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AFTER SUSHANT, TRP CASE

Maharashtra stalls CBI moves, scraps consent to probe cases

MOHAMED THAVER
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

A DAY after the CBI took over a case registered by UP Police against "unknown" channels and persons over alleged fudging of TRPs, the Maharashtra government Wednesday withdrew "general consent" given to the agency to probe cases in the state.

Official sources told *The Indian Express* that the move follows "apprehension" in the state government that the CBI would take over a similar case on alleged fudging of TRPs in Maharashtra in a bid to move it away from the purview of Mumbai Police.

After registering an FIR on October 6, Mumbai Police had alleged that three channels, including Republic TV, were prima facie involved in manipulating TRPs. Republic TV had subsequently approached the Bombay High Court, where its counsel Harish Salve asked for the case to be transferred to the CBI.

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WOMEN ARE BACK

For the first time since the lockdown, all women, including those travelling for non-essential purposes, were allowed on Mumbai's locals Wednesday. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

Kerala plans tougher laws on online abuse

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 21

THE KERALA government has decided to amend the Kerala Police Act to check increasing abuse on social media and cybercrime.

The cabinet on Wednesday decided to recommend to the Governor to issue an Ordinance to incorporate a new Section 118(A) into the Act to punish any

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Cong and BJP, dirt flies in MP: Rakhail, item, bangles...

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 21

CAMPAIGNING FOR by-elections to 28 seats in Madhya Pradesh has descended to a new low with leaders of the Congress and BJP using highly derogatory and offensive remarks for each other — from "item" to "*rakhail*" to "bangles" — as they try to woo voters.

After Congress leader and former Chief Minister Kamal

EC issues notice to Kamal Nath

Nath described state minister and BJP's Dabra candidate Imarti Devi as an "item" — the Election Commission issued him a notice Wednesday for alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct

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Monetisation of idle land: Rlys, Defence, BSNL in line

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE CENTRE is at an advanced stage of monetising "idle land assets" of key ministries and departments, including Railways, Telecommunications and Defence, and plans to use the resources generated to create infrastructure assets across the country, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Sources said that after a detailed assessment of surplus land assets, various ministries are now ready to go ahead with monetisation of idle parcels for commercial development and infrastructure creation.

"The Union Budget had stressed on asset monetisation to put the available resources to better use. The Rail and Defence

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Bid to boost economy

MONETISATION OF land assets is aimed at shoring up government finances through non-tax revenues and generating funds for infrastructure initiatives. The expansion of the programme is expected to boost economic activity amid the Covid slump.

Cabinet clears decks for district councils in J&K

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

CLEARING THE decks for introduction of a three-tier system of local body governance in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the Union Cabinet Wednesday approved an amendment to the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989.

The amendment to the law, effected by the Ministry of Home Affairs on October 16, will lead to the establishment of District Development Councils (DDC), members of which will be directly elected by voters of the Union Territory. The DDCs will be the third-tier — at the district level, over the block and village levels.

In another decision, the Cabinet approved immediate disbursal of productivity-linked

