Rs. 20,23,742.00 & EMD Rs. 20,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 09.11.20 up to 13:00 Hrs. 14. E-Tender-T-13/TMD/O&MC-II/2x210 MW/BTPS/PTPP/2020-21 work 0 "Thermal insulation works pertaining to TG area during overhauling of unit #4, 2x210MW, BTPS, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 5,86,960.00 & EMD Rs. 6,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 09.11.20 up to 13:00 Hrs. 15. E-Tender-T-08/AHD/2x210MW/ BTPS/2020-21 work of "General Housekeeping of ash slurry pump house vacuum pump house, H.P. pump house, TAC/IAC house and cleaning of bottom zero meter area and ESP area, including nearly drainage line and trenches for unit 3&4 of 2x210MW, BTPS, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 9,29,030.00 & EMD Rs. 18,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 03.11.20 up to 14:00 Hrs. NOTE:- Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-gids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on website www.etender.up.nic.in 8 uprvunl.org. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. "Save Electricity" पत्रांकः 238/टी.एस.डी.-प्र./ पी.टी.पी.पी. दिनांक 14/10/2020

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firms/ contractors which have valid electrical contractors license from any state/Central Govt. licensing board on behalf of the President of India for the following work : I. Name of its work with its location Dutsourcing of maintenance activity of MEMU Car Shed; Jhajha for a period of two (02) year. Place - Jhajha, Dist. - Jamui nar). 2. Approx. cost of the work ₹1.71.64.928/- (Rupees One Crore Sevent One Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Nine

be deposited : ₹2,35,800/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Only). 4. Date & time for submission tender and opening of tender : 19.10.2020 to 02.11.2020 at 12:00 Hrs. and 02.11.2020 at 12:30 Hrs. 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office

13.10.2020

Notice No: 4031

from here the tender form can be purchased : Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen fron the CRIS website : http://www.ireps.gov.in & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE(OP)/E.C. Railway/ Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (OP) ECR/Danapu PR/0754/SPJ/EOPN/T/20-21/44

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕼 E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-26

traders there downed shutters.

AFTER A group of men allegedly barged into a Tanishq showroom in

Gujarat's Kutch district-following social media backlash over an advertisement by the company depicting an inter-faith family-local police increased vigilance in the area Wednesday.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAJKOT, OCTOBER 14

Prakash Gupta, owner of the Tanishq franchise in Gandhidham town, told The Indian Express that six to seven persons had barged into the showroom Monday evening before one of them wrote an apology on behalf of the store with a sketch pen on the noticeboard.

"They told us that they had obcated on Tagore Road. However, he acknowledged that the showroom jections to an ad released by the company and that they were perhad received threats and police had ceiving it negatively. We told them been deployed since late Tuesday. that we will inform the company about it. Then they wrote on the noticeboard, which we generally use to

had gathered outside the showroom Monday evening after which six or EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕅 E-TENDER NOTICE

at 14:00 hrs.

OPEN TENDER, Batch No : 46/20, dated 13.10.2020, E-Tender Notice for supply of materials - "participation in through" web portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materiels : The closing time for all tenders is

wada (35 Extension of Meralgram-Bhavanathour line upto Salai Banwa (Chopan) (95 Km). 2. Approx cost of the work in (₹) ₹41,75,192.24, 3. Earnest money in (₹) ₹83,500/-. 4. Period of work completion : (Six) Months. 5. Date and time for closing of tender: 02.11.2020 15.30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent b Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of

tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note : In case of any descripencies found in tender notice English version will be final. Tenderers are equested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. in connection with this e-tender. Chief Administrative Officer/C/S/

ECR/Mahendrughat, Patna PR/0751/CON/Engg./T/20-21/48

🛞 WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE No. KTT/S&T Project/2020/04 Date: 05.10.2020 Dy. Chief Signal & Telecon Engineer (Project), West Centra Railway, Near Railway Microwav Tower, Kota in. Rajasthan-324002 for and on behalf of President o India invites E-tender in the prscribed form for the following work. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any suc manual offer received shall be ignored. Tender No. : No.KTT/ S&T/Project/2020/04 Mode of Tendering : Two Packet System Name of Work : Supply Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Outdoor Signalling Equipments at Ranthambhor (RNT), Mokhol (MXL), Shri Mahabirji (SMBJ) Hindaun City (HAN), Fatel Singhpura (FSP), Pingora (PNGR) Sewar (SWAR), Dhaurmui Jaghina (DUM) and Jajanpatti (JJA), ir connection with replacement of outdoor Signalling gears as per RE standard in SWM-MTJ section o KOTA division on West Cental Railwav. Cost of Work: ₹ 11,33,03,843.94 Cost of Tender form: ₹ 10,000/- Earnest Money: 7,16,600/- Completion Period : 15 (Fifteen) Months (including Monsoon) Last date & time of submission of tender: 06.11.2020 at 15.00 hrs. Website address www.ireps.gov.in **Dy.Chief Signal & Telecon**

Engineer (Project), Kota, WCR Tel./Fax : 0744-2467058 रेल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर सम्पर्क करें

Tender is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Rooftop Solar Power System (RSPS) and Solar Street Lighting System (SLS) along with Comprehensive Maintenance for Five (5) years at 29 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and 40 Odisha Aadarsha Vidyalaya premises across 4 district(s) in Odisha.

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e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Details can be seen from the website www.tenderwizard.com/ OREDA or www.oredaorissa.com. Further corrigendum, if any will be uploaded in these websites only.

-Sd-**Chief Executive**

Date:12.10.2020

CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE Switchgear Testing & Development Station (A Government of India Society) Govindpura, Bhopal - 462023 Ph/Fax No. 0755-2586283, E-mail: khairwar@cpri.in NOTICE INVITING TENDER-(NIT): STDS-02/2020-21 Date: 15.10.2020 Online e-tenders are invited from eligible suppliers/agencies/ manufacturers for the following, conforming to national/international standards wherever applicable: (1) Glow wire test apparatus with test chamber (A-2017), (2) 2 Channel RF Power Meter (A-2018) (3) Cycles of Dry air and Vacuum to achieve decrease in moisture content of solid insulation of 132 kV Station Transformer (A-2019). (4) Cloud Point and Pour Point (A-2020). (5) Fully Automatic 3 Positions, 200 A Energy Meter Test System (RTL-NK-01). (6) Fully Automatic Ten Positions Energy Meter Test System (RTL-NK-02). (7) 12kV Impulse generator (RTL-NK-03). (8) Providing catering facility at RTL Noida (RTL-N-24). Tender documents including detailed specifications and other terms & conditions can be

downloaded from our website www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI and www.cpri.in from 15.10.2020 onwards. No separate tender documents will be issued from our office. The bids are to be submitted online through www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI only. Bids submitted through any other mode will not be considered. All errata, addendum, extension etc. if any, shall be published on the CPRI website only. Sd/ UNIT HEAD

NORTHERN RAILWAY

(E-Tender Notice)

he Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites online e-tender through website https://ireps.gov.in, for the parking contract, for the period of 3 (Three) years, to be closed on 06.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs, at the following stations/locations :

SN	Name of work with its location/ Railway Station	Advertise value/Reserve Price of one year in (Rs.)	Cost of Tender document & 18%GST (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen
1	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Tughlakabad Railway Station (TKD), "D" Category, with measuring an area of 1109.95 sq. mtrs.	7,17,432/-	3540/-	43,100/-	https://ireps.gov.in/ tender no: Parking89-2020
2	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Rohtak Railway Station (ROK), 2 nd Entry "A" Category, with measuring an area of 338 sq. mtrs.	5,94,000/-	2360/-	35,700/-	https://ireps.gov.in/ tender no: Parking90-2020
3	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter and Car at Badli Railway Station (BHD), 1 st Entry "D" Category, with measuring an area of 795 sq. mtrs.	9,20,156/-	3540/-	55,300/-	https://ireps.gov.in/ tender no: Parking91-2020
4	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter at Bhallabgarh Railway Station (BVH), "A" Category, with measuring an area of 901 sq. mtrs. on As Is Where Is Basis	6,84,260/-	3540/-	41,100/-	https://ireps.gov.in/ tender no: Parking92-2020

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

No.: 06205068, Brief Description Individual cells of 2 Volt. Quantity : 80 Sets Published on/time : 06.10.2020, 12:18:45, Closing on : 09.11.2020, Fund : Fund is available. Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.

Principal Chief Material Manager ECR/Hajipur PR/0755/HQ/Stores/T/20-21/28

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕼 **TENDER NOTICE FOR** SUPPLY OF STORES

Online "e-open tender" through Indian Railways e-procurement portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in are invited, for and or behalf of the President of India, for the following stores :-

Tender No. : PS205040A. Closing date/time of tender : 03.11.2020 11.00 Hrs., Short Description : Automated and Computerized Single Car Test Rig. Qty. : 02 Nos., Signle Car Test Rig for Air Brake System Otv : 06 Nos., EMD amount : ₹56,980/-. Tender document cost : Nil.

1. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit IREPS Portal www.ireps.gov.in. 2. The prospective bidders are advised to remain in touch with IREPS portal (www.ireps.gov.in) for updates including addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender and no such notice/information shall be published ir newspapers.

Dy. Chief Material Manager/WP/ ECR/Patna PR/0749/WPO/Store/T/20-21/32

Tender document is available in Government website (www.tenders.tn.gov.in). The Downloaded Tender document should accompany a Demand Draft for the cost o the document as mentioned above along with Technical Bid Any modification (if any) in tender terms and tende invitation period will be uploaded in the website and the tenderers are requested to go through the above website orcitorieolity. MTC (Chennai) Ltd. reserves the right to accept / reject any tender without assigning any reason therefor. MANAGING DIRECTOR MTC Ltd, Chennai -2 DIPR/ 3843 /TENDER/2020 Vidyut Purvanchal Vitaran Nigam Limited





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NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 14

THE SUPREME Court on Wedne-

sday prodded the government to

implement the "welcome"

decision taken to waive com-

pound interest on MSME and

personal loans up to Rs 2 crore

during the moratorium period

taking into account the plight of

remarked Justice M R Shah, shar-

ing a bench with Justice Ashok

Bhushan and R Subhash Reddy,

while hearing a plea which raised

the question of waiver of interest

on interest for loans during the six-

November 2, the court said it ex-

pects that the decision will come

sion to give benefit to people who

have taken loan up to Rs 2 crore.

What about the implementa-

tion?" Justice Bhushan asked

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta,

appearing for the petitioner,

pointed out that an affidavit filed

by the government side had men-

tioned November 15 as the outer

Senior Advocate Rajeev Dutta,

who appeared for the Centre.

Adjourning the matter to

"You have already taken a deci-

month moratorium period.

into force by then.

"Their Diwali is in your hands,"

the common man.

Locked in tax dispute, Rajini pulled up for 'rushing to court'

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, OCTOBER 14

ACTOR RAIINIKANTH, contesting a property tax issue with the Chennai civic body, was Wednesday admonished by Madras High Court for "rushing to court" without giving adequate time to the municipal authorities and let off with the warning of a fine.

"Do you think that the court has no better things to do except directing the corporation authorities to dispose of your representation?" Justice Anita Sumanth said. "You made the representation on September 23 and rushed to the court within a week. Why do you want to rush to the court instead of approaching the authorities?'

The actor's plea challenged the Greater Chennai Corporation's property tax demand of around Rs 6.50 lakh for a wedding hall - Raghavendra Kalyana Mandapam—he owns. The dues were for the fiscal half-year period of April-September-the actor received a notice for the same on September 10.

Rajinikanth's petition said he was entitled to vacancy remission on the tax as he had cancelled all bookings after March 24, besides refunding advance money as per government orders. The premises remained vacant for more than 30 days, the plea said. The actor said he sent a notice to the corporation on September 23, but didn't receive a reply. Rajinikanth sought that the civic body be directed to dispose of his notice without levying penalty or interest.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE RECOVERED: 63.01.927 CASES: 72,39,389 | DEATHS: 1,10,586 TESTS: 9,00,90,122 DOUBLING RATE: 72.75**

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Karnataka	7,26,106	8,191	1.42%	50.58	
Andhra	7,63,573	4,622	0.66%	109.41	
Tamil Nadu	6,65,930	4,666	0.79%	91.58	
Kerala	3,03,896	8,764	3.26%	22.10	
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Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %) Positives against number tested Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days (in %): indicator of indicator of progress in averting deaths the spread of disease may signal the peak Data as on October 13, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitiv

Due to effective steps by PM, able to avert major Covid disaster: Puri

on Wednesday. **AVISHEKGDASTIDAR**

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

"Because of effective steps taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are able to avert a major INDIA AVERTED a major disaster disaster in Covid. India was one of the first countries to start screenin the pandemic by taking timely steps including declaring a total ing international passengers at the lockdown in March, and if the airport, one of the first countries Covid-19 outbreak were to come to stop flights from China. With back in a few years, the country the total lockdown on March 23, will be prepared to face the we were able to buy time to prochallenges that migrant labourduce the infrastructure," Puri, the ers faced this time, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Affairs, said

Arunachal students beat Covid and connectivity odds to learn

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI. OCTOBER 14

ASHAPMAI DELLANG and Behelti Ama visit Jackson Pul around four every evening. In the musician's tin-roofed wooden home, a space between the bedroom and kitchen is cleared, the harmonium is brought out, and the singing begins. Notes of a Carnatic song fill the room, and beyond into the quiet outskirts of Arunachal Pradesh's Tezu town. They do not have a shruti box, the acoustics may not be ideal and the electricity goes off often. But these practice sessions, which began in earnest early October, are hard-earned.

"When it comes to learning music, you need to be in a group, vou need to discuss." savs Dellang who hails from Medo village under Wakro circle in Lohit district.

Till last month, the 18-year-old student of Chennai-based Kalakshetra Foundation was literally running around her village, 60 km from Tezu, in the hope of finding "more than one [network] stick" to attend her online music lesson. A Class 12 humanities student, classical music is Dellang's main subject, something the daughter of a farmer says she wants to "make a career" in.

In May, when the lockdown travel restrictions were lifted, Dellang. Ama and two other friends, Ashuni Khamblai and Abimsi Manyu, all students of Kalakshetra Foundation, boarded a Shramik Special from Chennai to Tinsukia in Assam, and then a bus to Wakro. However, as classes moved online across the country, the girls struggled with the network. Or even electricity to charge their phones.



A music session at Jackson Pul's residence. Express

In Medo, if Dellang was lucky, she would sometimes catch a note sung by her teacher, but when it was her turn to sing, the internet would falter. Nearby, in Pukhri village, Ama had worse luck. It was not just the network, but the electricity too. "It would go off for days," says 18-year-old Ama, who spent her time then working in the

field with her parents. In Manthi village, Khamblai, a second-year Bharatanatyam student, did not take a chance. To the amazement of her parents, who are farmers, she moved to the nearest urban centre of Tezu in order to access a stable internet connection for her online lessons. The 19-year-old says, "As dance students, we have to be very interactive with the teacher. It works only if we can see each other." And to ask that of Manthi, a village in the Mishmi foothills with 143 people and 28 households (2011 census), Khamblai

knew was a bit much. The importance of education is not lost on these girls, first-generation school-goers who are part of Kalakshetra's initiative to provide hundred per cent free education to a handful of students from

the Northeastern states through a central government grant. "Everyone in my family is a farmer, and see how difficult it is for them to earn," says Dellang, "Education is important because it has taught us that there is another way to earn." Following Khamblai, she has moved into her aunt's house in Tezu, where the network is slightly

better than Medo. Dellang first discovered she could sing when she took part in a talent hunt competition in her village in Class 9. From the talent hunt days, she knows Jackson Pul, a Hindustani classical singer at Itanagar's Rajiv Gandhi University. "Jackson bhaiya has told us we can practise at his home every day, until we go back," says Dellang. "This has made all the difference.' Accompanying them is Ama, who is staying with her cousin in Tezu.

Referred by Arunachal-based activist Sathyanarayan Mundayoor for the scholarship, the girls moved to Chennai. Mundayoor says: "A decade ago, Wakro circle, occupied primarily by the Mishmi tribe, was known to be particularly lagging when it came to girls' education. Most are first in their families to attend high school."

An initiative by R 🖪 🖸

waiver: SC to govt till November 15 is sought. **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** "For these modalities you require one month time?" asked

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ustice Bhushan. Senior Advocate Harish Salve. appearing for the Indian Banks Association, said the issue is com-

plex and hence the time. "People are worried in terms of their accounts and for interest on interest," remarked Justice Shah and asked Salve what is happen-

ng as of now. Salve said the implementation for benefit of borrowings of up to Rs 2 crore of loans is being done. He added that the numbers are large but it will be implemented. Justice Bhushan said the court is only asking if the benefit extended to the people by the government has percolated. "Once the government has taken a decision, there is no need for delaying it further," observed Justice Bhushan, adding "it is not in the interest of the common people to keep de-

laying once you have decided". "Please see the plight of a common man," added Justice Shah.

Mehta sought to explain the need for time and said banks will waive the compound interest which will then be compensated by the government and the calculation will have different modalities. "What we said is we welcome the decision of the government for

limit for allowing the relief. Mehta said the government the interests of the common people. Only thing it should have been has given the assurance on affidavit and that only modalities have implemented at the earliest!" to be worked out, for which time

added Justice Shah

Hand Hygiene is a Global Priority Now!

Handwashing Day

Global Handwashing Day encourages people to embrace hand hygiene as the mantra to fight off communicable diseases like COVID-19 effectively

HE IMPORTANCE of hand hygiene in preventing the transmission of in-

BENEFITS OF HANDWASHING



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fectious agents is well-established. Consider this, throughout any given day, we come in contact with so many people, shake hands with a friend, open doors, touch doorknobs and much more. All these activities expose us to harmful germs and bacteria. Moreover, fomite transmissions are also among the prevalent causes of infection as they are the nesting grounds of these microscopic organisms.

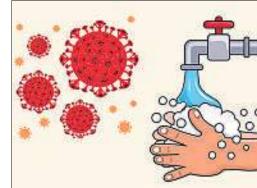
Moreover, before the pandemic struck the world, handwashing wasn't considered an essential habit or as something that had to be adhered to religiously. People used tissue papers to wipe their hands before or after having a meal, after using the washroom or when entering a house. However, using tissue papers is not the same as handwashing, both are quite different and way apart when it comes to hand hygiene and this has been the greatest of lessons from the pandemic - maintaining proper hand hygiene.

Maintaining proper hygiene is thus the foremost action on part of individuals and communities to pre-

vent the outbreak of any communicable disease. Realising this, every year on October 15, Global Handwashing Day is observed to "design and implement creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap, especially during critical times." The first Global Handwashing Day was observed in 2008. Sharing the valuable message of hand hygiene, many national and international leaders and influencers come together on this day to spread awareness in this regard. "India was one of the biggest participants of Global Handwashing Day in 2008. Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and his teammates joined an estimated 100 million children in promoting better health and hygiene." In recent years, Global Handwashing Day has gained immense importance and is continued to be endorsed by schools, governments, international institutions, private companies, civil society organizations, and more.

- Reduces diarrheal diseases by 30% to 48%
- Reduce acute respiratory infections by 20%
- Reduces the transmission of outbreak-related pathogens such as cholera, Ebola, shigellosis, SARS and hepatitis E.
- Is protective against healthcare-associated infections
- Reduces the spread of antimicrobial resistance
- May contribute to the reduction of **Neglected Tropical Diseases**





According to a study done by the Lancet Infectious Diseases journal, "hand care can reduce the mortality rate of respiratory diseases by 25% and diarrheal diseases can be reduced by 50%. This can simply be done by washing your hands with soap or a handwash!" This research along with many other such researches now seem true as the world continues to suffer from the pandemic. While no vaccine is available yet for the novel coronavirus, cleaning hands with handwash or soap is considered an effective way to avoid the infection that has spread to more than 35 million people globally and over 6.62 million people in India.

However, even in today's times, there are 17 countries where more than 10 million people lack handwashing facilities. "The availability of soap and water at handwashing facilities varies. In Ethiopia, only 0.1% of households had soap and water at the handwashing facility while in

Iraq, 91% had these items available." Even in these dire times, only 60% of the world's population has access to a basic handwashing facility. With the vision of making hand hygiene a reality for all, this year's Global Handwashing Day theme is "Hand Hygiene for All." This theme aligns with the new Hand Hygiene for All Initiative led by the WHO and UNICEF.

Under this theme, the global health authorities aim to make hand hygiene a global priority, in-

spire people for handwashing, instil behavioural change in this regard, and engage with healthcare workers in spreading awareness about the benefits of clean hand in preventing infections like COVID-19. The chosen theme asserts the critical role of handwashing in preventing disease transmission, reminding us to "take immediate action on hand hygiene across all public and private settings to respond and control the COVID-19 pandemic."

'Handwashing is key in the fight against COVID-19. Handwashing with soap destroys the outer membrane of the virus and thereby inactivates it. One study found that regular handwashing with soap can reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 infection by 36%." The idea of this special day is to build on the momentum and make handwashing a mainstay by creating a culture of hand hygiene among





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MEHBOOBA'S CHALLENGE

Her release is belated and welcome. Much depends on how she finds way forward for herself and PDP in Kashmir's new reality

HE IMPRISONMENT OF Mehbooba Mufti, leader of the People's Democratic Party, former chief minister of Jammu & Kashmir, and former member of Parliament, on August 5, 2019, the day the Centre ushered in sweeping constitutional changes to the state, has come to an end after 14 months. As with other political leaders who have been released, no explanation is forthcoming on the grounds of her arrest, the decision to charge her under PSA, and why those charges have been revoked now. There is no explanation for why some political workers are still languishing in prisons. In the post-Article 370 Jammu & Kashmir, Mufti's release presents her with new challenges.

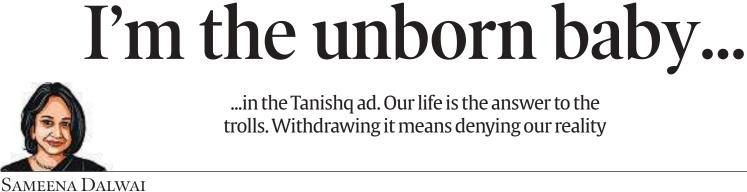
In her first public message, posted on Twitter within hours of her release, she made two points that signal her broad political intent: One, she described the changes to J&K's special status as "unconstitutional, undemocratic and illegal", and, without explicitly mentioning Article 370 or statehood, or domicile rules, talked about a people's struggle to reverse the changes. Two, she spoke of the larger Kashmir question for which "thousands have sacrificed their lives" - the question that existed before last year's changes and that has not disappeared since. In this sense, she went beyond the two Gupkar declarations, which commit the six signatories - mainstream political parties in J&K - to the demand for restoration of the status quo that existed before August 5, 2019. A third Gupkar meeting, to be held on Thursday, may bring more clarity. But Mufti has indicated that while she will walk the talk with the rest on the Gupkar common cause, her own political plank remains the resolution of the Kashmir issue itself. This is where her politics will be located. But the road ahead for her and the PDP will need to be defined.

Faced with a shell of the PDP and the newly formed Jammu & Kashmir Apni Party, Mufti seems to have realised that she has no time to lose. It may be fair to deduce from her release that the government too has come to terms with the reality that there is no alternative but to go to the people, and deal with the outcomes this throws up. That is a good sign. It also possibly comes out of the realisation in the Home Ministry that Kashmir needs real politics, not a hothouse exotic like the Apni Party, nor another import in the Valley. Militancy in the Valley has shown no sign of disappearing, indications are that it remains an attractive option for youth. Farooq Abdullah's vehement denunciation of Delhi, and his grandstanding on how China might help Kashmir win back special status, has taken the government by surprise. Delhi may hope that Mufti might be able to rechannel the mainstream. Mufti herself has kept the door tantalisingly open to all possibilities. The first clues could come with the elections in J&K to 13,000 vacant panchayat seats, which are likely to be held before the end of this year.

NEITHER LETTER, NOR SPIRIT

Governor Koshyari needs to be reminded of document he committed to upholding when he took oath of office

N THE MIDST of the COVID-19 pandemic, the already strained relations between the governor of the country's worst-hit state and its chief minister have just become worse. On Monday, Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari - who has turned the Raj Bhavan into a hub of controversy with a series of controversial moves, going back to the row, last November, over government formation in the state - wrote a letter to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, taunting him for his decision to keep religious places in the state closed. "Religious places in other parts of the country have been open for nearly three months and there are no reports of a surge in



... in the Tanishq ad. Our life is the answer to the trolls. Withdrawing it means denying our reality

THE TANISHQ ADVERTISEMENT of a Muslim mother-in-law and a Hindu daughter-in-law is beautiful, just the way all their advertisements are. Taking it back means we believe that it is mischievous fiction, that these kinds of relationships do not exist in reality. But they do. I am a living proof. I am the unborn

baby in that ad. My parents had never heard the words "love jihad" when they met in 1971. They both belonged to the socialist student organisation, Yuvak Kranti Dal, in Maharashtra, that took up causes of labour exploitation, caste oppression, marginalisation of tribal populations. When she joined the organisation, my mother was an 18-year-old, fair and green-eyed plump girl with a ready laugh. Most men around her were older to her coming from varied backgrounds, rural, poor, Dalit, Muslim. Many fell for her instantly and wanted to marry her. In fact, Baba would receive the proposal for her by some reticent young man, for her family background was intimidating. She was the daughter of Nalini Pandit, a Marxian Gandhian scholar of repute and the Pandit family was rich and famous. They had a huge house in Dadar, cars and a telephone.

When she decided to marry one of her comrades, who was a Konkani Muslim from Chiplun, bigotry surfaced on both sides. Older women in her acquaintance would stop her on Dadar streets and say, "You would marry a Muslim? Be careful, haan. They have a three talaq system." Baba's older brother was told, "Arre, why does he want to marry a Hindu girl?" The older brother, none other than Hameed Dalwai, the Muslim reformist, was shocked. He thought, the hell with socialist Gandhian ideals of small weddings let's have a big celebration of this marriage so that everyone knows they are married. He printed several wedding cards and distributed them to anyone he met.

As per my grandmother's tales, there

my father is Muslim. Neither follows religious rituals but they both enjoy cultural festivities. In younger days, older relatives suggested to my mother that she should convert to Islam, then she will get jannat. She would laugh and say, "But I am a materialist. Tell me how I will benefit in this life, here and now." In fact, she started wearing a big red bindi a few months after her marriage to ascertain her identity. The bindi and saree also helped her to look serious and professorial, as she had started teaching economics and looked as young as her students. She continued her revolutionary crusade and raised us with an alternate

value system.

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was no count of how many people turned up to that wedding. The hall was small and chaos plentiful. Three thousand glasses of kokum sharbat were consumed, that was all everyone got. And my parents had to smile at so many people and shake so many hands, that their cheeks and hands started aching. Friends told my mother later, "Baap re, such fundamental confusion in your wedding. Lucky that we escaped in one piece!" The wedding was celebrated in the village Mirjoli as well, where the Dalwai family cooked a feast of biryani for the Pandit family and friends who came in cars from Mumbai.

There was no Tanishq-style gold jewellery from the in-laws. In fact, when my mother visited the village the first time, she was struck by the silver earrings. "But silver is for pots and plates", she said in her mind, thinking of the Diwali feasts in the Saraswat community. Such was the class gap. But she managed to create an extended family based on the socialist principles of "give by capacity, take by need". She paid for the poor siblings in the village, from her own salary of lecturer in a Mumbai college, as my father was a full-time activist going out for workers' rallies and tribal meetings. She sent money for education, brought relatives to our Bombay flat for health emergencies and wedding shopping. She became the matriarch of an extended family.

The Tanishq trolls do not understand that the slim starry-eyed daughter-in-law has infiltrated the Muslim family as only women can. This is not love jihad, it is ghar wapsi of the Muslims. But the trolls are not only anti-Muslim but also anti-women. They believe that "giving" a daughter is a defeat. They miss the fact that the Muslim family in the ad is now celebrating a Hindu ritual. My family celebrates Eid and Diwali with relatives from both sides. Everyone loves to eat, play with colours and wear festive clothes. What's not to like?

My mother is still Hindu, as my father is Muslim. Neither follows religious rituals but they both enjoy cultural festivities. In younger days, older relatives suggested to my mother that she should convert to Islam, then she will get jannat. She would laugh and say, "But I am a materialist. Tell me how I will benefit in this life, here and now." In fact, she started wearing a big red bindi a few months after her marriage to ascertain her identity. The bindi and saree also helped her to look serious and professorial, as she had started teaching economics and looked as young as her students. She continued her revolutionary crusade and raised us with an alternate value system.

They had misgivings about how their children will cope in an increasingly communal atmosphere. They tried hard to give us the world, through Russian books and other mixed families and friends. Yet they could not shield us from riots, hostility and vulnerability. But being on the faultline gave us strength. We travelled abroad, found kindred spirits, enjoyed studies and books, and added to the mix of our family.

My brother married a Chinese from Hainan province and I partnered with a Telangana Reddy. I also adopted a daughter from Mon, Nagaland. Now when all the kids play together in a public park - the half-Chinese boy, the Marathi-Telugu girl and the little Naga warrior - people look at us in wonder. The family, together, speaks English, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Mandarin and Konkani.

And when "normal" people with singular monolithic imaginations come to ask us, "but how come ...?" or "is this ...?", we just smile. Our life is the answer to the trolls. We ex-

ist. The mixed race not only lives but thrives. And makes you all look utterly boring.

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THE RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

Innovations and best practices built over years will help find solutions to Covid

BALRAM BHARGAVA

THE ONE QUESTION that my family, friends,

various phases of clinical trials. In India, there India but across the world

COVID cases," Koshyari wrote. Having transgressed into the executive's domain, the governor went further. "Have you suddenly turned secular yourself, the term you hated," he asked Thackeray. But it's Koshyari who needs to answer: Does the tone and content of his letter behove a constitutional functionary?

Since June, the Unlockdown Guidelines of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs have rightly allowed state governments considerable flexibility in deciding the resumption of several activities, including opening places of worship. Last month, the Maharashtra government invoked this discretionary provision when it informed the Bombay High Court that reopening religious places, even with safety guidelines, was not a practical solution. It cited reports of breach of safety protocols during the Ganesh Utsav. The state government was responding to a petition filed by a Mumbai-based NGO. Since then, the demand to reopen religious places in Maharashtra has grown louder, with the main Opposition party, the BJP, leading a state-wide agitation. This is a matter where decisionmaking must be guided by sound administrative protocols and scientific expertise. That the governor enclosed in his letter three representations, reportedly from BJP office-bearers, invites serious questions about the continuing politicisation of a high office.

Koshyari has been an RSS and BJP activist, and his earlier avatar arguably looms large over Monday's letter. Perhaps the Maharashtra governor needs to be reminded of the document he swore allegiance to when he took oath of office on September 5, 2019 - the Constitution. Enshrined in its "Preamble" is a word he might disparage as a Hindutva follower, but one that propriety demands he accord due respect to - Secularism. Perhaps the governor should rewrite his letter to the chief minister, or be persuaded to do so.

CRAVEN CAVE-IN

That a Rs 14.24 lakh crore company, which swears by values, withdraws a 45-second ad cannot all be blamed on faceless mob

MOB ROAMS the digital commons, picking on a new enemy every moment, every day. This time, it chose a 45-second jewellery ad that shows a Muslim woman lovingly arranging a god-bharai for her Hindu daughterin-law. It is a portrait – idealised, one may argue – of what a home in India or anywhere should be. Making room for differences by absorbing rituals and recipes of each other. But trolls will be trolls, haters will be bent on hate. So an ad that tries to evoke fuzzy feelings for a Hindu custom, amity and gold, becomes an insult to Hinduism; troll farms jumped in to dial up abuse. Even Charlie Hebdo was invoked. And Tanishq, a brand owned by the Tata Sons, one of India's richest and most powerful companies that makes it a point to underline how it is values-driven, caved in. In a statement the company ducks behind "hurt sentiments" and the ruse of the "well-being" of its employees.

That's nonsense. Increasingly, big brands today are being asked to take a stand on decency, compassion and basic human rights, the stand becoming an integral part of the brand. Tata Sons has a legacy of not just profit, but of rectitude and fair play. It has walked the talk by nurturing institutions on those principles. True, India is in the middle of an ideological contestation that has left no aspect of life untouched, that is barb-wiring the common ground of civility with more and more divisions. It is also true that from cinema to business, few want to cross the foot-soldiers of a ruling establishment bent on having its way. But this shared experience of diversity is what has enabled the India story, and allowed the building and creation of wealth. It is worth a fight.

A company with a market cap of Rs 14.24 lakh crore, with ample friends in business and politics, has the power to stand up to faceless trolls - and defend what is right. This is the kind of capitulation that will be remembered, it won't easily go away.

and peers have constantly asked me as this global public health crisis has unfolded is: When will this pandemic come to an end? Or more precisely, what will it take to end this pandemic. And while the question seems simple enough, unfortunately, there are no easy answers. It is difficult to predict a decisive "end" to a disease that we're still learning new things about every day. However, one thing that has become abundantly clear through this crisis is that diseases like COVID-19 do not respect borders. It can take only a few months for a health emergency in one country to become a global crisis on a scale we have never seen before. This re-emphasises the point that unless we take everyone along on our race to the finish line, no one is safe.

Collaboration is going to be the cornerstone of a strategy that can potentially end this pandemic. This is true not just at the individual level - where we have to work together to ensure measures like physical distancing and wearing of masks in public places to protect the entire community - but also at the global level where scientists, experts and countries must work together to come up with unique and innovative solutions to help mitigate this crisis.

This is especially true when it comes to the development of a potential vaccine against COVID-19. Scientists worldwide are now working together to develop an effective vaccine that could stop this deadly virus. Thankfully, there has been promising news, and many are hopeful that a vaccine could be well on its way. Globally 42 vaccines are in Of course, public health wins are never easy. These innovations and best practices have been built over the years — through multiple experiments and creating a culture that embraces the learning opportunity that failure brings. It took several failures and multiple nearperfect solutions to finally arrive at something that could ease the whole country's vaccine distribution process. The same principle can be applied to vaccines. While we are hopeful that we will find a solution to the problem called COVID-19, it will undoubtedly take more than just one try to get it right.

are over three vaccine candidates at advanced stages of development. One of them. the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine or ChAdOx1 in Phase 3 human trial — is supported by the Serum Institute of India. Indigenous vaccines like COVAXIN (developed by Bharat Biotech and ICMR) and ZyCoV-D (developed by Zydus Cadila) are in Phase 2/3 trials.

No matter when and where a vaccine is developed, India is bound to play a pivotal role. This is not surprising since for many years we have been at the forefront of vaccine development and delivery globally. India is one of the largest manufacturers of vaccines in the world in terms of volume. Our vaccines are more often than not more affordable than others in the market. For instance, the indigenous rotavirus vaccines developed by India cost less than a dollar a dose. thus ensuring that more people around the globe have access to these life-saving tools. Approximately 70 per cent of vaccines for low and middle income countries are manufactured in India and delivered through partnerships with UNICEF and Gavi. Partnerships – such as the Grand Challenges India – are also playing a crucial role in accelerating research, developing new tools, and driving continued progress in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. Partnerships earlier have led to innovations like the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) - an indigenously developed technology, developed in partnership with UNDP, has revolutionised vaccine distribution and supply. Such partnerships have immense potential in delivering a COVID-19 vaccine, not just in

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Despite the ongoing challenges that the pandemic has thrown up, I am hopeful. Thanks to the groundwork laid in recent years, we have made a lot of progress to streamline research processes and develop novel vaccine platforms. I know that while we are yet to find a conclusive answer to that vital question - what will it take to end this pandemic? - governments, private sector companies, multilateral institutions and civil society organisations are all trying to find a solution. However, there is one conclusive answer for reducing the impact of the next health catastrophe. We need to forge long-term partnerships and increase R&D investments as they will determine the scientific tools at our disposal when faced with future pandemics and other global health emergencies.

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OCTOBER 15, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO **EMERGENCY IN LANKA** THE SRI LANKAN government has decided to declare a state of emergency through out the island nation to head off "a blood bath planned by the Opposition" Sri Lanka Freedom Party of former Prime Minister Srimavo

Bandaranaike. A government spokesperson said it would take necessary action under emergency measures to establish law and order. The government said it had been brought to its notice that at meetings of the SLFP inflammatory speeches have been heard. The Sri Lankan Parliament is due to meet tomorrow to discuss a resolution to deprive Srimavo Bandaranaike and her nephew Felix Dias Bandaranaike of their civil rights.

PARTIES PLACE DEMAND LEADERS OF ALL the 14 legislature parties in Assam asked the Centre to revive the state assembly and install popular government in order to facilitate an early and amicable resolution of the foreigners' issue. The leaders met the Union Home Minister Giani Zail Singh in between his lengthy deliberations with the Assam agitators. The consensus at the home minister's meeting with the leadership was that while the NRC of 1951 could be considered as one of the many documents for the detection of foreigners in Assam, a solution to the problem should be based on the Constitution, the Citizenship Act and other laws of the land.

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OIL GETS PRIORITY

FACED WITH GROWING uncertainties over oil supplies from abroad, the Economic Affairs Committee of the Cabinet decided to step up off-shore production at Bombay High. It's also decided to spend an extra Rs 165-crore to develop the facilities at Bombay High.

CHEMISTRY NOBEL

TWO AMERICANS AND one Briton shared the Nobel Prize for chemistry for biochemical studies of nucleic acids. Professor Paul Berg of Stanford University shared one half of the prize, while the other half went to Harvard Professor Walter Gilbert and Fredrick Sanger of Cambridge University.





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The domestic market mirage

India does not have the luxury of abandoning export orientation, the alternatives are limited. To embrace atmanirbharta is to choose to condemn Indian economy to mediocrity



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IF INDIA'S INWARD turn is misconceived, then what about the effectiveness of the twin prescriptions: Domestic demand over exports and protectionism over freer trade?

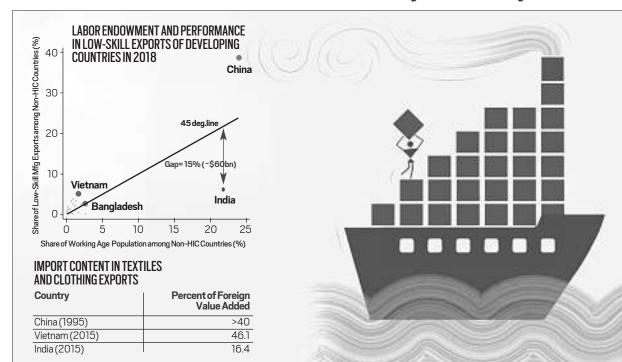
The debate in India has focused on domestic-demand led growth not just as a short-run response to COVID-19, but as a medium-term growth strategy. All the evidence across the world and in India has shown that rapid and sustained economic growth requires export dynamism. India's GDP growth of over 6 per cent after 1991 was associated with real export growth of about 11 per cent. Pre-1991, a 3.5 per cent growth rate was associated with export growth of about 4.5 per cent. There is no known model of domestic demand/consumption-led growth, anywhere or at any time, that has delivered quick, sustained, and high(say 6 plus) rates of economic growth for developing countries.

But even leaving aside the desirability of exports over domestic demand led growth, how feasible is the latter today? Policies that could achieve this are: More public spending, tax cuts to boost private consumption and private investment, and/or financial sector reform to boost private investment.

Against the current backdrop of bleeding public, financial, and household and private sector balance sheets, these policies look difficult. Only growth can rehabilitate balance sheets; stressing balance sheets further cannot realistically revive growth. Consumption growth will be limited by the fact that household debt has grown rapidly in the last few years. Consumption now can grow only if incomes grow.

Government spending could be a short run option, but COVID has limited that possibility. Post-COVID, India's debt is expected to rise from about 70 per cent of GDP to about 85-90 per cent and deficits are likely to be in the double-digit range. The fiscal space for spending will be severely limited both because of high levels of deficits and indebtedness and because debt dynamics will be adverse unless growth picks up substantially.

India should be cautious about succumbing to intellectual mimicry of advanced countries on fiscal policy. India's interest rates are not at zero and are unlikely to be so because of persistent inflation. India's borrowing is still considered risky, reflected in ratings that are hovering perilously close to being classified as sub-par. The favourable interest rate-growth differential that supports expansionary policy in the advanced countries is absent in India. India may well have scope for expansionary fiscal policy in the short run but not as a medium run growth strategy. India's financial system was badly impaired even heading into the COVID crisis and will come out more seriously damaged. Given the limited progress in fixing the financial system, prospects for investment remain weak. In short, in India's current circumstances, India does not have the luxury of abandoning export orienta-



tion because the alternatives are so limited.