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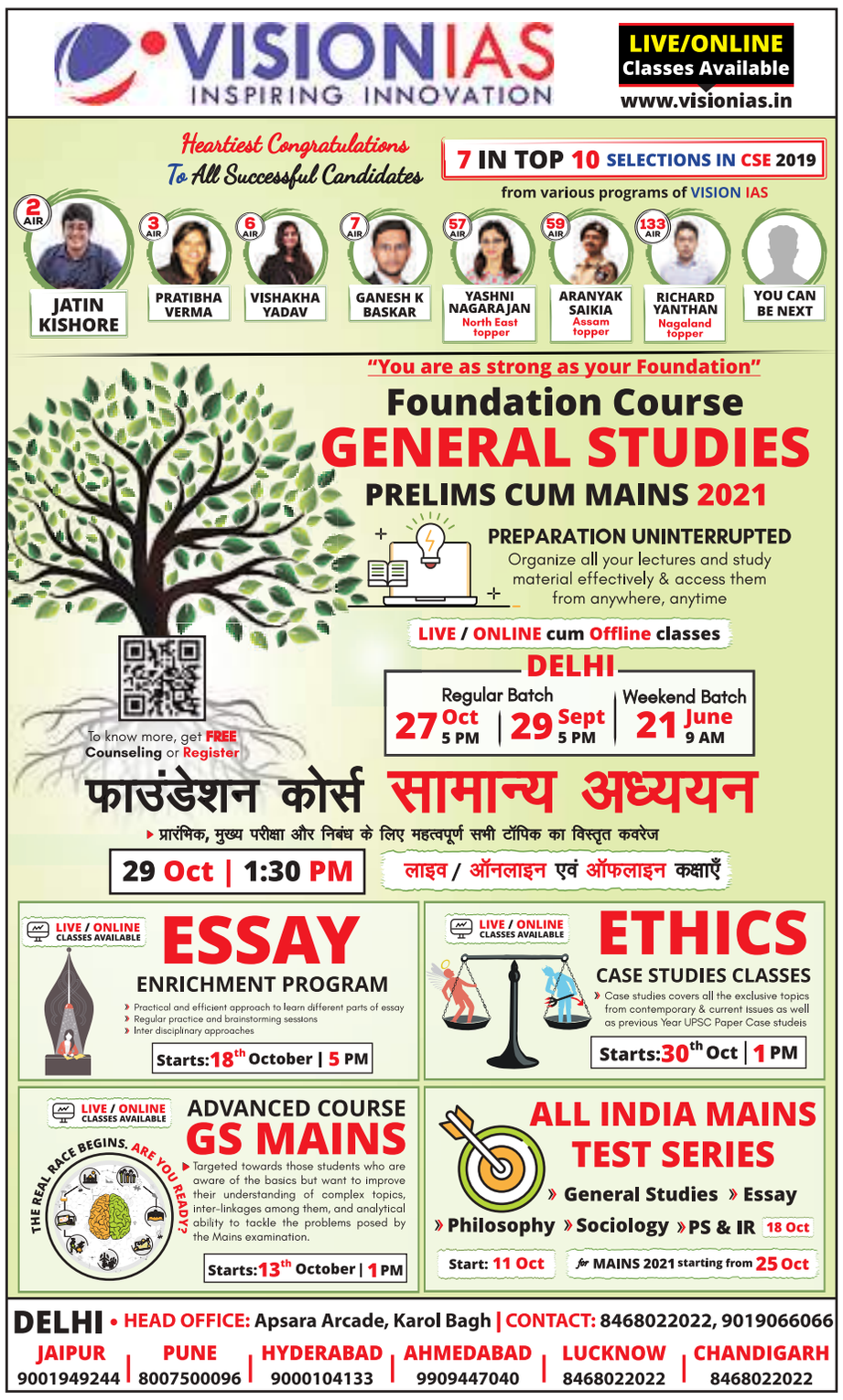

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District councils

bonus (PLB) and ad hoc bonus for its non-gazetted employees. This is expected to benefit a total of 30.67 lakh employees. The total financial implication, the government said, will be Rs 3,737 crore.

While PLB for 2019-2020 will be disbursed among "16.97 lakh non-gazetted employees of commercial establishments like Railways, Posts, Defence, EPFO, ESIC, etc", non-PLB or ad hoc bonus, the government said, will be paid to 13.70 lakh non-gazetted central government employees.

Hailing the announcement of bonus for central government employees, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said it will bring joy ahead of the festive season.

"Modi government is synonymous with prosperity. I congratulate PM @narendramodi ji for bringing joy in the lives of about 30.67 lakh central government employees before this festive season by approving the immediate payment of bonus into their accounts in today's cabinet meeting," Shah said in a Twitter post.

Announcing the Cabinet decisions, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said approval of the amendment to the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act will facilitate the holding of elections soon.

He said, "the three-tier Panchayati Raj system is now operational in Jammu and Kashmir" which was not there earlier.

Before the abrogation of Article 370, Javadekar said people elsewhere in the country elsewhere had the right to elect local representatives, but in Jammu and Kashmir "that was not happening".

"Now, we have a three-tier system in Jammu and Kashmir also," he said, naming the Gram Panchayat, Block Development Council and District Development Council as the three tiers.

"This was promised by the Prime Minister in Kashmir, and it was promised by the Home Minister in Parliament. Now that stands redeemed. Now there will be early elections, and the power to manage local bodies will go to the people," Javadekar said.

Under the amended law, each district of J&K will be divided into 14 constituencies, electing a member each to the DDC. The DDC members will then elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

These DDCs will replace the District Development Boards which were headed by a state cabinet minister and had MLCs, MLAs, MPs as members when J&K was a State.

The erstwhile District Development Boards were at the centre of planning and development as they were responsible for approving development plans for the districts, through which all funding was routed.

In another decision related to J&K, the Union Cabinet approved the extension of Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for apple procurement in the UT for the current season (2020-21) on the same terms and conditions as was done in J&K during last season (2019-20).