If exports are critical, can the recent recourse to protectionist policies deliver? As argued in our last column, India's market is too small to sustain any kind of serious import substitution strategy or even as a way of offering investors the domestic market as bait and incentivising them to export.

India's big, unexploited opportunities are in unskilled labour exports, highlighted in the figure. It shows, on the y-axis, a country's share of low-skilled exports of all developing countries (non-HIC), and on the x-axis, its share of the unskilled labour force for these countries. We expect that countries should line up roughly along the 45 degree line so that outcomes (exports) match endowments (unskilled labour force).

China and India are stark outliers but in the opposite direction. China is vastly over-exporting. India is vastly under-exporting relative to its labour force. We estimate that India is producing and exporting about \$60-\$140 billion (2-5 per cent of GDP) less of low-skilled activity annually than it should be. There are, of course, two ways to look at this finding. On the one hand, it is an indictment of past performance. On the other, it is also an indicator of potential future opportunity if the underlying problems are addressed.

In recent years, because China's wages are rising as it has become richer, it has vacated about \$140 billion in exports in unskilledlabour intensive sectors, including apparel, clothing, leather and footwear. Post-COVID, the move of investors away from China will probably accelerate as they seek to hedge against supply chain disruptions because of trade actions against China. India did not take advantage of the first China opportunity. Now, a second opportunity stemming from geopolitics has been created and that is India's big prize waiting to be seized. Importantly, exploiting this opportunity in unskilled exports requires more not less openness. Consider clothing. To be internationally competitive, many parts and components have to be imported from so many different sources that openness is an existential necessity not a luxury. One indicator is the foreign or import contribution to exports. Comparing China and Vietnam at roughly the time of their export boom in textiles and clothing suggests that ex-

ports were highly dependent on imports (between 40 and 45 per cent). In contrast, India's import share is about 16 per cent. Achieving Chinese and Vietnamese levels of success will therefore require greater imports and openness.

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In the case of clothing, a key policy change in India will be to eliminate tariffs on all inputs. Especially the long-standing tariff on manmade varn because man-made fibre-based exports (not cotton-based apparel) are the most dynamic segment of world exports. It will also require signing free trade agreements with Europe that still impose high duties on India's clothing exports of close to 10 per cent which disadvantages India relative to Bangladeshi and Vietnamese exports which enjoy preferential access to world markets. But Europe will only be willing to sign such an agreement if India is willing to open its other markets (for example, automotives). Export success will also require genuine easing of costs of trading and doing business in India.

As India contemplates atmanirbharta, two deeper advantages of export orientation are always worth remembering. First, foreign demand will always be bigger than domestic demand for any country. Second, there is also a fundamental asymmetry: If domestic producers are competitive internationally, they will be competitive domestically and domestic consumers and firms will also benefit. The reverse is not true: Being competitive only domestically is no guarantee of efficiency and low cost.

In sum, resisting the misleading allure of the domestic market, India should zealously boost export performance and deploy all means to achieve that. Pursuing rapid export growth in manufacturing and services should be an obsession with self-evident iustification. Abandoning export orientation will amount to killing the goose that lays the golden eggs and indeed killing the only goose laying the eggs. Alas, to embrace atmanirbharta is to choose to condemn the Indian economy to mediocrity.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Muzzling the people's opinions simply because they differ from the official line will have counterproductive results, and will add to discontent in a geopolitically sensitive region (Gilgit-Baltistan). -DAWN

Bypassing Parliament

Under Modi government, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have ceased to be key places for debate



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WHEN HE entered Parliament for the first time in 2014 as Prime Minister designate, Narendra Modi bowed his forehead to touch the steps, an act that sought to express deep respect for what he called the "temple of democracy". In retrospect, this episode looks like a piece of theatre: For no Indian Prime Minister has neglected Parliament so constantly as he has. On an average, he has spoken 3.6 times a year in Parliament: 22 times in six years (not more than HD Deve Gowda who was PM for two years). In contrast, Atal Bihari Vajpayee spoke 77 times in six years when he was Prime Minister and Manmohan Singh (who was called Maun Mohan Singh by Modi in 2012) spoke 48 times in Parliament during his 10 years in office.

These statistical data illustrate the populist style of communication of Modi, who prefers to communicate directly with the people, either on the radio (like Indira Gandhi in the 1970s) or via social media (like the US President Donald Trump). These two methods have one thing in common: They reflect a preference for one-way messaging, which obviates the risk of contradiction, and questioning by the receiver. By definition, Parliament is the crucible

of criticism, deliberation and even consensus-making. Parliamentarism stands poles apart from populism, not only because it epitomises representative democracy (in contrast to the direct contact of the leader with "his" people), but also because it treats opponents as adversaries, not as enemies. In order to circumvent Parliament, the Modi government has often followed the ordinance route. While ordinances are usually resorted to by minority governments or coalition governments, the Modi government has used it more than any of his predecessors despite the BJP enjoying a majority in the Lok Sabha. The average number of ordinances jumped from six a year under Manmohan Singh to 11 a year under Modi.

Clearly, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha are ceasing to be places for debates. First, the number of Bills that have been referred to parliamentary committees – the deliberative core of parliamentary work has shrunk dramatically, from 68 (71 per cent of the total) in the 15th Lok Sabha to 24(25 per cent of the total) in the 16th Lok Sabha – and zero in 2020! Earlier, parliamentary committees, with a mandate for scrutiny and oversight, used to amend Bills in an effective manner, and train parliamentarians in the art of law making. None of the recent, major pieces of legislation (including the Bill revoking Article 370 and carving two Union Territories out of the state of Jammu and Kashmir) were processed by a House committee. The last Bill referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee was The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land

Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill in 2015

Second, several key pieces of legislation have been passed as Money Bills, despite the fact that they did not fit this category. Money Bills have to do with taxation or government spending. But several Bills that had little to do with this definition have been passed as Money Bills under the Modi government. This is because the Upper House — where the BJP is in a minority cannot amend Money Bills. The Aadhaar Bill is a case in point. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha certified that it was a Money Bill and all the amendments proposed by the Rajya Sabha were rejected.

Third, ordinary Bills are not so much discussed, either because their texts are handed over to the MPs at the last minute or because there is little time for debates. When they are discussed, amendments of the Opposition are usually rejected to retain the originally introduced Bill. If debates exist, they are for formality and procedure. In 2018, even the Budget was not properly discussed in Parliament. The last parliamentary session marked the culminating point of this trend. While in the summer of 2019 (considering both houses), out of 40 Bills, four were passed on the same day they were introduced, in the corresponding session in 2020, three of the 22 Bills were passed the same day. Among them were The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 that was opposed by Opposition MPs. When eight of them were suspended, several opposition parties chose to boycott the rest of the session. Thereafter, the BJP MPs passed 15 Bills, including the labour reform laws

The decline of Parliament is for everyone to see. But does anyone care? The Supreme Court validated the Money Bill status of the Aadhaar Act after a long wait. A 2017 CSDS report on "The State of Democracy in South Asia" showed that the percentage of the interviewees who supported democracy has dropped from 70 per cent to 63 per cent between 2005 and 2017, and that the percentage of those who were satisfied with democracy had declined even more, from 79 per cent to 55 per cent -47per cent of the graduates surveyed shared this view. While they remained attached to a representative form of government, the kind of governance they preferred relied on "strong men" and "experts": 52 per cent of the interviewees agreed when asked if Parliament and elections should be gotten rid of in favour of a strong leader (42 per cent of graduates and 46 per cent of those in the "25 years and below" age bracket approved). Similarly, 54 per cent agreed when

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hedge against supply chain disruptions because of trade actions against China. India did not take advantage of the first China opportunity. Now, a second opportunity stemming from geo-politics has been created and that is India's big prize waiting to be seized.

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For the moment, Parliament is not heeded to, though it has not been replaced by experts at the expense of democracy. The key question, however, is: How do you make democracy work without a representative body?

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Enslavement by law

The new labour codes will force workers into a more precarious existence

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WITH PARLIAMENT passing the three new labour codes that replace 25 existing labour laws, the present conjuncture officially marks the end of labour law as we have seen it for most part of the 20th century.

The codes substantially revise the preexisting thresholds which were used to earmark the ambit of labour law enforcement; namely the size of an establishment's workforce. The Industrial Relations Code, for instance, allows establishments employing up to 300 workers to layoff and retrench workers or close units without prior approval of the government; thereby pushing out a large section of workers employed in numerous medium-sized enterprises from the ambit of industrial disputes legislation. Earlier this threshold was 100 workers.

Likewise, the codes categorically double the threshold for the applicability of the Factories Act, 1948, i.e. from 10 to 20 workers in the case of establishments run on electricity, and from 20 to 40 workers in the case of units run without electric power. Even the threshold specified in the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, by which an establishment with at least 100 workers was mandated to formally define employment conditions, has been enhanced to 300 workers. The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, meanwhile, increases the threshold limit of contractor-employed workers from 20 to 50 while allowing the hiring of contract workers in all areas, including core production.

In reality, these labour codes constitute de jure recognition of a wave of piecemeal endeavours by which state governments have been chipping away at key labour laws under the authority granted to them in the concurrent list within which labour falls. Periodic amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, Factories Act, Industrial Employment Act, etc. by several states, as well as a slew of executive orders passed at the state and central level in the bid to attract foreign and domestic investment, are well known.

Of course, the bulk of amendments have concentrated on introducing self-certification of employers' compliance with labour laws in small and micro industrial establishments, and the exemption of these establishments from the ambit of crucial labour laws. In 2014, the Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Act was amended to change the definition of "small" establishments so as to cover units employing a larger number of workers than the original piece of legislation. Now, with the Central Acts being modified and superseded by the new labour codes, the protection offered by the law to workers of larger establishments stands withdrawn.

In real terms, the essential thrust of the new labour codes is the generalisation of a paradigm of labour-capital relations, which is based on reduced state intervention or deregulation, and its corollary, bipartite industrial relations.

Importantly, the consolidation of this par-

adigm of deregulation marks a jurisprudential shift towards the more brutal, early colonial precarious labour conditions in which the state refrained from regulating work relations, using the logic that employer-employee relations are a private matter or private domain of social relations. In the global as well as the Indian context of burgeoning historical struggles of collective labour, a more interventionist role of the state in labour-capital relations became the order of the day since the 1920s, which culminated in the tripartite industrial relations machinery that persisted till the start of the liberalisation era of the 1990s.

However, with successive governments steadily withdrawing from regulation of contemporaneous industrial relations, the domain of the workplace is sought to be reduced to a private domain in which employers shall yield enhanced power to unilaterally fix wages, extract overtime, manage leaves, determine compensation, hire and fire, etc. Once inside the workplace, labour shall be under the blanket authority of employers. Given that labour inspection has shifted towards the self-certification system and third-party inspection by the employer, the private power of employers is all the more expected to grow with the enforcement of the labour codes. Henceforth, state intervention will be restricted to the use of the criminal law framework to curb labour unrest; a trend which is already rising.

The immediate consequence of deregulation is the generalisation of the highly oppressive paradigm of work relations typical of the informal sector. In the informal sector where a vast majority of working-class men and women are labouring in labour-intensive, lower-segment jobs, the absence of the state has nurtured the condition of quasi-magisterial powers of employers over the work contract. Now, of course, such enhanced private power of employers with respect to the work contract will be the norm across a large part of the formal sector as well.

This concerted attack on higher segments of the labour market shall have a spillover effect on the lower rungs where informal workers will be exposed to exceedingly higher levels of exploitation. The possibility of this is undeniable, considering what enhanced deregulation of work relations would mean in terms of periodic unemployment of higher skilled workers, who shall proceed to crowd lower-skilled, informal sector jobs. Subsequently, the existing informal workforce shall be compelled to negotiate their own survival through lowering of wages, longer spans of overtime, enhanced quantum of work, etc.

The rapidly unfolding context of deregulation, backed by persistent criminalisation of the labour movement, expunges the collective force of labour from ensuring the implementation of welfare legislation; thereby rendering the alleged extension of social security as unattainable for the larger section of workers.

> The writer is assistant professor, Delhi University, and a labour historian



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DU'S WAYS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, '100 percent failure' (IE, October 14). It is noteworthy that a large number of students who have not fared well in Class X and Class XII exams aced the JEE, CAT and NEET examinations which are gateway to premier professional institutes. This shows that there is no correlation between the board marks and the capability of a student. Why then is DU sticking to an anachronistic system of admission? Moreover there is no level playing field as different boards are very generous in dishing out marks.

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Deepak Singhal, Chennai

DECIDE PRIORITIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Open the conversation' (IE, October 13). It is quite evident that even after a vaccine is developed against COVID-19, it won't be possible to inoculate everyone at one go. The decision on who gets the vaccine first will be a difficult one. It will involve balancing competing considerations. It is imperative to take the decision now, so that we don't lose more time once the vaccine is available.

Harshita Garg, Mumbai

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Open the conversation' (IE, Oct 13). The government setting guidelines in advance for

prioritisation of groups for COVID-19 vaccine is welcome. However, given that the central government has itself found loopholes in the implementation of containment, surveillance, and clinical management strategies for COVID-19 in several states, it is equally important to address the inherent challenges of vaccine distribution across the diverse geographies and demographics. The country's largest vaccination campaigns for the measles-rubella vaccine took three years to vaccinate 405 million children. It is fair guess that COVID-19 vaccination of India's entire population will take more time.

LR Murmu, Delhi



Government of Jharkhand

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute Ranchi-834008

Ref no 766

Ref no 767Ranchi,

Expression of Interest

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities /Govt. Organization/Research Institute /Non-Government Organization (which have experience of academic research) for undertaking a Research Project of TRI, Ranchi during the year 2020-2021:

TOPIC: Comparative study of the Renaissance movement of Bengal, Maharastra and Awadh with tribal religious- Social Movements in the Colonial Period.

Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) duly forwarded by the registrar of universities {applicable Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities only} along with a technical bid giving relevant details of the organization necessary for evaluating the competencies on or before 06/ 11/ 2020 by 4.30 P.M. The price should be all-inclusive of (all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open-ended.

The intending agencies may submit their bid in a sealed envelope on or before the due date. The technical proposal should be sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked in BOLD "A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR TOPIC: Comparative study of the Renaissance movement of Bengal, Maharastra and Awadh with tribal religious- Social Movements in the Colonial Period. (Please specify the name of the concerned written on the top of the envelope. These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of tender document sent by post.

Technical Bid will be opened on 11/11 /2020 at 3.30 P.M in the office of the Director, TRI, Ranchi.

Only those agencies which fulfill technical criteria will be considered for the presentation of the project. Terms of Reference (ToR) and other details can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hour to meet concerned Nodal person and the same can also be downloaded from the website www.trijharkhand.gov.in Instittue website or through E-mail tri.directorate@gmail.com by specifying the topic & details of Institution / Organization Interested.

TRI, Ranchi reserves all rights to accept or reject all or any of the EOI's at any stage without assigning any reasons.TRI, Ranchi also reserves the right to engage/impanel one or more Research Institutions depending on requirements.

PR 234381 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department (20-21)_D Director

Government of Jharkhand Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi-834008

Dated 14/10/2020 **Expression of Interest**

Ranchi,

Dated 14 Oct. 20

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2021. <u>TOPIC:</u> Socio-psychological study of Scheduled Tribe Children and Adolescents (Aged 8-17) in communication, hesitation in Schools/ Colleges, and extra-curricular activities. A comparative study of the rural and urban Scheduled Tribe children & Adolescents.

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Government of Jharkhand Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi-834008 Ranchi, Dated 14.10.2020 Ref no 765

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Tender No : 73 /2020-21 KWA/PHC/D2/TVM. Tender notice published from this office on 08/10/2020 vide tender no.72/2020-21/KWA/PHC/D2/TVM may be corrected and read as 73/2020-21/KWA/PHC/D2/TVM .All othe conditions remain unchanged. EMD : Rs. 200000, Tender fee : Rs. 10000 Last Date for submitting Tender : 04-11-2020 03:00:pm, Phone : 047 2322303, Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

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Networking & Communication Dept., State Bank Global IT Centre, Main Building, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.

CORRIGENDUM-II

lease refer RFP for Request for Proposal for Engagement of Networ ntegrator (NI) and setting up of Next Gen Network Operations Centre (NOCS) dated 18.08.2020. Corrigendum-II and additional clarifications to earlier published Bank's Response to Pre-bid Queries are uploaded and can be accessed under Procurement news at Bank's website https://www.sbi.co.in or https://bank.sbi _ast date and time for submission of bids: 31.10.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.

Place: Navi Mumbai Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Networking & Communication Dept.) Date: 15/10/2020

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POSTPONE OF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Regarding Postpone of Tender Notification Ref: 1. E-procurement Tender Notification of This Office No: BBMP /EE/DD/TN/18/2020-21, Dated: 16.09.2020

With reference to above subject, this is to inform that due to Teacher's Constituency Election under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits, the Election Code of Conduct is in force. Hence the above mentioned tender notification has been postponed including date of Tender bid submission through e-procurement process as follows.

Revised Time Schedule: (1) Pre-Bid Meeting at the Office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, on 04.11.2020 or before 4:00 pm. (2) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on 09.11.2020 or before 4:00 pm. (3) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division on or after 10.11.2020 at 4:30 pm. (4) Financial Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division on or after 11.11.2020 at 4:00 pm. Sd/-



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The tenders for the selection of the consultant should be submitted in a two-envelope format The technical proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked as "Technical Proposal for Selection of Technical Consultant" similarly the Financial Proposal shall be placed in sealed envelope clearly marking, "Financial Proposal for Selection of Technical Consultant", Both the envelopes shall be placed in an outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall bear the submission address and super scribe, "Proposal for Applicants for on of Technical Consultant for Development of Tourism Projects in the Union Territor of J&K (Jammu Province). The complete application for selection of technical consultant should be submitted not later than 04:00 pm on 28th October, 2020 addressed to Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Jammu Residency Road, Vir Marg, Jammu. Request for proposal (RFP)enclosed. Name of Work Name of Earnest Cost of Time and Date Division Money (INR) Tender of Opening of Tender Document 1. Request for Proposal (RFP)to DDT Rs. 10.00 Rs. 5000/-31.10.2020

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सिस्टम निविदा क्र 68231/निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 06/वलेलि/2020-21, महासमंद, दिनांक 12.10.2020 निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए दिनांक 02.11.2020 समय 17.30 तक ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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	e-NIT No. 09 of 2020-21 Dated: 13-10-2020	
SUBJECT:	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment as Technical Cons	
	Development of Tourism Projects in the Union Territory of J&K	(Jammu

Province). The Deputy Director Tourism (M&W) Jammu on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K nvites Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible bidders for appointment as Technical Consultant or development of Tourism Projects in the Union Territory of J&K (Jammu Province) as per the scope of work specified for providing professional services.

Format for Submission:

OF

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Director

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PR 234377 (Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department) 20-21 (D)

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 Tender for supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Customisation of Comprehensive
 solution of 24x7 interactive voice response system (IVRS) in Customers care centre (CCC)
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 Bid No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm.)/IT-Centre/Call Centre/2020-02/001330 Dated 13.10.2020
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Opening date of sale of bid document	Closing date of sale of bid document		Last date of submission of bids	Opening date of Part-I of bid		EMD (Rs.)
17.10.2020 (w.e.f. 11:00AM)	A BULL FLORIDARY	28.10.2020 (11:30 AM)		03.11.2020 (at 03:00 PM)	Rs. 2.20.35,0004-	Rs. 2,20,350/-

Brief Description of Work:

HPSEB Ltd. Intends to procure the comprehensive solution of 24x7 Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) in Customers Care Centre (CCC) located at City Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Shimia. The bidde shall provide manufactures Warranty for one year & AMC Support & Services for three years Notes:

1) The tender documents are available online (auto-send) after receipt of prescribed non-refundable payment as under:

Description of Payment	Through online payment mode			
Annual registration charges	In favour of M/s ITI Ltd, Delhi for Rs. 1000/- (taxes extra)			
Tender Processing Fee	As Per the tender web site.			
Cost of Tender Document	In favor of HPSEB Ltd., Shimla for Rs. 5000/-(Incl. GST @ 18%)			

2) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the office of Superintending. Engineer (IT), Vidyut Shawan, HPSEB Ltd Shimla-4 on dated 28.10.2020 at 11:30 AM. 3) The date of opening of price bid (Part-2) of technically qualified bidders shall be informed later on.

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(Ref. No. E-17476/2020-21/2364, 13.10.2020)

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Publishing Date and		Document Download/	04.11.2020
Time		Sale End Date and Time	03.00 P.M.
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Bid Submission Start	15.10.2020		06.11.2020
Date and Time	09.00 A.M.		10.00 A.M.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

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- For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process, the Firms/Contractors can contact on 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284.
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Tender Nos. & Date	Description of Item					
01/2020-21 Dated 7th October	Heavy Duty Compact Package Water Chiller of 5TR cooling capacity capable of operating 24x7 mode round the clock throughout the year and as per technical specifications in Tender Document.					
02/2020-21 Dated 7th October	EXIDE Powersafe Plus 100AH-12V Sealed Maintenance Free (SMF) Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) model EP-100-12 to replace Online UPS Batteries: To replace existing batteries of two online 40 kVA UPSs on buy back basis.					
03/2020-21 Dated 7th October	Turbo Pumping System for dry Vacuum (combination of turbo pump and backing pump to form a single unit pumping station)					
04/2020-21 Dated 7th October	Compounds and Metals					
05/2020-21 Dated 7th October	Motion Controller with suitable Power supply alongwith cables and terminal blocks					
06/2020-21 Dated 7th	High Purity Helium Gas					

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- 1) एतद द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नई दिल्ली बसंत विहार झारखण्ड भवन में बेकार हो चुकी पुरानी सामग्रीयों को स्थल से हटाने का नीलामी मुहरबन्द लिफाफे द्वारा दिनांक 28.10.2020 को 1.00 बजे अपराहन तक इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त की जायेगी एवँ दिनांक 29.10.2020 को 12.30 बजे अपराहन में आपके समक्ष / आपके द्वारा प्राधिकत व्यक्ति की उपस्थिति में खोली जायगी।
- २) प्रत्येक नीलामी देने वाले को Salvege की राशि 42,216 / की राशि की 5% (पाँच प्रतिशत) राशि अग्रधन के रूप में राष्ट्रीय बचत प्रमाण पत्र (आठवा निर्गम) या तीन / पाँच वर्षीय डाकघर सावधि जमा या किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक की बैंक गारंटी (छ: माह के लिए वैध) के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, विशेष कार्य प्रमण्डल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची के पदनाम से प्रतिज्ञिप्त कराकर संलग्न करना होगा।
- 3) तुलनात्मक विवरणी स्वीकृति के तीन दिनों के अन्दर उच्चतम नीलामीदाता को नीलामी की पूरी रकम बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से कार्यपालक अभियंता, विशेष कार्य प्रमण्डल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची के नाम से जमा कर देना होगा। ड्राफ्ट राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक (स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया) का बना होना चाहिए एवं मुख्य शाखा, राँची के नाम से भूगतेय होना चाहिए।
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- 6) रखरखाव सामग्री को हटाते समय यदि किसी प्रकार की दुर्घटना होती है तो इसकी जिम्मेवारी विभाग की नहीं होगी, बल्कि नीलामीदाता की होगी।
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Ranchi, Dated 14/10/2020 Ref no 764

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TOPIC: Birhors: Nomadism, Indigeneity, and Cross-Cultural Exchanges. Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) duly forwarded by the registrar of universities {applicable Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities only} along with a technical bid giving relevant details of the organization necessary for evaluating the competencies on or before 06/11/2020 by 4.30 P.M. The price should be all-inclusive of (all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open-ended.

The intending agencies may submit their bid in a sealed envelope on or before the due date. The technical proposal should be sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked in BOLD "A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR <u>TOPIC:</u> <u>Birhors: Nomadism, Indigeneity and Cross-Cultural</u> Exchanges. (Please specify the name of the concerned work)" written on the top of These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of tender document sent by post. Technical Bid will be opened on 12/11/2020 at 3.30 P.M in the office of the Director, TRI, Ranchi.

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Growth rate of cases drops below 1%/day for first time

FOR THE first time in India, the growth rate of coronavirus cases has dropped below 1% a day. The seven-day compounded daily growth rate fell to 0.99% on Tuesday.

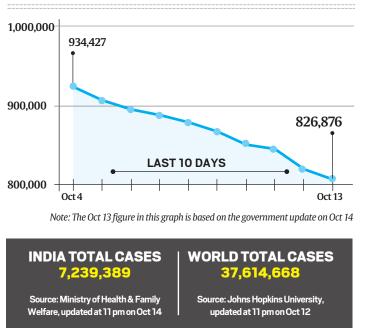
At its height in the first week of May, the growth rate had exceeded 7% per day, but it has declined after that. The last one month has seen a considerable decline in daily num-

bers, from a high of about 98,000 cases to less than 70,000 cases now. On Monday, only about 55,000 new cases were detected, the lowest since August 17. Though part of it could be attributed to low testing on Sunday,

COUNT the daily numbers have been falling steadily on weekdays too. In less than a month, and is projected to overtake Delhi's in active cases have come down by almost two lakh.

On Tuesday, about 63,000 new cases were detected, which again, for a non-Monday, was the lowest since the third week of August. The new detections have remained lower than the number of recoveries for 11 consecutive days now.

INDIA ACTIVE CASES



Using holographic imaging to detect viruses and antibodies

SCIENTISTS HAVE developed a

As of now, three of the ten states with maximum caseloads -Karnataka, West Bengal and Kerala – have growth rates over 1% a day. Cases in Kerala (3.26%) continue to be fastest growing. On Tuesday, Kerala added over 8,700 new cases to cross the

three-lakh figure. The state, which had witnessed the first infection in the country, had taken nine months to

record the first one lakh cases. But in the last one month, it has had more than two lakh new cases

Kerala has the highest number of active cases in the country after Maharashtra and Karnataka. Its caseload now is the seventh largest in the country,

the next couple of days. West Bengal too crossed the threelakh figure mark on Tuesday. The biggest fall in growth rate has happened in Maharashtra, which has now begun to report less than 10,000 cases a day. About a month earlier, its daily

counts had touched about 25,000.

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AMITABH SINHA



After Oxford-AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson has now paused its vaccine trials – again on account of illness in a participant. Since both use the same platform, is this a pattern, or is it likely a coincidence?

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

A COVID-19 vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceutica has come under the spotlight after late-stage human trials were paused over a potential safety concern. This vaccine uses the same approach as that of Oxford-AstraZeneca whose trials were globally paused over similar concerns last month.

What do we know about the pause?

Late on Monday, trials for Janssen's vaccine candidate, including phase 3 testing with 60,000 participants, were put on pause after a participant developed an "unexplained illness". According to J&J, the illness is being reviewed by an independent Data Safety Monitoring Board as well as J&J's internal clinical and safety physicians. The pause - decided by the company and not regulators - basically

that were halted?

pant in the UK had developed a serious reaction. While AstraZeneca declined to disclose the nature of the illness, the patient had reportedly developed a neurological disorder called 'transverse myelitis' - an inflammation of a section or both sides of the spinal cord.

Other vaccines in large-scale, advanced human trials include mRNA vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer, as well as "inactivated" vaccines(which involve killing the SARS-CoV-2 virus for injection) from China's Sinopharm. So far, none of these trials has been paused over potential serious adverse events (SAEs).

Janssen's vaccine, like Oxford-AstraZeneca's, uses a modified adenovirus a common cold virus – to act like a Trojan horse that can deploy the SARS-CoV-2 virus's "spike protein" to human cells. The Oxford vaccine uses a genetically engineered chimpanzee adenovirus; the Janssen one uses a variant of a human adenovirus known as Ad26.

Are we seeing a pattern, then?

In the context of the halted trials, the similarities between the Janssen and Oxford-AstraZeneca candidates may end with the vaccine platform. It is likely, some experts feel, that the potential safety concerns flagged with both vaccines are more a coincidence than a pattern.

For one, there are several other adenovirus vaccines either in late-stage or post-marketing trials without similar incidents, according to them. These includes candidates developed by China's CanSino Biological and Russia's



A trial participant receives the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Johnson & Johnson via AP/File

Gill pointed out that a very diverse popula-

tion is recruited into phase 3 trials. "These peo-

ple have all sorts of medical backgrounds and

genetic predispositions, so it is not uncommon

that something like this pops up sometimes

during clinical trials," said Gill. "Most of the

time, it's not related to the drug or the vaccine,

but here, that needs to be investigated," he said.

vaccine, even one with a clean phase 3 record,

will come when it is launched and used in the

larger community. "That is where any poten-

tially rare events that did not crop up during

any of the trial phases will show up," Gill said.

The Janssen candidate has not yet been

tested in India. Hyderabad-headquartered

Biological E in August struck an agreement

with Janssen to produce the vaccine and, while

this is yet to start, the firm aims to make around

400-500 million doses a year. While Biological

E has not commented, the outcome of J&J's in-

vestigations may impact the future course of

this agreement and determine whether this

vaccine is tested on participants in India as well.

Following reviews, the UK government al-

Shortly after, Serum Institute of India.

lowed resumption of trials within the week.

which had been directed by the Indian drug

regulator to pause its own testing of the Oxford

-AstraZeneca candidate during the global

pause, was given permission to resume its tri-

als. It is currently conducting mid-to late-stage

in South Africa, Brazil and Japan. However, the

JS is still looking into potential concerns with

this adverse effect and, amid broadened in-

vestigations, trials there are yet to resume.

Trials for this vaccine have also resumed

What happened to the Oxford-

human trials of the vaccine.

AstraZeneca trials after the pause?

Do Indians need to worry?

In any case, the real test of any Covid-19

Gamaleya Research Institute.

"With the preliminary information that we have, it would be too premature to say that the issues raised with the Janssen candidate have something to do with the (adenovirus) platform," said vaccine expert Dr Davinder Gill.

"Primarily, there is also the question of whether this illness is vaccine-related. As it happened with the Oxford vaccine, once this incident is investigated a bit more, it may turn out that the reaction was not necessarily caused by the vaccine," he said. "But I think we do have to keep an eye on these platforms."

Gill said the adenovirus platform has been around for "at least" a decade, and a vaccine with a different variant of this virus was previously used in HIV trials. "Of course, in that case, it was tested on severely immunocompromised patients and, so it was a very different type of setting," he said. "There is a concern, I think, with Covid-19 - for the first time, we are seeing these vectors being tested in very large patient cohorts. I think that, during these studies, we will learn more about how safe and how well tolerated these vectors are."

Does this suggest the J&J vaccine isn't safe?

The pause is not a matter of major concern at the moment, as there is no clarity on what caused the "unexplained" illness in the participant. It is not correct to assume this is a vaccine-related issue at this stage, and the pause is a precaution being taken as part of protocols.

"Adverse events ... even those that are serious, are an expected part of any clinical study, especially large studies," stated [&] in a statement. "SAEs are not uncommon in clinical trials, and the number of SAEs can reasonably be expected to increase in trials involving large numbers of participants. Further, as many trials are placebo-controlled, it is not always immediately apparent whether a participant received a study treatment or a placebo."

THIS WORD MEANS

AZD7442 A cocktail of antibodies to fight Covid-19

DRUG MAKER AstraZeneca recently said it was moving AZD7442, an antibody cocktail developed for Covid-19 treatment, into late-stage human trials. It has also received around \$486 million from the US government for development and supply of this combination.

THE THERAPY: AZD7442 is a combination of two long-acting monoclonal antibodies (LAABs), which mimic natural antibodies. A combination of LAABs could be "complementary" to vaccines as a prophylactic agent, according to AstraZeneca. This means it could either be used on people for whom a vaccine may not be appropriate or be given as added protection to those at high risk.

This combination is similar to the experimental therapy developed by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals – which US President Donald Trump has been treated with after contracting Covid-19. Eli Lilly too has worked on an antibody treatment. Regeneron and Lilly have both reportedly sought emergency authorisation from the US Food and Drug Administration.

TESTS SO FAR: First-phase human trials on AZD7442 started in August. In the next few weeks, AZD7442 will advance into phase 3 trials in more than 6,000 participants at sites in and outside the US. One trial in 5,000 participants will evaluate its safety and efficacy in preventing infection for up to 12 months. The combination is also being tested as a prophylactic in 1,100 participants. AstraZeneca is planning additional trials in 4,000 patients for Covid-19 treatment.

RELEVANCE FOR INDIA: India has over 8 lakh active cases. While a vaccine is still in the works and the country continues to figure out how it will supply the shots to priority groups, AstraZeneca has said it will be ready to supply up to 100,000 doses of this antibody cocktail by the end of 2020. Considering India's potential for reproducing such therapies under agreement, this could add to the country's basket - provided trials show the cocktail is worth it.



means the firm will temporarily halt recruitment and dosing of participants.

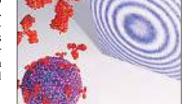
What is common between the two trials

In the Oxford-AstraZeneca trials, a partici-

detect both viruses and antibodies. The method is described in the journal Soft Matter. If fully realised, this proposed test could be done in under 30 minutes, is highly accurate, and can be performed by minimally trained personnel, the researchers said.

Developed by scientists from New York University, the method uses laser beams to record holograms of their test beads. The surfaces of the beads are activated with biochemical binding sites that attract either antibodies or virus particles, depending on the intended test. Binding antibodies or viruses causes the beads to grow

NEW RESEARCH by a few billionth parts of a metre. Researchers have shown they can detect this growth through changes in the beads' holograms. The test can analyse a dozen beads per second. This can mean cutting the





Artist's impression of holographic microscopy of a test bead binding antibodies. David Grier/NY University

time for a reliable thousand-bead diagnostic test to 20 minutes.

The holographic video microscopy is performed by an instrument, xSight, created by Spheryx, a New York-based company co-founded by NYU's David Grier.

Source: New York University

How iPhone 12 will make 5G mainstream

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

APPLE'S FOUR new iPhone 12 series smartphones are all 5G capable. Apple has been quite late with 5G, given that Samsung launched its first such phone, the Galaxy S10 5G, in early 2019. But then Apple is often late in adopting new technologies, and with good reason.

Until the start of 2020, a 5G phone would have had limited markets and was considered a luxury, commanding a higher price point. Even as price points came down and new manufacturers announced 5G phones, a lot of purchases were to future-proof for the network upgrade. At the moment, 65 countries have at least one 5G service, which in no way implies that the service is available across the country. As per an Ericsson estimate, 60% of the world's population will have access to 5G by 2025.

So, most of the 5G devices launched until a few months back have been mere showcases of the latest technology, relevant only in a few markets such as South Korea. And this is why

none of the smartphone makers went to the extent of switching on 5G for their entire bouquet. But in the last few months, especially with the pandemic making work from home a necessity, a lot of new-use cases are opening up, especially in terms of enhanced mobile broadband, which will take high-speed connectivity to houses without the need for fibre.

How will the new iPhones impact the 5G sector?

With 5G yet to become widespread, it did not make much sense for Apple to announced a 5G phone last year. Cupertino has always been cautious of new technologies, unless it is something they are pioneering. Now, Apple has launched the entire iPhone 12 series with 5G. During the Apple Event Tuesday, CEO Tim Cook announced the new phones will work with over 100 network partners across the world.

In markets like the US, Australia and Japan, where Apple is dominant, a new iPhone series triggers a huge refresh cycle with millions of users moving from older iPhones to the latest ones. In this refresh cycle, all users opting for iPhone 12 will move to 5G.

To make the transition easier, Apple is lowering the monthly subscription fee with partners like Verizon. For Apple, the blazing fast speeds 5G will offer, along with the new breed of services, will offer users a better reason to upgrade to a new phone. People holding on to older iPhones has been cited as one of the reasons for Apple's sluggish growth in devices in recent years. Even in markets where 5G is still not an option, the new iPhones will promise a captive base of users whenever the network providers decide to switch. This captive base of top-end users could be an incentive for many service providers to invest in 5G, given that Apple users have always been at the top of the pyramid in consumption of data and services.

Such a mass effect across geographies is not usually seen if a Samsung or OnePlus moves to a new technology. This push will ultimately benefit the entire smartphone market, where 5G has so far been a luxury service.

What about India?

India, the world's second largest and

fastest growing smartphone market, is still at least a year away from getting its first 5G network. So the 5G part of the new iPhone 12 series will not be relevant for users here for now. They will, however, have phones capable of latching on to these high-speed networks whenever India decides to allocate spectrum for 5G. India has not yet started trials for this and is unlikely to be able to start services before end-2021. A certain part of the installed hardware from companies like Ericsson could be able to switch over with just a software upgrade. So at least some Indian service providers will be able to switch on 5G relatively easily, although maybe not across their network or in all locations.

5G is still very new and much deeper than other generational upgrades in telecom have been. Some call 5G akin to a fabric, which means you could see new implementations. especially in markets like India where it could plug the gap of last mile-connectivity to rural areas, or decongest existing networks by taking over the load of high-speed connectivity in homes and offices.

Beyond poaching: how rhino dung offers clues on health and natural death

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 14

IN CONSERVATION efforts for the greater one-horned rhinoceros population in India, the latest strategy is an examination of rhino dung to understand health issues of the animal. Since 2017, the Rhino Task Force of Assam and World Wildlife Fund India (WWF India) have been undertaking steps to study pathogens found in fresh rhino dung samples in Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. WWF India has recently published preliminary reports - 'Prevalence of Endoparasitic Infections in Free-Ranging Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros' - for Assam and West Bengal.

"The main objective of this initiative is to start a systematic disease investigation process for the rhino," said Dr Parikshit

Kakati, Senior Program Officer Veterinary, WWF India, who is among the researchers.

Why is such a project important?

While poaching is believed to be the main cause of death in rhinos, rhinos also die of natural causes which have not been studied in great detail. "When a rhino carcass is found, the first question asked is: 'Is the horn intact?' If it is not, it means it was poached. Otherwise, it is considered a 'natural' death. There may be multiple reasons for a natural death but it is rarely investigated thoroughly," said Bibhab K Talukdar, chair, Asian Rhino Specialist Group of International Union for Conservation of Nature/Species Survival Commission; Asia coordinator, International Rhino Foundation; and CEO and secretary general of the NGO Aaranvak.

According to the researchers, habitat



One-horned rhino in Assam. File photo

degradation can lead to an increased exposure to pathogens. "Due to increasing livestock pressure on protected areas, there is a possible threat of pathogens getting transferred from domestic animals to wild animals.

Talukdar said: "Diseases linked to habi-

tat degradation are invisible causes of rhino death. For example, a rhino might not get its regular feed, compelling it to instead feed on weeds etc. This may cause problem in their health.'

How is the project being carried out?

Till date, there has been no systematic study on the prevalence of disease-causing parasites and diseases caused by these in the rhino population in India. "In order to address this knowledge gap, the present study is a part of a series that involves screening of pathogens through a non-invasive method of dung sample analysis," stated the report.

Samples were collected from UP's Dudhwa National Park; West Bengal's Jaldapara National Park and Gorumara National Park; and Assam's Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Manas National Park, and

Kaziranga National Park.

The researchers collected the samples fresh (not older than from the previous night), gave them unique IDs and sent them to the Department of Parasitology in the College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University, Guwahati.

What are the findings?

From the samples from Assam and West Bengal, the study concluded that parasites from four genera were present in an estimated 68% of India's rhino population. The overall prevalence of endoparasites was 58.57% in Assam and 88.46% in West Bengal; results from UP are pending.

The endoparasites in Assam belonged to four genera: Amphistome spp, Strongyle spp, Bivitellobilharzia nairii and Spirurid spp, while West Bengal reported the prevalence of only Strongyle spp, Assam reported all four.

"When comparing this [Bengal] study with that conducted in Assam, we find that the rhino population in West Bengal has a higher prevalence rate of infection, but the occurrence of different parasites were higher in Assam," stated the report.

"These pathogens are quite common and not very alarming," said Dr Kakati. Until now, the studies just reveal that the pathogens exist. "Our second stage of investigation will determine how harmful they are."