An official statement said the procurement of apple will be done by NAFED through the "State Designated Agency i.e. Directorate of Planning and Marketing, Department of Horticulture & Jammu & Kashmir Horticulture Processing and Marketing Corporation (JKHPMC), directly from apple farmers of J&K and the payment will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into bank account of apple farmers. 12 LMT of apples can be procured under this scheme".

The government, it said, has also allowed NAFED to utilise government guarantee of Rs 2,500 crore for this operation. "The losses, if any, to be incurred in this operation will be shared between Central Government and UT administration of J&K on 50:50 basis," it said.

Monetisation

ministries are close to finalising monetisation of various surplus land assets. They have done their assessment and it has been discussed in detail. Among state-owned companies, BSNL is at an advanced stage to monetise (surplus assets) to aid infrastructure creation," a senior government official said.

The Rail and Defence ministries are the biggest government land-owners in the country. According to the latest government data, the total land available with the Railways is 4.78 lakh hectares (11.80 lakh acres) of which 4.27 lakh hectares is under operational and allied usage while around 0.51 lakh hectare (1.25 lakh acres) is vacant.

The Defence Ministry, the biggest land-owner, has about 17.95 lakh acres of which around 1.6 lakh acres is within the 62 cantonments, and about 16.35 lakh acres outside their boundaries, according to data from the Directorate General, Defence Estates. The Ministry has carried out an assessment of land available for monetisation, which could be done through participation with other government entities, sources said.

The Rail Land Development Authority has started the process of commercial development and monetisation of land assets through various models, including Public Private Partnership (PPP) and joint development with state governments and public sector companies. It plans to issue tenders worth over Rs 15,000 crore in the current year for development projects, almost five times that of last year, sources said.

For state-owned BSNL and MTNL, discussions had been held earlier for monetisation of idle assets -- BSNL's plans are expected to fructify this year.

"BSNL has identified about a dozen assets, including land parcels, that can be monetised, some of which will be used to build infrastructure assets. This process is expected to start soon and may take another six months to be completed," an official said.

For BSNL, a total of Rs 24,980 crore worth of properties were identified for monetisation for which valuation was conducted by registered valuers, as per government data presented in Parliament in March.

The government has placed emphasis on asset monetisation of ministry and departments, apart from privatisation of key state-owned entities companies, including BPCL, CONCOR, Air India and Shipping Corporation of India.

The Aviation and Roads ministries are also aggressively carrying out monetisation of assets through bidding of airports on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis, and highways on Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) basis. The Union Budget 2020-21 had listed plans to monetise at least 12 lots of highway bundles of over 6,000 km before 2024.

Dirt flies in MP

and sought an explanation within 48 hours – the BJP too landed in trouble Tuesday when police booked Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Bisahulal Singh, party candidate from Anuppur, for allegedly calling his Congress rival's wife a "rakhail" (mistress).

Bisahulal Singh was booked for using an "obscene" word by Anuppur police on a complaint from the Congress candidate's wife who protested outside the police station Tuesday, demanding immediate action.

In a video clip that did the rounds of social media, Bisahulal Singh spoke about his Congress rival's nomination papers, and wondered why he had mentioned the name of his "rakhail" and not his first wife.

Taking cognizance of the matter, the state women's commission has also sought an explanation from Bisahulal Singh.

The state Congress, in a complaint to the state Election Commission, demanded that Singh be barred from the bye-election.

J P Dhanopiya, legal head of MP Congress, claimed Singh had violated EC rules even in the past, but was emboldened because no action was ever taken against him.

"Bisahulal Singh has been repeatedly violating the rules of Election Commission and we have approached them on four different violations, but no action has been taken so far. We are hopeful that the Commission will take action this time," Dhanopiya said.

BJP district president for Anuppur, Brijesh Gautam, claimed Bisahulal Singh's remark was misunderstood. Admitting it was inappropriate, Gautam, however, said such language was used in daily discourse in the tribal belt. "We will challenge the FIR against Bisahulal Singh," he said.

In another video clip that surfaced Tuesday, Bisahulal Singh was heard threatening Jayaprakash Aggarwal, the former Congress chief of Anuppur. "Teen November ke baad jo uski durdasha karunga woh koi nahi kar sakta. Mein usay raaste par le aaunga (No one can do what I will do to him after November 3. I will make him fall in line)," he said – November 3 is polling day.

Last week at a rally, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya called former Chief Ministers Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh as "chunnu-munnu" who, he claimed, could not mobilise more than 100 people for their meetings and rallies.