He said the study was still at a preliminary stage but "extremely helpful". "We now have a baseline for how often and what types of parasites are found in the wild rhino population -a key step in determining the harmful effects the parasites have on their rhino hosts," he said.

The team will now branch out to examine bacterial fauna and viral agents, as well as a hormonal study.



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MEANWHILE American, Russians Blast Off To ISS

Panicked over second

virus surge, European

nations tighten curbs

Covid resurgence after lifting of initial lockdown prompted

the shutting again of bars, eateries, and increasingly, schools

A Russian Soyuz spacecraft carrying a US astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Wednesday and reached orbit. The crew members travelling to the International Space Station (ISS) are Kate Rubins, a NASA microbiologist, and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli

Olitakes charge of

Defence Ministry

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, ef-

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inet, Wednesday stripped

Deputy Prime Minister

Ishwar Pokharel of the de-

fence portfolio and assigned it to himself. Oli ig-

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Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Prachanda, executive

chairman of the ruling

Nepal Communist Party.

while reshuffling the cab-

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-YUBARAJGHIMIRE

Far-right Golden

Dawn leaders get

prison sentences

THE LEADERS of the far-right

Golden Dawn, once Greece's

third largest political party,

were sentenced to prison on

Wednesday for running a criminal gang linked to hate

crimes during the country's

worst economic crisis in

decades. Golden Dawn en-

tered parliament for the first

time in 2012 at the peak of

the crisis on a fiercely anti-

immigrant platform. The

court handed down 13-year

jail terms to six former law-

makers, including Golden

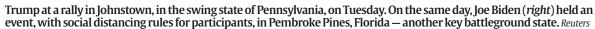
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Ministry.

GREECE

NEPAL



Trump, Biden go on attack in battleground states as campaign enters intense final stage

Candidates to hold duelling town hall-style events on day of cancelled debate

REUTERS&NYT JOHNSTOWN, PEMBROKE PINES, OCTOBER 14

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden fanned out to critical battleground states on Tuesday as the presidential race entered a final, intense phase amid record numbers of early votes cast. At a rally in Pennsylvania,

eral secretary Bishnu Trump blasted Biden on his envi-Poudel as the new Finance ronmental and energy policies as Minister in the 25-mema Reuters/Ipsos poll showed him ber Council of Ministers. losing ground in the battleground Pokharel will now look afstate. Biden stumped again in ter the PM office. He had Florida, chasing the all-important been at loggerheads with senior vote as he faulted Trump the Nepal Army which is for his handling of the novel corosaid to have been in favour of Oli heading the Defence navirus pandemic

Trump's event in Johnstown was his second campaign event in two nights as he raced to make up time he lost while recovering from the virus. He plans to hold rallies the rest of the week as he seeks to close what polls say is a significant gap with Biden nationwide. Trump is battling the clock.

Azerbaijan warns Armenia over pipelines, sharp rise in tensions

NVARD HOVHANNISYAN & NAILIA BAGIROVA YEREVAN, BAKU, OCTOBER 14

AZERBAIJAN ACCUSED Armenia on Wednesday of trying to attack its gas and oil pipelines and warned of a "severe" response as tensions rose sharply around a



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Almost 12 million ballots have been cast so far, including more than 1.6 million in Florida. according to the US Elections Project at the University of Florida, shattering previous records

The President accused Biden of wanting to ban fracking, the process of extracting gas through hydraulic fracturing, which he said would damage the state's economy.

"One of the most important issues for Pennsylvania is the survival of your fracking industry," Trump told the crowd, some of whom sported red-and-blue MAGA masks. "Joe Biden has repeatedly pledged to abolish fracking. He's a liar."

Biden has said that he wants to ban new oil and gas production on federal lands, but not ban fracking outright – although his statements on the issue have at times been confusing.

Speaking to about 50 people at a community center in Broward County in South Florida, Biden said Trump had recklessly dismissed the threat that the coronavirus posed. "To Donald Trump, you're expendable. You're forgettable. You're virtually nobody. That's how he sees seniors. That's how he sees you," Biden said. Meanwhile, even though

Trump may not be debating Biden on the same stage on Thursday night as originally planned, the two candidates will still face off head-to-head. NBC News confirmed that it would broadcast a town-hall-style event with Trump from Miami on Thursday at 8 pm Eastern. The event will directly overlap with an already-scheduled ABC televised town-hall meeting with Biden in Philadelphia.



get more attention

BECAUSE THE US follows the electoral college system, winning specific states becomes more important than getting the most number of votes nationally. A majority of the states traditionally vote for the same party each time, and the few states where both parties have a good chance of winning become battleground states (also known as swing states or purple states). Both parties will spend a large amount of their time and resources to campaigning in these states, since they will almost always decide who wins a close election. Pennsylvania and Florida

are among the most crucial swing states this year.

JAN LOPATKA & MARINE STRAUSS PRAGUE, BRUSSELS, OCT 14

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES have begun to close schools and cancel surgeries, going well beyond curbs on social life, as overwhelmed authorities face their nightmare scenario of a Covid-19 resurgence right before the onset of winter.

Most European nations eased lockdowns over the summer to start reviving economies already heading for unprecedented downturns and job losses from the pandemic's first wave.

But the return of normal activity - from packed restaurants to new university terms - fuelled a sharply-rising spike in cases all over the continent.

Bars and pubs were among the first to shut or face earlier closing in the new lockdowns, but now the surging infection rates are also testing governments' resolve to keep schools open and non-Covid medical care going.

The Czech Republic, which has Europe's worst rate per capita, has shifted schools to distance learning and hospitals started cutting non-urgent medical procedures to free up beds. Bars, restaurants and clubs have shut.

"Sometimes we are at the edge of crying, that happens

Russia approves 2nd Covid-19 vaccine after preliminary trials

REUTERS MOSCOW, OCTOBER 14

RUSSIA HAS granted regulatory approval to a second Covid-19 vaccine, according to its register of authorised medicines. A delighted President



Bars and restaurants have again been shut down in Spain's richest region, Catalonia. Reuters

100,000 The average number of daily

new coronavirus cases in

quite often now," said Lenka Krejcova, a head nurse at Slany hospital northwest of Prague, as builders sped through the corridors to turn a general ward into a Covid-19 department.

Moscow authorities said on Wednesday they would introduce online learning for many students starting on Monday, while Northern Ireland announced a two-week schools' closure.

French President Emmanuel

World Bank says \$12 bn approved

THE WORLD Bank has approved \$12 billion in financing to help developing countries buy and distribute coronavirus vaccines, tests, and treatments, aiming to support the vaccination of up to 1 billion people. The \$12 billion "envelope" is part of a wider World Bank Group package of up to \$160 billion to help developing countries fight the Covid-19 pandemic, the bank said in a statement late Tuesday. The



Putin announced the

through Phase 3 trials

under way in Moscow.

saying this month.

Interfax news agency.

approval of the new vaccine.

A large-scale human trial of

EpiVacCorona is likely to begin in

November or December, the TASS

news agency cited the consumer

safety watchdog Rospotrebnadzor,

The trial is expected to in-

volve 30,000 volunteers, of

whom the first 5,000 will be res-

idents of Siberia, according to the

Hundreds of people in profes-

sions that put them at high risk of

coronavirus infection have now

also received the Gamaleva jab. ac-

cording to the health ministry, but

the vaccine is not yet in general use.

demic, Russia recorded more than

1,340,000 infections, fourth in the

world behind US, India and Brazil.

Since the start of the pan-

which oversees the institute, as

which has not yet been put

to finance vaccines



impose another national lockdown in England, but has so far resisted. Hospital admissions, however, are climbing and field hospitals in the spring are once

more being readied. European daily infections have been running at an average of almost 100,000 a day.

"It's a mess, it's a mess, my son, what can I tell you? We really don't know how we are going to end

Macron is expected to unveil fur-

ther restrictions on Wednesday,

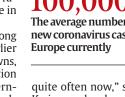
with media reporting that city

curfews are under consideration.

Johnson faces opposition calls to

British Prime Minister Boris

up," said an Italian pensioner in Rome. REUTERS



lawmakers and members were sentenced to 5-7 years in prison. REUTERS

KYRGYZSTAN

Parliament names Japarov PM in repeat vote

KYRGYZSTAN'S PARLIA-MENT named nationalist politician Sadyr Japarov prime minister in a repeat vote on Wednesday, a step towards ending a political crisis in the Central Asian nation, which is closely allied with Russia. This comes after a senior Kremlin official visited the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek in an apparent attempt to help local leaders. Parliament had to vote on Japarov's appointment for a second time after President Sooronbai Jeenbekov vetoed its previous decision on Oct 10 because of proxy voting by some legislators. REUTERS

fraying ceasefire in the mountain enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenia hit back by saying Azeri forces wanted to seize con trol of the tiny territory in the South Caucasus, which is governed by ethnic Armenians, and accused Azerbaijan and its ally Turkey of "aggression" despite Saturday's ceasefire deal.

The angry rhetoric prompted Russia to appeal again for both sides to observe the humanitarian ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh. which is internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan. But Moscow and Turkey also

exchanged recriminations over the fighting that has killed more than 500 people since Sept 27.

Fears are growing that the two big regional powers could be sucked into a conflict that is being fought close to Azeri pipelines which carry gas and oil to international markets.

'If Armenia tries to take control of the pipelines there, I can say the outcome will be severe for them," Azeri President Ilham Aliyev said. REUTERS



THAI PROTESTERS IN MAJOR BANGKOK RALLY

Pro-democracy demonstrators march during a mass protest, on the 47th anniversary of the 1973 student uprising, in Bangkok on Wednesday. Thai activists hoping to keep up the momentum in their campaign for democratic change launched a third major rally in Bangkok. The protesters have drawn attention because of their demands for reforms to Thailand's constitutional monarchy, which they claim does not work in a democratic framework. Reuters

N Korea's Kim pledges thousands of new homes as economic push begins

SANGMICHA & JOSH SMITH SEOUL. OCTOBER 14

NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong Un promised to build at least 25.000 homes over the next five years as citizens begin an 80-day campaign to achieve economic goals despite growing crises, state media said on Wednesday. North Korea has had a tough

year grappling with typhoons that battered towns, international sanctions and the impact of anticoronavirus measures, despite no reports of infections, to the disbelief of Western officials.

Visiting one of the areas worst hit by the recent typhoons, Kim expressed regret over the decadesold homes that were destroyed and urged the military for a more ambitious construction plan, state news agency KCNA said.

The visit came after Kim appeared to shed tears at the weekend when thanking citizens for their sacrifices, in the most striking demonstration yet of how he is relying on his "man-of-the-people" image to tackle the crises.

Last week, Kim urged North Korea to launch an 80-day "speed" campaign to attain economic goals before a congress in January that will decide on a new five-year plan. REUTERS

Vladimir Putin announced the news at a government meeting on Wednesdav.

The jab was developed by the Vector Institute in Siberia and completed early-stage human trials last month. However, results have not been published vet and a large-scale trial, known as Phase III, has not yet begun.

"We need to increase production of the first and second vaccine," Putin said in comments broadcast on state TV.

"We are continuing to cooperate with our foreign partners and will promote our vaccine abroad."

The peptide-based vaccine, named EpiVacCorona, is the second to be licensed for use in Russia. There has been a placebocontrolled trial on 100 volunteers between 18 and 60 in Novosibirsk. A shot developed by

Moscow's Gamaleva Institute. Sputnik V. was licensed for domestic use in August.

That vaccine, based on an ade novirus vector, was also registered before Phase III trials. A trial involving 40,000 participants is now

World Bank said its Covid-19 emergency response programmes are already reaching 111 countries. AP

G-20 suspends poor countries' debt payments for 6 more months

THE GROUP of 20 nations, representing the world's biggest economies, said they agreed to extend the suspension of debt payments by six more months to support the most vulnerable countries in their fight against Covid-19. The announcement was made during a meeting of the group's finance ministers and central bank governors. The suspension of over \$14 billion in debt payments was due to expire at the end of the year. Now, developing nations have until the end of June 2021 to focus spending on health care and stimulus programmes rather than debt repayments. AP

THE INDIAN-ORIGIN BRITISH FINANCE CHIEF GAINED IN STATURE DURING THE PANDEMIC While Boris Johnson's approval ratings slide, Rishi Sunak is on the rise

STEPHEN CASTLE LONDON, OCTOBER 14

BREAKFAST STARTS at 8 am, and guests help themselves to croissants and juice before the sleek figure of Rishi Sunak, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, works his way around the crowded, oak-panelled dining room of his official London home, No 11 Downing Street.

For Sunak, meetings with groups of Conservative Party lawmakers help him reach out and forge a network of support in Parliament. For the lawmakers, it's a chance to meet someone many expect to one day

move next door - to No 10, the prime minister's home.

10 months ago, and his vertiginous rise has surprised almost everyone in British politics - in all likelihood even the man who promoted him, Prime Minister Boris Johnson, whose approval ratings have plummeted during the pandemic. "Rishi Sunak has the strengths

that the Prime Minister so conspicuously lacks, not only basic competence but a grasp of detail," said Tim Bale, professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London, "and no one has mounted such an obvious, in your face, social media campaign as Rishi Sunak.' It seems to be working. A re-

cent poll of party members by the ConservativeHome website Sunak was virtually unknown

placed Sunak, 40, easily top of Cabinet satisfaction ratings, while Johnson was almost at the bottom. Contrast that with a survey

that Bale conducted in December which in **Conservative Party members** were asked who should take over were Johnson to step aside. "lust five out of 1.191 named

Rishi Sunak," he said, "and I'm not sure that all of them spelt his name correctly."

When he was catapulted into his job in February, after two years as a minister – including six months in the No 2 job at the Treasury - Sunak was firmly in the



Rishi Sunak, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer. Reuters

shadow of Johnson, who had just won a landslide election victory. But while Johnson has floun-

dered during the coronavirus pandemic, Sunak has been a beacon of calm and competence, interven-

ing swiftly to spend billions of pounds supporting jobs as the economy went into lockdown free fall. With new restrictions coming into force in parts of the country, Sunak has announced new state support for affected areas, and Monday he gave a fluent defence of his latest measures at a media conference alongside Johnson.

Perhaps wisely, given the speculation about his ambitions. Sunak tried to burst his own bubble when the Conservative Party held its recent conference virtually.

In a short speech, he lavished praise on Johnson and warned that uncomfortable economic choices lay ahead. The subliminal message seemed to be: "You

might like me a little less when all this cash has to be paid back."

But right now, they like him a lot, and his appeal among nonpartisan Britons has been burnished through slick social media posts on Instagram and Twitter designed around "Brand Rishi". Allies insist that Sunak is simply using digital media techniques to communicate more effectively rather than to promote his ambitions.

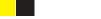
Not only is Sunak a smooth communicator, but, with his Indian heritage, he is a walking success story of modern multiracial Britain.

His grandparents, originally from Punjab, arrived in England from British colonial East Africa in the 1960s. As a teenager, he says he suffered racist abuse.

But while Sajid Javid, his predecessor, was the son of a bus driver from Pakistan. Sunak's father was a doctor and his mother ran a pharmacy. Together, they earned enough to send him to an elite private school, Winchester College.

He then went to Oxford University, and graduated with top grades.

Before his political career began in earnest, Sunak also earned an MBA at Stanford University, where he met his future wife, Akshata Murthy, a daughter of one of India's richest men. billionaire Narayana Murthy, cofounder of Infosys. NYT





SILVER

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NUCLEAR WATCH INDO-AUS TIES: URANIUM SUPPLIES

Lack of 'viability of proposals', DAE drops offers by two Australian cos

ANILSASI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

OVERTWO years after the initiation of formal discussions with two Australian companies - BHP Billiton and Heathgate Resources - for commencing supply of uranium ore concentrate, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has turned down the offers submitted by the two companies citing lack of viability of the proposals. The offers were aimed at ensuring Australian companies potentially join utilities from four other countries that are already supplying nuclear fuel to India and were being projected as a tangible marker of improving bilateral and strategic relations between the two nations. India-Australia ties have

been on an upswing since 2012, when the Australian government decided to sell uranium to India despite India not being a signatory to the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty, which was formalised by way of a bilateral agreement in 2014. After the proposals by BHP Billiton and Heathgate Resources for supply of uranium ore concentrate from Australia were examined, it has been conveyed to the Australian side that "it is not possible to proceed with the supply contract in the present form," a government official involved in the exercise said. BHP Billiton, the world's

biggest mining company, and Ouasar Resources, an affiliate of Adelaide-based Heathgate Resources (owned by US company General Atomics), were in discussion for signing up on a sales contract for enabling the uranium transfer, which is part of the commercial negotiations between Australian uranium vendors and the DAE on fuel contracts for civil nuclear-power generation.

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After proposals by BHP Billiton and Heathgate Resources for supply of uranium ore concentrate were examined, it was conveved to the Australian side "it is not possible to proceed with the supply contract in the present form," an official said

uranium to India to help meet India's growing energy demands. As vet, there have been no commercial sales to India of Australian uranium ... The September 2014 Agreement between Australia and India on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the Agreement) provides for the supply of Australian uranium for use in India's civilian nuclear power programme, subject to both countries' require-

ments being met." Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott had signed an agreement with Prime Minister Modi on civil nuclear cooperation in September 2014, clearing the way for potential uranium sales to India.

Incidentally, in July 2017, Australia had sent its first uranium shipment to India but that was cited as "a small sample of uranium" transferred purely for testing purposes". Potential uranium imports from Australia would be used to meet fuel requirements of

Indian nuclear reactors that are under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, as is the case with fuel imports that have come in so far from Russia's JSC TVEL Corp, Kazakhstan's JSC NAC KazatomProm, France's Areva and Canada's Cameco.

India currently has actors with an installed capacity of 6,780 MWe (mega watt electric). Of these, eight reactors are fuelled by indigenous uranium while the remaining 14 are under IAEA Safeguards and qualify to use imported uranium. A steady supply of uranium is expected to boost the performance of Indian nuclear power plants, as well as

NEW MSME DEFINITION TO NOT IMPACT ELIGIBILITY FOR RESOLUTION Loan restructuring applies to all credit substitutes: RBI

Only standard loan accounts as of Mar 1 can be recast under pandemic-related scheme

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ALL FARM credit expo-

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The RBI has clarified that loans

not be recast, the RBI said.

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ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has clarified that the loan resolution framework can be invoked for investment exposures that are credit substitutes like corporate bonds and commercial papers.

"The resolution framework may be invoked for resolution of all exposures of lending institutions to eligible borrowers, including investment exposures," the RBI said in a clarification on resolution framework for Covid-related stress. However, the resolution framework is without prejudice to all applicable guidelines issued by the relevant financial sector regulators and other departments of the RBI in respect of any particular

exposure. All microfinance institutions

COVID-19 IMPACT

'Domestic flyers grow over last month, still 66% below year-ago levels'

EXPLAINE

A total of 39.43 lakh domestic passengers travelled by air this September, 66% lower than the corresponding period last year, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said



without any defaults as of March 1,2020, will be eligible for restructuring under the pandemic-related resolution framework issued in August. The RBI said a loan account that was due for more than 30 days as on March 1, 2020, but subsequently got regularised, will not be ineligible for resolution under the resolution framework.

This is because the restructuring framework is applicable only for eligible borrowers who were classified as standard as of March 1, 2020, it said. However, such accounts may still be resolved under the prudential framework dated June 7.2019. the central bank said.

structuring of under-implementation project loans involving deferment of date commencement of commercial operations (DCCO) are excluded from the scope of resolution framework and that such accounts will continue to be governed by the February 7,2020, and the other relevant instructions as applicable to specific category of lending institutions. Also, in the case of multiple lenders to a single borrower whose resolution is undertaken, all lending institutions will have to enter into an inter-creditor agreement

The clarification also said the new definition of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) effective June 26, will not impact their eligibility for resolution but will be based on the definition that existed as of March 1, 2020.

It also clarified that all farm credit exposures, including NBFCs, can be recast under this scheme, but loans to allied activities such as dairy, fisheries, animal husbandry. poultry, bee-keeping and sericulture are excluded from its scope.