That very evening, former Congress minister Sajjan Singh Verma, while campaigning for Congress candidate Premchand Guddu from Sanwer in Indore, struck back at Vijayvargiya: "Have you forgotten the days when you wore bangles on your hands, draped a saree, wore nose rings and prayed to god, dreaming of becoming the Chief Minister."

Calling him Ravan, Verma said, "His nose has started expanding. As Dussehra comes closer, he starts resembling Ravan more and more."

Kamal Nath and Shivraj Singh Chouhan have also been taking personal digs at each other. Nath said Chouhan carries with him two coconuts in his pockets, and breaks one while announcing any inauguration. Chouhan hit back, saying coconuts were auspicious, unlike bottles of champagne.

State Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav, addressing a gathering in Agar-Malwa, said: "We do politics with grace, but if someone tries to do anything bad to us, we will drag them out of their homes and bury them. We are those people."

Maharashtra stalls CBI moves

government and the BJP have come out in support of the defendant and called the Mumbai Police action a threat to press freedom.

Earlier, the CBI had also taken over the investigation into the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide, which was being probed by Mumbai Police, after Bihar Police registered an FIR in the case and approached the Supreme Court. The Mumbai Police and the Bihar Police were locked in a war of words over jurisdiction until the apex court cleared the transfer to the agency.

Wednesday's decision means the central agency will now have to get consent from the state government for every case it registers in Maharashtra. "In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the government of Maharashtra hereby withdraws the consent accorded to the Members of the Delhi Special Police Establishment vide Government Order...dated 22nd February 1989...," stated the order issued by the Maharashtra Home Department.

The CBI is governed by the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act that makes consent of a state government mandatory for conducting investigation in that state. Since the CBI has jurisdiction only over Central government departments and employees, it can investigate a case involving state government employees or a violent crime in a state only after the government concerned gives consent.

General consent is given by states so that the CBI can seamlessly conduct its investigation and not seek the state government nod for every case -- unlike the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has jurisdiction across the country.

Sources said the CBI taking over the TRP case registered in UP was the "tipping point" that led to Maharashtra's decision. "It was feared that the central agency would take over the Mumbai Police investigation into the TRP scam as well," a senior state government official said.

The withdrawal of "general consent" will not have a bearing on cases that CBI has already been investigating. Also, withdrawal only means that the agency cannot register an FIR in Maharashtra. It can still register FIRs in other states and probe anyone in the state, as per a 2018 order of the Delhi High Court.

"While the CBI will need consent from the state for every case, if the Supreme Court asks the agency to take up a case, the withdrawal will not bar it from taking up the investigation," a Maharashtra Home Department official said.

Mumbai Police have so far named three channels, including Fakt Marathi, Box Cinemas and Republic, in the TRP case for allegedly paying former employees of agencies in charge of calculating TRPs to boost their ratings. Eight persons have been arrested in the case so far, with police saying Wednesday that two more channels are being probed.

In the Rajput case, Mumbai Police had been investigating the Accidental Death Report (ADR) filed after the actor's suicide at his Bandra residence on June 14. However, the CBI took over the case on August 6.

Maharashtra's move follows a pattern of non-BJP-ruled states withdrawing consent to the central agency.

In November 2018, the West Bengal government under TMC and the Andhra Pradesh government, then under TDP, had withdrawn "general consent" to the CBI. The two states had alleged that the agency was being used to target the Opposition. In Andhra, however, the YSRCP government restored consent after coming to power last year.

More recently, in July this year, Congress-ruled Rajasthan withdrew consent to the central agency.

In Maharashtra, incidentally, after the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress came to power last year, the state had started reviewing the Bhima Koregaon case in which several well-known academicians, activists and lawyers were arrested for allegedly inciting violence -- but the NIA took over the case and filed a chargesheet last week.

Online abuse: Kerala plans law to arm cops

person who creates or sends any information that is offensive or is intended to offend or threaten another person, through any means of communication, with an imprisonment of five years or a fine of Rs 10,000 or both.

An official release said the Kerala High Court had earlier directed the state police to take steps against hate campaigns and attacks through social media. The time of the coronavirus pandemic has seen a spurt in attacks and hate campaigns on social media.

In 2015, the Supreme Court had struck down Section 66A of The Information Technology Act, which was being used by police to arrest people on charges of posting objectionable content on the Internet. The top court had also nullified Section 118(D) of the Kerala Police Act, ruling it infringed on the freedom of speech.