1 28.32 lakh in August

Best on-time performance:

AirAsia India had the best on-time

metro airports - Bengaluru, Delhi,

Hyderabad and Mumbai

Why is it important?:

The aviation sector has been

significantly impacted due to the

travel restrictions imposed in India

and other countries in view of the

coronavirus pandemic. Indian airlines

performance of 98.4 per cent at four

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GOLD

₹51,367

Silver screens set for re-release today, but footfalls may be a flop

OIL

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2030 IS

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

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AS PART of the government's Unlock 5.0, cinema halls and movie multiplexes are set to reopen across the country on Thursday after over 200 days. However, footfalls may not take off for at least another fortnight due to low advance ticket bookings, lack of new releases and Covid protocols, industry executives across the board said.

Though the Home Ministry has allowed cinemas, theatres, and multiplexes outside containment zones to open at 50 per cent capacity from October 15, it is unlikely that people will return, the executives said. Advance ticket bookings, a key indicator of return of movie lovers to multiplexes as well as single-screens remained much below the allowed capacity, they said. "There are far too many mov-

ing parts in this situation as of now. We are negotiating with many state governments on the various protocols that they have issued and making our properties ready according to them. On Thursday, we will open some of our screens in selected areas only for very selected and limited viewing. For general public, we plan to open some more screens by Friday," an executive from PVR Cinemas said.

The company, however, did not respond to e-mailed queries on the number of advance ticket booking it had seen so far, and whether any regions were seeing better demand than others.

PVR Cinemas had reported a net loss of Rs 226 crore in the April-June quarter, even as it undertook several austerity measures such as suspension of third-party contracts, temporary pay cuts across the board and had sought waivers of rental and maintenance charges from the landlords of the properties it leases. After negotiations, the company said it managed to get rent concessions worth nearly Rs 55 crore across its properties. The company operates 845 screens

Reopening preparations at a cinema hall in Chandigarh on Wednesday. Jasbir Malhi

1.75 lakh across the country. Inox Leisure too is shy of bet-

ting on a good opening starting Thursday. With 626 screens in 147 multiplexes pan-India, its executives said they had so far not seen any positive response on advance ticket bookings. However, the company too did not respond to emailed queries seeking advance booking numbers or trends in early ticket bookings if any. "We (will have to) wait at least for a week to 10 days (to see some bookings). For now, (we will be opening) some on a trial basis so as to ensure adherence to all Covid-19 protocols. We have allowed only window ticket bookings for now," a company executive said. The lack of good releases, coupled with almost no communication from production houses, is also one of the reasons the multiplexes and cinema exhibition groups or even single-screen theatre owners are not betting on a

good start this weekend. "For single screens, the business cannot be dependent on reruns and old releases. Big production house releases are our workhorses. Unfortunately so far, we have no communication on the releases lined up for the next few weeks," the owner of a singlescreen theatre in North Delhi said.

The tepid response has been measured even by ticket-booking platforms such as BookMvShow. and others, which believe that "resumption of services" could take with a seating capacity in excess of more than a few months.

Indian Express on Wednesday -

India's Inward (Re)Turn - stressed

that India's growth model has

been export-led one and should

Professor of Economics at Ashoka

University, had joined the govern-

Subramanian, currently a

not be abandoned.

IN REPLY TO ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN POINTING OUT AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT'S PITFALLS Not fair to take one stand when within govt & opposite after leaving it: NITI VC

Tamil Nadu gets nod to borrow extra; total 21 states pick option 1

have taken cost-cutting measures 73% like pay cuts, and firing employees Source: DGCA/PTI 66.7%

which have remained standard NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TRAVELLED BY AIR DOMESTICALLY: 21.07 lakh in July

Passengers flown by various Indian carriers in September: IndiGo: 22.66 lakh, i.e. 57.5% share of total domestic market SpiceJet: 5.3 lakh, i.e. 13.4% share Air India: 3.72 lakh AirAsia India: 2.35 lakh Vistara: 2.58 lakh GoAir: 2.64 lakh

57-73%: Occupancy rate or load factor range of six major Indian airlines in September

Occupancy rates of various carriers in September: SpiceJet

bandry, are excluded from the scope of the resolution and self-help group loans meeting the basic eligibility criteria, unless Similarly, the regulator said recovered by the specific exclusions,

a ban on uranium sales to India was seen as a removal of a diplomatic thorn between the two nations, potentially opening up a new and growing market for Australian suppliers. But progress has been slack, despite efforts from both sides. In November 2018, Australia's Trade and Investment Minister Simon Birmingham had indicated to

this newspaper that both countries were making "real progress" on the issue of uranium exports to India. In June this year, India and Australia had decided to elevate their relationship to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' after a "virtual summit" between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

Responding to a query on the uranium supply issue, a spokesperson for Australia's Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources said: "Australia is keen to sell imported fuel.

of several fuel cycle facilities. Under the "separation plan" announced by the Centre in March 2006, negotiated after the July 2005 nuclear deal with the US, India was required to bring 14 reactors under IAEA safeguards in a phased manner. Thirteen of these reactors, including RAPS 2 to 6 at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan; KAPS 1 and 2 at Kakrapar, Gujarat; NAPS 1 and 2 at Narora, Uttar Pradesh; TAPS 1 and 2 at Tarapur. Maharashtra: Kudankulam 1 and 2 in Tamil Nadu: are already under IAEA safeguards, and eligible to run on

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

> THE GOVERNMENT on Wednesday gave nod to Tamil Nadu to borrow Rs 9,627 crore through open market borrowings. With this, 21 states have been allowed to borrow 0.5 per cent of the GSDP, totalling to Rs 78,542 crore.

The unconditional extra borrowing limit has been permitted after it got de-linked from earlier conditions announced in the Aatmanirbhar package in May as these states and UTs have chosen option 1 for meeting the compensation deficit under the Goods and

Services Tax (GST) regime. "The borrowing permission issued to the 21 States is over and above the borrowing permission of around Rs 1.10 lakh crore to be issued to enable the states to meet the revenue shortfall arising out of GST implementation. The current additional borrowing permission has been granted @0.50% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to those States who have opted for Option-1 out With Tamil Nadu joining the states that have opted to borrow for bridging the GST compensation deficit, 21 states have been

allowed to borrow 0.5% of the GSDP, totalling to ₹78,542 crore

of the two options suggested by the Ministry of Finance," a Finance Ministry statement said.

In May, the Centre had decided to raise the borrowing limits of states from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for FY21. Part of the borrowing was linked to specific reforms: 'One Nation One Ration card', ease of doing business, power distribution and urban local body revenues. An unconditional increase of 0.5 per cent was allowed and 1 per cent was allowed in 4 tranches of 0.25 per cent, with each tranche linked to measurable reform actions and further 0.5 per cent if three out of four reform areas.

Under option 1, the Finance Ministry had said that 0.5 per cent of the increased borrowing limit will be made unconditional for states which opt for it. This comes after the GST Council meeting on Monday where opposition-ruled states and the Centre failed to reach consensus on the issue of states being asked to borrow to meet the compensation shortfall. The 20 states that have picked

Option 1 — borrowing through a special window facilitated by the Reserve Bank of India and Finance Ministry — include Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Guiarat, Harvana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh along with two union territories of Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir. Eight states are

yet to choose their option. Opposition-ruled states like Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and West Bengal have voiced their concerns against option 1, asking Centre to borrow instead to bridge the compensation shortfall.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 14

NITI AAYOG Vice-Chairman Raiiv Kumar Wednesday hit back at formerChiefEconomicAdviser(CEA) Arvind Subramanian for a critique of the government's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, saying the process of raising import tariffs was put in motion during his tenure as CEA.

Subramanian, in an opinion piece co-authored with Pennsylvania State University's assistant professor of economics Shoumitro Chatterjee, pointed out the pitfalls of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

They argued that it is start of India turning inward, where domestic demand is assuming primacy over export orientation and trade restrictions are increasing, reversing a three-decade trend. which may not be effective in promoting growth.



Former CEA Arvind Subramanian (left) & NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Raiiv Kumar. File

"Verv surprised to read @arvindsubraman's co-authored piece this morning criticising #AatmaNirbharBharat. It effectively started during his tenure as Chief Economic Advisor which as he writes saw the highest increase in import tariffs in 2018 to nearly 18 percent," Kumar said in a tweet. "Not fair or honest to take one

stand when within the government and the opposite after leaving it," Kumar said.

ment as CEA in October 2014 for a three-year term and was given a one year extension. He had cut short his extended tenure to return to the US for "pressing family commitments.' "The inward turn is most evident in trade policies aimed at promoting domestic manufacturing. Leaving aside the spate of China-

related restrictions, tariffs have been increased substantially, trade agreements have been put on hold, and a spate of production subsidies are being offered," Subramanian wrote.

"The real prize that India should aim for is the large unexploited opportunity of unskilled

BRIEFLY —

Infosys Q2 net profit up 20.5% New Delhi: Infosys' net profit

grew 20.5% to Rs 4,845 crore for Q2FY21. PTI

'Jockey partner under scanner'

New Delhi: US-based watchdog WRAP said it is probing Page Industries, a local partner of Jockey, for alleged human rights abuse. **REUTERS**

Karnataka Bank Q2 profit rises

New Delhi: Karnataka Bank's net profit for Q2FY21 rose 12.69% to Rs 119.3 crore. ENS

'Tata group may buy a stake in BigBasket'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

THE TATA group is in talks to tie up with Indian online groceries unicorn BigBasket, as the conglomerate attempts to catch up with rivals including Amazon and Mukesh Ambani's rapidly expanding retail empire, the Financial Times reported on Wednesday.

Tata and BigBasket would make a decision on the deal by the end of October, FT reported, citing a person close to discussions. The newspaper wrote that another person with knowledge of the potential deal described it as a "strategic" relationship, with the conglomerate potentially acquiring a 20 per cent stake and two board seats. The Bengaluru-heaquartered BigBasket

has a pan-India presence. It is believed to be

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negotiating a fresh round of funding with new investors, of \$400 million and the

A transaction with BigBasket could help the Tata group tap into a growing e-grocery market as it is preparing for a big online push. In August, Natarajan Chandrasekaran, chairman at Tata Sons, told Financial Times that the Tata group is planning to launch a super app that will host all its consumer offerings on a single platform. "It will be a super app, a lot of apps in apps and so on," he

LIS PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001 CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in E-Tender Enquiry No. 289/P-2/EMP-W 11740 dt 12.10.2020 & ID

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Breakdown/Preventive/ Outage mtc. Works of Motorized & Pneumatie operated valves and Gear boxes along with associated Electrical/Pneumatic Actuators of 4x210 MW GGSSTP units, Rupnagar Time period: As per NIT EMD:

Rs. 64,000/-

RTP-42/2020

Date & time upto which tender shall be received: 19.11.2020 & 11.00 AM Date & time of opening of Tender: 26.11.2020 & 11.30 AM Tender specification can only be downloaded from website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/ & no hard copy of the same will be ssued by this office Note:

1) In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and or M/s e-procurement system Government of Punjab. Contac No.+91-(172)-2970284/63 It is also requested to get their digital sig nature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to ar reason. no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regard ing corrigendum may be seen on website:- eproc.punjab.gov.in Sd/

DY.CE/Monitoring GGSSTP, Rupnaga

The article published in *The* labour exports," he said. **GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU** HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.28/2020-21/HDO/Dated:13.10.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Scheduled tender through online only will be received up to 17.11.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for the work of "Area Based Comprehensive Road Improvements, Strengthening and Maintenance in State Highways and Major District Roads for a Length of 253.877 Km in Pattukottai and Peravurani Sub Divisions of Thanjavur (H) C&M Division including Initial Rectification works such as Improvements and Widening from Intermediate Lane to Double Lane. Double Lane to Multi Lane / Four Lane, improvements of roads including Widening of Minor Bridges and Slap Culverts, Construction of Pre Cast Box Culverts, RCC and PCC Storm Water Drain, Retaining Wall. CrashBarrier Type RCC Centre Medians, Road Safety measures to all the roads, Plantation of Avenue Trees including Upkeeping for a period of 60 Months.

Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 16.10.2020 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, TRICHY-20

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Padam Kumar Goola R/o L-263,

Laxman Puri, PaharGanj, Delhi-

110055 have changed my name

to Jeetu for all future purposes.

l, Irshad Alam s/o Nawab Khan

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r/o Flat no.-598, Pocket-1,

have changed my minor

to ZUNAIRA KHAN

Paschim Puri, Delhi-110063

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Singh Parmar R/o D-223,Upper

changed name to Har Kishan

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I, Dharmendra Singh Yadav S/o

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I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Surjit Bhatia

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l, Bhawna W/o-Praveen Kumar

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I, Amarpreet Kaur Sahni W/o

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I, Amarjeet Parmar S/o Har

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I, Abhinav Bisht, S/o Prem Singh

Kawaljit Singh Sabharwal R/o-

161, Ground-Floor, Tagore Park,

Delhi-110009.have changed my

110094, have changed my name

R/o Shergarh, Hoshiarpur,

my name to Bimla Devi

R/o H.No.360/5. Bhagat

to Bhagwati.

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Name To Dharmendra Singh.

Ram Swaroop, R/o Tagore

Garden, Bakalpur, Mathura

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Vihar, Delhi-110085, have

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Yadav R/o 290 Ward No-

13.Khekada Baghpat-

Name To Neha Yadav.

Singh R/o Paimpur, Pempur,

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PERSONAL

I. Kumari D.Tulsi W/o-Shri P.Srinivas Rao R/o-H.No.G 72,DGS CGHS,Plot.No.6, Sector 22.Dwarka.New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to P.Tulsi for all.future purpose.0040551251-1

I,Mehboob Alam,S/O Peer Mohammad Hashmi, R/OS-Block H.NO-428. Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to Mehboob Alam Hashmi. 0040551303-3 In my service record, my son's name Vinod Kumar has been mentioned erroneously incorrect. While his correct name is Vinod Kumar Joshi. JC332155F Sub Shanker Datt S/o Late - Bishan Datt. Vill-Damer, PO-Jakh, Sahar fatak, Almora,UK. Vide affidavit dated 13.10.2020 before Sh.DS Yadav Adv. Agra Court.

0040551371-2 In my service record, my mother's name Ananti Devi and date of birth 01.07.1954 has been mentioned erroneously incorrect. While her correct name is Anandi Devi & date of birth is 01.01.1960. JC332155F Sub Shanker Datt S/o Late-Bishan Datt, Vill-Damer, PO-Jakh, Sahar fatak, Almora, UK. Vide affidavit dated 13.10.2020 before Sh.DS Yadav Adv. Agra 0040551371-1 Court

I,sanjeet Chaudhary,S/o Ram dev Kamat R/o B-17, Greater Kailash-1,New Delhi,inform that my name and DOB Recorded in the LIC-Documents as Sanieet Chaudhary DOB 10-9-1984, Was incorrect, with the Correct-Name Sajit Kamat Date-of-0040551353-7 Birth 1-1-1984.

I,hitherto known as Ramanuj Pandit alias Ramanuj Kumar, S/o Kishor Pandit residing at, H.No.-1619-D-2,Subhash Park, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramanuj Pandit.

0040551303-8 I,Tejasi Atul Gadkari,D/o Atul Arvind Gadkari,R/o-P 89C,Shankar-Vihar,Delhi-Cantt,New Delhi-110010,have changed my name, from Tejasi Atul Gadkari to Teiasi Gadkari,vide-affidavit,Date 08.10.2020 at-Delhi.

0040551353-6 I,Suresh Chandra Khandelwal.S/o Mohan Lal Khandelwal R/o-16/3, 1st-Floor, B-Block, Geeta-Colony KrishnaNagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Suresh Chand Khandelwal 0040551367-8

LSiddharth Aggarwal, S/O-Jai Prakash Aggarwal, R/OA-4 Hauz Khas, New. Delhi -110016 inform that in my,earlier documents,my name has wrongly-written as SIDDARTH AGARWAL,instead of SIDDHARTH AGGARWAL.While my correct name is SIDDHARTH AGGARWAL.

0040551367-3 I Shikha Gambh

I,Prajakta Atul Gadkari,W/o Atul Arvind Gadkari R/o-P 89C,Shankar-Vihar,Delhi Cantt.New Delhi-110010.have changed my name.from Prajakta Atul Gadkari to Prajakta Gadkari,vide-affidavit Date-08.10.2020 at-Delhi.

0040551353-5 I,Param Jit Singh Rahal,S/o Gur Chain Singh R/o M-25 Rama Krishna-Vihar, Plot-29. I.P.Extension, Patpar Ganj Delhi-92, have Changed my Name to Param Jit Singh, for all 0040551360-5 purposes. I,PRAVLEEN KAUR BHATIA,D/O GURMEET SINGH,R/O C-31 TAGORE GARDEN-EXTN. RAJOURI GARDEN WEST DELHI 110027, CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAVLEEN KAUR.

0040551303-4 I,No.JC451524X SUB-Rajendra Kumar,Village-shoram, Shaoron Teh-Budhana.Dist-Muzaffar.Nagar(UP)that my daughter name wrongly entered in my army service record as Megha kumari,whereas their correct name is Megha Rani. 0040551367-4

I,Megha D/o Suresh Chand Khandelwal R/o-16/3 1st-Floor, B-Block, Geeta Colony, KrishnaNagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Megha Khandelwal 0040551367-9

I,Mandeep Singh,S/O Paramjit Singh Anand R/O-D-14/A, Raioori-Garden Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Mandeep Singh Anand. 0040551303-2

I.Kumari Achla Manocha D/o-R.S. Manocha R/o.13. Manocha Apartment, Vikaspuri, ND-110018, have changed my name to Achala Manocha (D.OB.14/2/1970) 0040551360-1

I,Kuldeep Singh,S/o-Mohar Singh,R/o-H.No.719,Gali No.13,Saheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Karaval Nagar, Delhi-110094, inform that Kuldeep & Kuldeep Singh both are one & the same person. 0040551251-8

I,KHUSHBU D/O MAHESH CHANDER RESIDENT HOUSE NO-703.SECTOR-14,SONIPAT,HARYANA,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KHUSHBU ANEJA.

0040551360-8 I,JC-352206L Sub/CLK(SD) Santosh Singh Rajput,S/O Murlidhar Rajput, VPO-Sakrar.Teh-Mauranipur. Distt.Jhansi,UP-284205. Inform that my daughter's(Sneha Rainut)DOB from 29-10-1995 to 10-03-1998, for all future purpose.Certificate No.- IN-DL83263388525493S.

I,JC-352206L Sub/CLK(SD) Santosh Singh Rajput,S/O Murlidhar Rajput, VPO-Sakrar,Teh-Mauranipur, Distt.Jhansi,UP-284205. Inform that my daughter's (Sneha lajput)DOB from 29-10-1995 to

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In my service record, my wife's name Kamala Thuwal has been mentioned erroneously changed my name to Kamlesh incorrect. While her correct name is Kamla Devi. JC332155F 0070716949-1 Sub Shanker Datt S/o Late I, Kiran Bala Kalra, W/o Rajendra Bishan Datt, Vill-Damer, PO-Kalra R/o C-391, G.F., Vikaspuri, Jakh. Sahar fatak. Almora.UK. Delhi-110018, have changed my Vide affidavit dated 13.10.2020 before Sh.DS Yadav Adv. Agra 0040551360-4 Court. 0040551371-3

I, Mohammad Hausildar s/o Sipani Miyan r/o 313/84/1,Tulsi Nagar, Gali no-5, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Mohd Hausildar permanently. And Mohd Hausildar and Mohammad Hausildar both are same and 0040551299-3 one person

LOST & FOUND

IT IS notified information that my Original Qualifying **Examination Certificate of** Class-10th, Examination of Year-2018, and Roll.No.-8152075.issued by CBSE, has been actually lost.Anjali D/o.Sudhir kumar, R/o-H.No.-212, Village-Dallupura, Delhi-110096 0040551365-2

I Jasbir Singh Sahni S/o Shri Amrik Singh Sahni R/o 6/85, Padam Singh Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have lost my original Plot Buyer Agreement, Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Payment receipts and Zoning of plot no. G-9/2, DLF Phase-1, Gurugram, Haryana. Finder may contact at 9654431072 or at above address. 0040551329-1

Sudha Bharti W/o-A.V.Bharti. Have Lost Original Sale Deed:REG13-July-2011, REGD No-19293 Book-1 Vol No-18961, of Property No-WZ-86-87,Second Floor,with Roof Right, Dayal Sal Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59. Finder-Contact:9818815458

I,Apoorvi Singh,D/o Narendra Pal Singh R/o-10,Basant-Vihar,Kamla-Nagar,Agra,UP-282005 have lost my originalcertificate/marksheet class-12th(2016) Rollno-9205782.class-10th (2014)Rollno-5106658,CBSE Allahabad/Delhi#9897255547.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NUTICE General public is informed that my clients Sh. Bishan Dayal Jangid and his wife Smt. Pooja Jangid Both R/o RZ-14, Centre Road, Dabri Extension Main, Dabri Palam Road, New Delhi 110045 have severed all their relations with their son Deepanshu Jangid due to his indifferent, callous, disobedience behaviour towards my clients and he is living separately and as such, my clients have also debarred their said son Deepanshu Jangid from all their properties. From now onwards my clients have been left with o relations or connection with their aforesaid son in any manner. said son in any manner.

Ramesh Chand Gupta (Advocate CHAMBER NO. 406, EASTERN WING TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my clients Shri Kehar Singh Yadav Sto Liet Shri Dey Chand and Smt. Savita Devi Wio Shri Kehar Singh Yadav So Liet Shri Dey Double 110038 have disowned their son namely Rakesh Yadav (aged about 30 years) and daughter in law Amisha Yadav Wio Shri Rakesh Yadav Dio Shri Ram Avtar Yadav (aged about 27 years) due to their misbehavior, delinquency and disobedient attitude towards my above named clients and other family members. My clients are also severed al the relations with their son and daughter in law and debarred them from thair al movable and immovable properties in whole of finda. My above named clients are not responsible regarding any ilegal cases/activities by them, if any person/persons dealing with them completely on his/her/their own fisk and responsibile for any act or consequences done by them. Fauzi Sayeed Advocate. PUBLIC NOTICE changed my name to Abhinav 0040551303-1 Miyan r/o 313/84/1, Tulsi Nagar 110035 have changed my Minor 0040551299-1 I, Madeena Khatoon w/o Mohd Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Madina permanently.

PUBLIC NOTICE is for general information that I VAGISH KUMAR CHADHA SON OF ATE SH. SHANTI SWARUP CHADHA R/o C-611, New Friends Colony, Ne Delhi-110025, declare that name of min and my father have been wrongly writte as VAGISH CHADHA and SHYAN SUNDER CHADHA in my Pan Card hat actual name of mine and my fathe re VAGISH KUMAR CHADHA an ATE SH. SHANTI SWARUP CHADHA espectively, which may be amende accordingly.

D.R.M. Office (W.R.), Near Chamunda

bridge: Opp: G.C.S. Hospital, Naroda Road

Amdupura, Ahmedabad- 382345. Website

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Tender Notice No. : 10

of Year 2020-21

Sealed open tenders are invited

by Divisional Railway Manager

(S&T), N.E. Railway, Izzatnagar for

and on behalf of the President of

Description of Work: (1) Combined

India for the following works:-

details : www.ireps.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the general public that my client namely Smt. Chander Kanta Jain, Wio. Sh. Santosh Kumar Jain, RVo. X/2866, Street No.-5, Raghubar Pura No.-2, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 have disowned and debarred her younger son namely Anurag Jain @ "Bunty", R/o H-1, Second Floor, Rama Park Road, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 from her all assets/properties like movable or immovable, exiting or which may her all assets/properties like movable or immovable, exiting or which may acquired by her in future and also severe all their relation from him and his wife due to disregard towards my clients family. He is not residing with my client since October, 2011, when he got married. Anybody who deals with him and his wife will do so at heri their own risk, consequence and responsibility. **ALJESH K. PANDIT Advocate - Delhi High Court** Advocate - Delhl High Court M - 9810790787 (D/716-A/2008)

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf and under the instructions of our client namely RAJAN SINGH ARORA SON SH, KULWANT SINGH Resident of 26500 W, Agoura, Road #102-342, state of California USA, that Our above noted client's father namely Sh. Kulwant Singh S/o Late Sh. Gurbux Singh has been died on 17.09.2020 and the father of our client executed a registered Will in favour of Our client on 23.04.2013, Now after the death of his father, our client is the absolute 23.04.2013, Now after the death of his father, our client is the absolute owner of all the properties of his father, hence this Notice of the general Public that after the publication of this Notice, if anybody do any act/acts/contracts etc. in the name of his father or with the properties of him then that act/acts/contracts etc. shall be void and those persons shall be liable for prosecution in criminal as well as civil proceedings. Nodeem Querebi (Advocete) civil proceedings. Nadeem Qureshi (Advocate) Ch.No.D-720, Karkardooma Courts Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE 'I, Pritee Sharna W/o Parmo Kumar Sharma, R/o B-65, 3r Floor Gali-11 Sewark Parl Delhi-110059 hav New severed my relations from m son Rahul Sharma and hav lisowned and debarred hir rom movable and immovabl

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New Delhi-11007 PUBLIC NOTICE Be known that my client **SH. BAB** LAL S/O PANCHHI LAL R/O B-5/, T-HUTS, SHAHBAD DAIR' PEHLADPUR, DELHI-110042, hav disowned and severed all his relatior BAB

disowned and severed all his relation with his son JITENDER with his wift SUNITA and debarred from hi movable and immovable properties assets due to their misbehavior. If an person, organization, institution dealing with them in civil and crimine matter chell be daine at hic/bot/bot natter shall be doing at his/her/the wn risk, cost and responsibility, fr hat my client shall not be responsib n any manner whatsoever. Sd/- DINESH KUMA

Advocat Office No. 5, G.F. DDA Marke RU Block, Pitampura, Delhi-3

PUBLIC NOTICE his is notified for the General Publi-hat my client Prithi Pal Singh, S/o Lat-S. Sohindar Singh, R/o A-94, 2nd loor, Udai Vihar, Chander Vihar, New Delhi-110041, has severed hi relations with his son Sarav Pal Singl relations with his son Sarav Pal Singh (Ginni), daughter-in-law Simranjit Kau (Voenu), grand-sons Parmeet Singh (Moon), Jasmeet Singh (Mohak), Guneet Kaur (Khushi), grand-daughter-in law Pooja Sharma, W/o Parmeet Singh and have debarred them from inheriting any of his movable and immovable properties rights because of rude, ill and cruel behavior of their abroughter in order behavior of their above said son, daughter-in law, grand-sons, grand-daughters and grand-daughter-in law, with my client My client further debars them from orming their last rights includir ocial right to lit his pyre. If any pers leals with them or advance any loa vill do so on his/her own risk a ces. My client will not sponsible for their any act and Sd/- (MANMOHAN SING Advocat Enrl. No.: D/2007/200 B-62, Shanker Garden, Vikas Pur New Delhi-11001 Mb. 9810472909, 921388882 PUBLIC NOTICE BE IT KNOWN TO GENERAL PUBLI HAT MY CLIENTS Sh. RAM KISHA WO Sh. BHORI LAL AND Smt. SAN S/O Sh. BHORI LAL AND S/M. SANJ, W/O Sh. RAM KISHAN HEREB DISOWN THEIR SON DEEPAK DAUGHTER-IN-LAW PRIVANKA W/C DEEPAK THEIR GRANDSON (NO' YET NAMED S/O DEEPAK, FRON ALL THEIR MOVABLE AND MIMOVABLE PROPERTIES FOR ALL PURPOSES, THEY SHALL NOT HAVE AND DEIDTITE EIN M/C O LEXTS NY RIGHT/TITLE IN MY CLIENT ROPERTIES. MY CLIENTS SHAI NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACT OR DEED DONE BY THEM. Sd/- PRABHU DAYA Advocat 572, Saket Courts, N.D.-17 Mob. 9818485171 पब्लिक नोटिस मेरी मुवक्किल उषा पत्नी संतोष कुमार पत सी-3/412 गली नं.- 3, दूसरा पुस्ता सोनिय विहार, दिल्ली-110094, ने अपने पुत्र संजीव कुमार और उसकी धर्मपत्नी रिकू ल शाह को गलत व्यवहार/ आचरण के कार आर का गरात जवरात जावरन के कार अपनी चल–अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल क सभी संबंध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं। भविष्य यह कोई लेन देन अथवा दुराचरण करते [:] तो उसके जिम्मेदार खुद होंगे। मेरी मुवक्किल व उनका परिवार दीवानी और फौजदारी वे लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। PARKASH CHANI (Advocate Enrl. no. D-9065/2019 PUBLIC NOTICE otified that my client (1) SHRI UMESH DU /O LATE SH. H.C. DUA, (2) SMT. GEET UA WO SH. UMESH DUA BOTH R/O DUA W/O SH. UMESH DUA BOTH R/O A IS, SUNDER APARTIMENT, SECTOR-14 ROHINI, DELH-110085, has/have save relation from their son **SAURABH DUA** an heir daughter-in-law NAMITA DUA and their **minor grandson namety ARADDY DUA** Due to their orule and harassing behavic towards my above named client. Now the nave no domesic relations with them an has/have disowned them from their a movahle & immovahle prometier iovable & immovable properties. ny person dealing with his/her/him/the ill do at his/her/them own cost & risk ar y client's shall not be responsible for th ie, if any. Sd/- SURENDER KUMAR (Advocate tamber: B-139-141, B.G.S. Block, Net Courts, Tis Hazari, Delhi- 11005 PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Iftkhar Ahmad ar Anisa Begam Both R/o C-93 Gali No.15, Subhash Mohalla North Ghonda, Delhi-53 hav served their all relations with their son namely Mohd. Aat due to their misconduct an misbehavior and debarred hir from their all moveable an immovable properties. I anyone deals with him, lients and their family shall no

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AMJAD KHAN (Advocate

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PUBLIC NOTICE	RFP Notice No. COMM/GWMC/C N.W. Design, Supply, Construction, Installation, Testin	
Notice is hereby given to the general public at large that Clik Housing Finance Private Limited is going to create mortgage over property being Kohrem Proton of Built up Property No.25, 44, 1985 and 1995 and 1995 and Property No.25, 44, 1985 and 1995 and 1995 and Property No.25, 44, 1985 and 1995 and 1995 and Property No.25, 44, 1985 and 1995 and 1995 and add of Street No.4, Saraswale Bhander Gandhi Nagar, In the area of village Seatempur Illaga Shahdrag, Delihi-110031, Dounded as EAST: Road 101f. WEST: Others Property, NORT: Others Property, SOUTH: Portion of property, belonging to Mrs, Nutan Jain (as claimed). In case if any person/Financial Institute Pank / Authortly / Board or any other entity having objectioncontingent or vested interest over the same may contact our artoccale MA Ajay Kumar Gim within 10 days of this publication either through his Office phone m. Vikram Vinar, Lajat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024 Jaing with supporting documents, Kimay be Interfunded and any pass of sisti his office at H.N.o. 26161, Basement, Vikram Vinar, Lajat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024 Jaing with supporting documents, Kimay be Jorden document and the provident and any support outrage and areas with the considered be petrationed and asseme with the considered be	Various Locations In Warangal Including Operation An	g, commissioning of Solid waste Transfer Stations a d Maintenance For Three Years And Defect Liability O
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of Street No.4, Saraswati Bhander, i Nagar, in the area of village	Response to Queries - 26.10	.2020 by 5.00 PM
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Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Ongola DIPR No 378PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21 dt 14 10 2020

INDIAN RAILWAYS

INTRODUCTION OF 25 kV AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25kV AC electric traction over the section

Gambhir R/O.G-53.Gblock,West Patel-Nagar,New Delhi-110008, inform that Shikha, Shikha Singhal & Shikha Gambhir are one & 0040551303-5 same person. I.Sheetal Sharma,W/o-

Dhirender Kumar, R/o-H.No.319,Chota Bazar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, inform that in my Adhar Card no.543460641104 & Passport No.J0496596.mv husband name has wrongly written as Dhirender Sharma instead of Dhirender Kumar Sharma. 0040551367-5

I,Sarabjeet Kaur,W/o S. Manjeet Singh, R/o-WZ-11/1A, Gali No.18 to 22, Sant-Garh, Tilak Nagar,New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Sarabjit 0040551353-4 Kaur.

I,Sanjay Kumar, S/o Late S. P. Saxena, R/o-CB-15 A, DDA-Flats Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Saxena.

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I,SUJITA KUMAR MANDAL s/o Samarendra Nath Mandal R/O vill+po-Iswar Chandra Pur, distt-Nadia, West Bengal-741160 have changed my name to SUJITH KUMAR MANDAL

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I,SANJAY S/O RANDHIR SINGH R/O HNO.1252/1, WARDNO.25, NEAR KAKROI ROAD,WEST-RAM NAGAR.SONIPAT-131001.CHANGED MY NAME TO SANJAY KUMAR.

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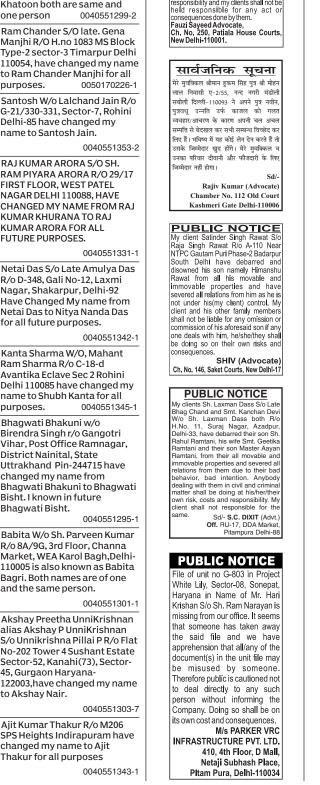
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I,RAMU GAUR,S/o Sh.Kanhaiya Lal Gaur R/o-H.No.879.Baba-Farid Puri,West Patel-Nagar,New Delhi-110008,have changed my name, from RAMU GAUR to RAMJI LAL SHARMA, for all future purposes. 0040551367-6

I,Amit Takkar S/O Harbhagwan Takkar R/O-2/3 third-floor Nehru enclave, Kalkaji extn,New Delhi-110019,have changed my name to Amit Kumar Takkar, permanently. 0040551353-1

10-03-1998, for all future purpose.Certificate No.- IN-Ram Chander S/O late. Gena DL83263388525493S. Manjhi R/O H.no 1083 MS Block Type-2 sector-3 Timarpur Delhi 0040551303-6 110054, have changed my name I,TANVEER AHMAD S/OJAMIL to Ram Chander Manjhi for all R/O-J.NO.47 DDA FLATS NEWpurposes. RANJEET NAGAR DELHI-I Santosh W/o Lalchand Jain R/o 110008,HAVE changed my G-21/330-331, Sector-7, Rohini name to NANHEY Delhi-85 have changed my AHMAD, permanently name to Santosh Jain. 0040551360-10 I.GAURAV S/O MAHESH RAJ KUMAR ARORA S/O SH. CHANDER RESIDENT HOUSE RAM PIYARA ARORA R/O 29/17 NO-703.SECTOR-FIRST FLOOR, WEST PATEL 14,SONIPAT,HARYANA,HAVE NAGAR DELHI 110088, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO CHANGED MY NAME FROM RAJ GAURAV ANEJA. KUMAR KHURANA TO RAJ 0040551360-9 KUMAR ARORA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. I.DEVINDER SINGH MARWAH S/O DHARM JEET SINGH MARWAH R/O C-4/15C.LAWRANCE Netai Das S/o Late Amulva Das ROAD.KESHAV-PURAM.DEI HI-R/o D-348, Gali No-12, Laxmi 110035.CHANGED MY NAMETO Nagar, Shakarpur, Delhi-92 DEVINDER SINGH. Have Changed My name from 0040551360-6 Netai Das to Nitya Nanda Das for all future purposes. I, Rayyan Mohammad S/o Mohammad Alli R/o C-1102, Prateek Wisteria, Near Kanta Sharma W/O, Mahant Amrapalli Silicon City, Sector-Ram Sharma R/o C-18-d 77.Noida.Gautam Buddha Avantika Eclave Sec 2 Rohini Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 Delhi 110085 have changed my Have Changed my Name to name to Shubh Kanta for all Mohammad Rayyan. purposes. 0070716919-1 Bhagwati Bhakuni w/o Birendra Singh r/o Gangotri Vihar, Post Office Ramnagar, I. Rani D/o Ramayan Kumar R/o 8/14, Gali No-13, Block-D, Kamal-Vihar, Kamalpur, Burari District Nainital, State Delhi-110084, have Changed my Uttrakhand Pin-244715 have name to Diksha Kartikey changed my name from Bhagwati Bhakuni to Bhagwati 0040551335-1 Bisht. I known in future I, Rama Devi alias Roma Bhagwati Bisht. Chauhan D/o Shyam Lal and W/o Chitranian Dass Mahant Babita W/o Sh. Parveen Kumar R/o Samoli (136), Rohru, R/o8A/9G, 3rd Floor, Channa Shimla, HP-171207, have Market, WEA Karol Bagh, Delhi changed my name to Roma 110005 is also known as Babita Mahant 0070716946-1 Bagri. Both names are of one I, MOHD YOUSUF HUSSAIN S/o and the same person. MOHAMMAD LATIF HUSSAIN R/0 4611 19-C FLAT NO-103 Akshay Preetha UnniKrishnan LANE NO-17 ANSARI ROAD DARYA GANJ N.DELHI-110002 alias Akshay P UnniKrishnan S/o Unnikrishna Pillai P R/o Flat HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO No-202 Tower 4 Sushant Estate MOHAMMAD YUSUF HUSSAIN Sector-52, Kanahi (73), Sector-0040551339-1 45, Gurgaon Haryana 122003, have changed my name I, Jitendra Singh S/o Shri Mahendra Singh R/o H.No.Ito Akshay Nair. 176/A Ekta Vihar Jaitpur Extn, Part-1, Badarpur New Delhi-Aiit Kumar Thakur R/o M206 110044, Have changed my SPS Heights Indirapuram have name from Jintendra Kumar changed my name to Ajit Mahendra to Jintendra Singh Thakur for all purposes for all futur purposes. 0040551254-2



additional/improvement work c Telecom Network over Izzatnaga Division, Approx. Value ₹ 57,78,119.76, EMD Money ₹ 1,15,600.00, Cost of Tender Form ₹ 5,000.00, Completion Period: 120 davs, Date & time of closing o e-tender: 05.11.2020 at 11:00 Hrs.

· Manual offers are not allow against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. . The tender can be view at website http://www.ireps.gov.in The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must have register on IREPS portal All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering.

Sr. Div. Signal & Telecom Englnee CPRO/Sig-29 Izzatnaga About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955 "Never travel on roof and foot boards"

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION U.P.JAL NIGAM, BIJNORE

Letter No.: 1915/Nivida/51 ate.: 12.10.2020 VERY SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate E tenders in two bid system b Notice no. 1915/Nivida/51 Dated 12.10.2020 for Pipeline Extension, Repair of Over Head Tank, Repair of Boundary wall Repair of Pump House, Other Buildings Works, Painting works and providing Functional Household Tap Connection Sadabad Water Supply Schemes, Block-Jaleelpu District-Bijnor under JJM. are here by invited U.P. Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors having requisite wor experience & financial capabilities. Tender documen shall be available on e procurement website http:// etender.up.nic.in. latest by 15.10.2020 Interested bidders may view and download Tende Document and upload their tender, duly filled online latest by 20.10.2020 up to 12:00 Hrs Uploaded Technical & Financia capacity evaluation cum echnical bid shall be opened or dated 20.10.2020 day at 15:00 Hrs. The non refundable cost of -tender document is **Rs** 10,000, 5000, and 3000 plus 18.00% GST or in accordance with GST. Details of work of e tender will be available or U.P. Jal Nigam website www upjn.org.

'Energisation of 25 KV. Single phase AC newly electrified Up Main line from Deoband yard location number 146/19 B (Ch: 146/918.00) to Tapri yard location number 175/27 (Ch 175/713.50) including Talheri Buzurg and Nagal yard, modification in existing lines, associated turnouts & x-overs on Up and On Main line, Energisation of Auxiliary Transformers from Deoband to Tapri, Upgradation of existing SSP at Deoband and Nagal & existing FP at Tapri along with feeder lines." of the Northern Railway. Height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78 m and contact wire shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the load carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The dangers of a load of excessive height arc as follows:-

- Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
- Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself. ii)
- (iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

No. 14-Elect./Const./WK/DLI/1263 Dated 14.10.2020 2222/2020 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** OPEN COMPETATIVE BIDDING

IFB No:6/CE(R&B), NABARD, LWE&NDB/23 to 26/APRBRP

& APMCRCIP/2020-21, Dt: 12-10-2020 1. Chief Engineer (R&B), NABARD &LWE & NDB on behalf of Government of A.P. invites bids for the works consisting of 4 Packages amounting to Rs.385.29 Crores covering 4 Districts i.e., Vizianagaram, Guntur, Nellore & Srikakulam under Andhra Pradesh Roads and Bridges Reconstruction Project (APRBRP) & Andhra Pradesh Mandal Connectivity and Rural Connectivity Improvement Project (APMCRCIP) schemes with the Loan assistance of New Development Bank (NDB).

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NEYMAR AND Luis Suárez rewrote some record books and Argentina is breathing easier thanks to Lionel Messi

In South American qualifying for the World Cup on Tuesday night, Neymar became Brazil's second leading goal scorer after a hat trick in a 4-2 win at Peru. Neymar passed Ronaldo and now trails only Pelé.

Messi paced Argentina to a 2-1 win at Bolivia, its first in the altitude of La Paz since 2005. Suárez, despite Uruguay's 4-2 loss at Ecuador, became the leading goal scorer in the history of South American qualifying.

As the "MSN" trio, they helped Barcelona win the Champions League, two Spanish leagues, one Club World Cup and three Copa del Rey. Neymar left for Paris Saint-Germain in 2017 and Suárez transferred to Atlético Madrid only weeks ago. Messi remains at the Catalan club but has expressed his desire to leave

The 33-year-old Messi, who could be heading to his last World Cup, had never won in La Paz. In 2009, he was on the field as his team was routed 6-1 by the Bolivians. Three years ago, Argentina lost 2-0 without him. Tuesday's match looked doomed to follow suit after Bolivia opened the scoring.

But Messi's calm allowed Argentina to play without the angst of previous disappointments. The final reward came after Joaquin Correa scored in the 79th minute after a play started by Messi. Coach Lionel Scaloni hopes the win is a sign that they are capable of improving on recent World Cup performances

"A great win in the altitude, where it always costs more," Messi said on Instagram, referring to playing at 3,600 meters (11,800 feet) above sea level.

Hours later, Neymar showed that Brazil should be a team to watch in Qatar in 2022. He scored twice from the spot and once in added time - to put his team as co-leaders of the South American qualifiers.

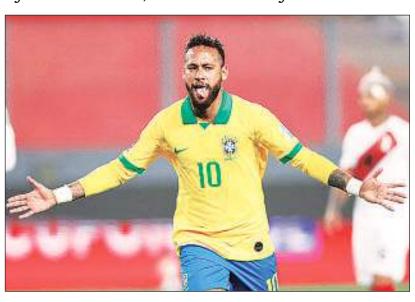
Neymar's historic moment came when he converted his second penalty. It was his 63rd goal for Brazil, passing Ronaldo. Pelé has 77 goals.

The 28-year-old Brazilian used his social media channels to celebrate, posting a picture of Ronaldo and a message that read: "All my respect for you, Phenomenon.'

Brazil coach Tite hailed Neymar's achievement but avoided comparisons.

"It is unfair to compare the phases of each one. But what I can say is that Neymar has this unpredictability, he is both a bow and an arrow. He assists and finishes," the coach said. "He getting even better and even more mature.

Suárez scored three times from the spot



Neymar made it a day to remember with a hat-trick against Peru. AP

Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Ave*
1	Pelé	77	92	0.84
2	Neymar	64	103	0.62
3	Ronaldo	62	98	0.63
4	Romário	55	70	0.79
5	Zico	48	71	0.68

in his last two matches for Uruguay - to tie and then surpass Messi as the leading goal scorer in the history of South American qualifying. His 24 goals are two more than Messi.

Suárez said after the 2-1 win against Chile on Friday that his move to Atlético Madrid has given him new energy to keep scoring for his national team.

"I feel their care for me there," he said. "It is a different moment and I think that also helps me when I come here.'

The 33-year-old striker will have a chance to add to his tally next month as Uruguay faces Colombia away and Brazil in Montevideo. Neymar will also have a chance to reduce the gap between himself and Pelé.

Ukraine stun Spain

Kyiv: Ukraine pulled off a shock 1-0 win at home to Spain in the UEFA Nations League on Tuesday at a raucous Olympic Stadium in Kyiv as fans savoured a first ever victory over the 2010 World Cup winners.Andriy Shevchenko's side took the lead against the run of play in the 76th minute when Viktor Tsygankov took David de Gea by surprise by

firing home from outside the area, after latching on to an outstanding reverse pass from Andriy Yarmolenko.

The goal was wildly celebrated by the whole Ukraine team and some 21,000 fans spaced out across the stadium, with the hosts taking advantage of UEFA regulations allowing 30% capacity at certain matches in an easing of coronavirus restrictions.

Ukraine had lost their last three outings, including a 4-0 reverse to Spain last month and a 7-1 thrashing at the hands of France in a friendly last week, after losing six players due to COVID-19 positives.

The result shook up League A Group 4, giving Ukraine an outside chance of finishing top of the group with two games remaining.

Spain still lead with seven points, with Germany second on six, level with Ukraine in third, with Switzerland bottom with two points after their 3-3 draw with Germany.

Luis Enrique's side took control of the play in the first half and practically monopolised possession, nearly going ahead with a Sergic Ramos free kick which struck the bar and when Ansu Fati caught a clear sight of goal but missed the target.

Ukraine were much better after the break and Oleksandr Zubkov missed a golden chance to give them the lead when he deceived De Gea in the area but somehow missed the target with the goal gaping.

Spain then went for the jugular, as midfielder Rodri hit the post and Mikel Oyarzabal was thwarted by the outstanding Ukraine goalkeeper Georgiy Bushchan, who was making only his third appearance for his country after three other goalkeepers tested positive for the coronavirus.

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PREMIER LEAGUE clubs on Wednesday rejected plans put forward by Liverpool and Manchester United for radical changes to the league's structures and finances and instead set up their own review of the game.

The 'Project Big Picture' proposals would see an increase in funds for the 72 clubs in the Football League (EFL) but also include special voting rights for the top clubs in the Premier League and a reduction of teams in the top flight from 20 to 18.

The plan has been fronted by EFL chairman Rick Parry and would have included a 250 million pound (\$325.85 million) bail-out for his clubs, who face acute financial issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But at a meeting on Wednesday of all 20 of the Premier League's clubs, the plans were rejected with a separate, broader-based review by the entire league initiated and a more limited bail-out for lower division clubs. "All 20 Premier League clubs today unanimously agreed that Project Big Picture will not be endorsed or pursued by the Premier League, or The FA," the league said in a statement

agreed to work together as a 20-club collective on a strategic plan for the future structures and financing of English football. consulting with all stakeholders to ensure a vibrant, competitive and sustainable football pyramid."

The process will include the FA, the UK government and the EFL, added the statement. The Premier League also said they had agreed to offer a rescue package to League One and League Two (third and fourth tier clubs)

"This offer will consist of grants and interest-free loans totalling a further £50 million on top of the £27.2m solidarity payments already advanced to League One and League Two this year, making a total of £77.2m.

"Discussions will also continue with the EFL regarding Championship clubs' financial needs. This addresses Government concerns about lower league clubs' financial fragility,' said the statement.

The UK government had criticised the plans with a spokesman for Prime Minister Boris Johnson saying on Monday: "It is exactly this type of backroom dealing that undermines trust in football governance"

While several owners of third and fourth tier clubs have been enthusiastic about the plans, Peter Ridsdale, the owner's representative at Championship (second tier) club Preston North End, said that he was wary of the big clubs. ""If I'm absolutely frank, do I trust the top six today irrespective of these proposals? No I don't."

World No.1 golfer Johnson tests positive for Covid-19

cials he was experiencing symptoms and "Further, Premier League Shareholders was administered a test, leading to his withdrawal from the Las Vegas event as he be-

had a few calls with the Tour's medical

Swiatek advises players to work with psychologists

HAVING A sports psychologist helped Polish teenager Iga Swiatek win the French Open, and she thinks it can help others, too. The 19-year-old Swiatek said she drew a lot of support and strength from her work with sports psychologist Daria Abramowicz, vho was with her during the two weeks of the Paris tournament. "The psychological work is very complex and continues all the time. Daria understands me very well and we talk a lot," Swiatek said. "You should not think that a psychologist is for people with problems, I think he is also for people who want to develop. The work that we do with Daria may not be ideal for everyone, because not everyone would be ready to allow a team member into their lives, but my advice is to try and see how it works." Swiatek became the first Polish tennis player to win the title at Roland Garros on Saturday. AP

and taking home his first FedExCup championship at East Lake last month. He was also named PGA Tour Player of the Year for the second time. IT Poston will replace Johnson in the CJ Cup field. The news comes one week after American Tony Finau was forced to withdraw from the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open after testing positive for the virus, which has killed more than 215,000 people in the United States.Finau will not compete at the CJ Cup either. A handful of professional golfers have tested positive for the novel coronavirus since the PGA Tour returned in June, including Briton Sam Horsfield and American Scottie Scheffler, who were unable to compete at the U.S. Open due to positive COVID-19 tests. **REUTERS**

Extramarital affair proves costly for swimming star

FOUR-TIME world champion Daiya Seto has been suspended for the rest of the year for breaching the Japan Swimming Federation's conduct standards due to a scandal over an extramarital affair. The federation handed down the punishment following an extraordinary meeting .Seto, the reigning world champion in the men's 200 and 400m individual medley, resigned as captain of Japan's Olympic swim team last month after admitting to the affair. "How can I apologise? I have been asking myself if I can, but I think my apology is to continue swimming, restoring the trust of my family, who have been deeply hurt by my irresponsible behaviour," sports daily Hochi Sports quoted him as saying. The scandal has tarnished Seto's reputation and he has agreed to sever ties with All Nippon Airways. **REUTERS**

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CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

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gins to self-isolate, the Tour said."Obviously, I am very disappointed," Johnson said."I was really looking forward to competing this week, but will do everything I can to return as quickly as possible."I have already team and appreciate all the support and guidance they have given me."Johnson has had a sensational year, winning three times

Dustin Johnson has withdrawn from the CJ Cup field. File

WORLD NUMBER one Dustin Johnson has

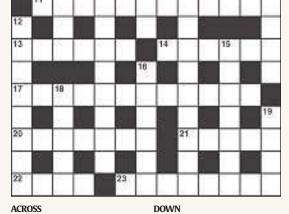
pulled out of this week's CJ Cup after testing

positive for COVID-19, the PGA Tour said in

a statement on Tuesday. The 36-year-old

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People in court can catch it

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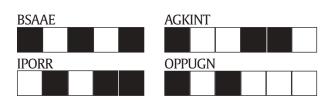
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- important in building (12) 13 Females of unusual ideals (6)
- 14 Love to point out there's a choice(6)
- 17 But a brunette winning a beauty contest may not be
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- 20 A policeman when not on duty is unconventional (7)
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Solutions Crossword 4249: Across: 1 Entrechat, 8 Outdo, 9 No delay, 10 Parsee, 11 Ascent, 12 Exposure, 15 Emphasis, 18 Scrape, 20 Tariff, 21 Too much, 22 Enter, 23 Mastering. Down: 2 Nooks, 3 Reeled, 4 Chatters, 5 Tomato, 6 At issue, 7 Novelette, 11 Absentees, 13 Passport, 14 Spirits, 16 Affirm, 17 Primer, 19 Pecan.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given guip. Luck is a matter of_ _meeting opportunity. - Lucius Annaeus Seneca (11)



Answer: Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity. - Lucius Annaeus Seneca SOLUTION: ABASE, PRIOR, TAKING, POPGUN

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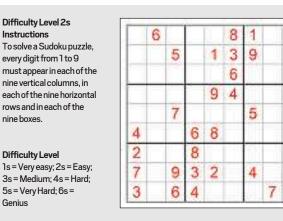


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experiences a moment when they have to let go and live life to the full. With the Moon now so strong, this looks very much like your time to wave farewell to the past and go your own way. Plus, an unusual invitation could make you wonder about a partner's motives.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You must take all necessary actions to safeguard your longterm happiness and financial security. It is simply not good enough to rely on other people to bail you out, especially not if you have been rather free and easy with your feelings. You might soon have to pay the price for a former

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) An emotional

problem should be solved before long, to sighs of relief all round. And if you are unsure about someone else's motives, why not allow them the benefit of the doubt? Plus, please try to focus on overdue practical tasks, and do your best to get up to speed.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There's a risk that the approaching lunar revolution will put you on the spot at work. The way to avoid confrontation is to recognise that some of your objections are based in your own past, and may therefore be nothing at all to do with current circumstances.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You might feel a little bruised and even slightly battered, but vou should now raise your sights and concentrate on the moral and ethical implications. The first rule is that two wrongs don't make a right, and that you must do vour best whatever the circumstances.

issues, as I'm sure you know. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You should be able to negotiate from a position of strength partly because you'll be able to take people by surprise. It is quite amazing just how forthright you can be when vou know what vou want to say. What's more, you're capable of taking

like decisions.

some wonderfully business



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Delhi win pace duel

Capitals go atop the points table with a hard-fought 13-run win over Rajasthan

Synopsis

Fiery Nortje keeps cool to ensure impressive Jofra Archer's efforts went in vain

SRIRAM VEERA OCTOBER 14

DELHI CAPITALS showed how to defend 39 runs in the last five overs. It started with a stunning effort from R Ashwin, who conceded just two runs in the 16th over when Rajasthan Royals were clearly in the ascendancy. The off-spinner gave just one run to dangerman Rahul Tewatia in five balls to begin the turnaround.

With Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje doing the strangling job with aplomb, it came down to 22 off the final over bowled by debutant Tushar Deshpande, who had already taken the important wicket of Ben Stokes with a slower delivery when England's World Cup hero was threatening to take the game away from Capitals. He didn't allow Tewatia to do what he did against Kings XI Punjab and Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Delhi Capitals, with one of the best bowling attacks in the business, defended 161/7 to win by 13 runs despite Jofra Archer's memorable spell.

Fiery Nortje keeps cool

A 148.2 kmph ball ricocheted off empty stands at the midwicket boundary. A 146kmph cracker was lapped round the corner. A 156.2 screamer, perhaps the fastest ball in IPL history, was also paddled away. All this in one over, the second of the chase, by Jos Buttler. Still, Nortje didn't lose his focus. No moans, no sighs, no losing the plot; he just ran in fast again. Not a compensating slower one or correction of length as all those boundaries were hit off full deliveries. Nor an angry bouncer. Nortje hurled another full and fast one at 155.1 kmph, that skidded past the bat to crash into the stumps. It was Nortje's own little Tewatia moment: looted for 16 runs in five balls, he had come back to take out the runaway express Buttler.

The South African speedster took a punt in the 13th over, thinking he could ambush Robin Uthappa with short ones, but was slashed for a four and pulled for a six. He didn't forget it when he came back for the allimportant 18th over with Rajasthan needing



An arm-ball from Axar Patel cleaned up Rajasthan Royals' Sanju Samson . BCCI/IPL

POINTS TABLE							
Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Points		
DC	8	6	2	0	12		
MI	7	5	2	0	10		
RCB	7	5	2	0	10		
KKR	7	4	3	0	8		
SRH	8	3	5	0	6		
CSK	8	3	5	0	6		
RR	8	3	5	0	6		
KXIP	7	1	6	0	2		

28 with the Uthappa-Tewatia combo in the middle. This time, Nortje hurled them full and Uthappa took a gamble, charging at him. But it was a near 150 kmph middle-stump yorker that squeezed under the blade. He just gave four runs in that over and seized the moment for his team.

Archer's highlight reel What's the delivery that we associate with Archer? Over the last two years, we have seen everything in his digital flip book: a nasty bouncer, the one that dinks away a touch, the one that tilts in a bit, the occasional yorker, and the slower one. The closest to a stock ball has been the nip-backer, that comes naturally to him with his open-chested action, and it was the delivery that nailed Prithvi Shaw off the first ball of the match.

Archer couldn't have conjured a better delivery for Shaw who has had problems playing away from the body. Yet, this time and as seen in the last few games, the young opening batsman didn't make himself too vulnerable for a breach as he has tried to seal the technical flaw. The back leg used to stay rooted on the leg stump and even move away outside it; it made him play too far away from the body. Clearly aware of the issue, Shaw has now moved his stance across, the back leg is now on middle stump and though it still stays rigid, it at least doesn't drag him away from the line of the ball.

And yet, this Archer delivery was too good

for him. It first shaped in the air, landed full and then seamed in a bit. All this at serious pace. Despite his attempt with back-leg tinkering to be ready for exactly this kind of a ball, Shaw couldn't do anything but hear the death rattle. Archer also accounted for Ajinkya

Rahane. A couple of screamers had Rahane beaten for pace and one ball hit the bat rather than the other way round. Rahane chose the wrong option out; trying to manufacture a pull to a fast delivery that wasn't all that short and ended up weakly bunting it to mid-on. When he returned in the end overs, he bowled two tight overs, to keep Delhi in check. He had help from teenager Kartik Tyagi, who fired in yorkers consistently in a two-over spell. It's a pity for Rajasthan Royals that his batsmen came up short and Archer finished on the wrong end of the result. **BRIEF SCORES:** Delhi Capitals 161 for 7 (S Dhawan 57, S Iyer 53;J Archer 3/19) bt Rajasthan Royals 148 for 8 (B Stokes 41 R

Rajasthan Royals 148 for 8 (B Stokes 41, R Uthappa 32; T Deshpande 2/37, A Nortje 2/33) by 13 runs

South Africa could be banned by ICC for govt interference

ASSOCIATED PRESS CAPE TOWN, OCTOBER 14

SOUTH AFRICA is in danger of being banned from international cricket after its government said Wednesday that it intended to intervene in the affairs of the sport's national body following revelations of serious misconduct by senior officials.

The statement from sports minister Nathi Mthethwa said he had informed the International Cricket Council of the intended action. The ICC's constitution forbids government interference and the punishment is normally a ban from international games for the country's teams until the national cricket body is operating independently again.

The ICC confirmed it had received notice of "potential intervention" from the sports ministry but no complaint of interference yet from Cricket South Africa.

"Members are encouraged to resolve matters directly with their governments. We will continue to monitor the situation," the sport's governing body said.

The tension between the South African government and Cricket South Africa relates to a long-running investigation into the affairs of the cricket body, which resulted in the firing of CEO Thabang Moroe for serious misconduct in August.

But Cricket South Africa refused to make the report by independent investigators public and also resisted an attempt by the government-aligned South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee to conduct its own investigation into CSA.

CSA ultimately relented and publicly released a summary of the forensic investigation's findings this month, more than two months after it received the report.

CSA was also forced to hand over the full report, nearly 500 pages long, to a committee of South African lawmakers last week after they demanded to see it.

The parts of the report that have been publicly released revealed serious misconduct and possible acts of corruption and implicated Moroe and former chief operating officer Naasei Appiah in the wrongdoing. They were both fired but lawmakers who saw all the documents questioned Tuesday why other executives and board members at the body were not investigated, and if CSA



The international future of South Africa's star cricketers like Quinton de Kock is uncertain. *File*

was trying to hide wrongdoing by others. They called it "a one-sided report."

CSA is currently operating with an acting president and an acting CEO, and the board has been severely criticized for failing to act to stop the misconduct during Moroe's tenure. On Wednesday, Mthethwa said a series of meetings with CSA "to try and assist CSA to stabilize its governance matters" had come to nothing and accused the cricket body of being uncooperative. "I have now reached a point where I see no value in any further engagement with CSA," Mthethwa said. The sports minister gave cricket officials until Oct. 27 to argue why he shouldn't intervene.

Players' body hits out

The South African Cricketers' Association (SACA) on Wednesday called for en masse resignation of Cricket South Africa's (CSA) Board of Directors after country's Minister of Sports, Art and Culture (DSAC) Nathi Mthethwa announced government intervention to end the administrative impasse.

"The crises that have engulfed the CSA Board of Directors over the past 18 months have culminated in a situation where there is no longer confidence in their ability to govern the organisation and provide guidance on resolving many of the crises that remain," SACA said in a statement. The calls for resignation according to players' body is also due to fear of sanctions from the ICC which is closely monitoring the working of its member board.

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