The cabinet noted that the central government had not so far brought in legislation to replace the revoked sections, which had left the police hamstrung in effectively dealing with social media abuse and cybercrime.

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VADODARA

Parsi man seeks quashing of FIR over 'misusing name' to sell land

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AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 21

A PARSI resident of Vadodara, Feroz Falibhai Contractor, who had sold a plot of land to a Muslim man identified as Firoz Muhammad Patel, has moved the Gujarat High Court, seeking quashing of an FIR filed against him by the president of the housing society on August 30

The FIR alleges that Contractor misused his "Muslim-sounding name" to evade scrutiny by the administration ahead of the sale. The matter is expected to be heard on November 23.

Contractor had sold a plot in the Samarpan Housing Service Co-operative Society in the Tandalja area of Vadodara to Patel under the appropriate provisions of the Gujarat Prohibition of Transfer of Immovable Property and Provision for Protection of Tenants from Eviction from Premises in Disturbed Areas Act, 1991 or what is popularly known as the Disturbed Areas (DA) Act.

However, Manish Puranchandra Malhotra, claiming to be the president of the housing society, filed a complaint against Contractor at JP Road police station under provisions of the Disturbed Areas Act and IPC sections pertaining to providing false information, breach of trust and forgery.

Malhotra has alleged in his FIR that Contractor "despite being a Parsi, did not disclose his religion..." in the documents he submitted before the government authorities — district collector's office — pertaining to the transfer of plot to a Muslim. The FIR also alleges that Contractor "took advantage of his Muslim-sounding first name... so as to get permission (for transfer of property) under the Disturbed Areas Act."

In September, the Gujarat High Court had stepped in to quash orders by the local administration of Vadodara that had cancelled permission granted earlier to Patel for construction on the plot of land sold by Contractor.

Contractor in his petition submitted that the requisite forms do not ask for details of religion and that he had disclosed all necessary information in full, as was required. Contractor has also submitted that the order of sale of property is unchallenged and the complainant is neither a government authority and essentially has no locus in the case.

Responding to Contractor's plea, Malhotra filed an affidavit in September, submitting that Contractor, while submitting his documents with respect to transfer of property, had "misguided authorities with his place of residence as Tandalja, Vadodara, which is a Muslim populated area in the entire city".

While the matter was listed for hearing on Wednesday, the court was on leave and the matter has now been posted for November 23.

A Vadodara sessions court of Judge Girishkumar Pasi had rejected Contractor's plea for anticipatory bail on October 16. The court opined that a prima facie case was made out of the FIR and that Supreme Court judgments set a precedent that whosoever gives fraudulent information to a government authority may not be granted anticipatory bail. Contractor is expected to move the Gujarat HC with a plea for anticipatory bail by next week.

DMK to protest with AIADMK against 'delay' in medical quota Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 21

WITH A Bill ensuring 7.5 per cent reservation for Tamil Nadu government school students in medical admissions pending with the Governor, the main opposition party DMK on Wednesday joined hands with the ruling AIADMK in protesting against the delay in assent to the Bill.

The NEET quota Bill was unanimously passed by all political parties in Assembly on September 15 and was subsequently sent to Governor Banwarilal Purohit for it to be made a law. However, the Bill has seen no forward movement since then.

DMK chief M K Stalin said Wednesday his party is willing to join hands with the AIADMK government to protest the same. "The CM should come forward and announce the date for protests consulting other parties," he tweeted.

A senior official at the directorate of medical education said they have information that the Raj Bhavan may give its assent to the Bill soon as all political parties in the state have joined hands.

Earlier, Stalin, in a letter to the governor, said the Bill was to help fulfil the dream of government school students who wished to pursue medicine as their profession. Recalling that DMK has been demanding the scrapping of the NEET exam itself, Stalin said the Bill would bring equity between government and private school students. He said the Bill was formulated after a committee headed by former High Court judge Justice P Kalaiyarasan studied the impact of NEET on government school students in the 2017-18 academic year.

On Tuesday, a group of ministers led by School Education Minister K A Sengottaiyan met Purohit along with Chief Secretary K Shanmugam to discuss the Bill. Law Minister C Ve Shanmugam, Higher Education Minister K T Anbalagan and Health Minister C Vijayabaskar were also present. Last week, PMK chief S Ramadoss — an NDA ally — said the delay from the governor in clearing the bill was "intentional". He questioned the significance of an elected government if "a Governor can prevent the Bills from becoming Acts".

Museum hopes run aground for Viraat; carrier to be dismantled

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 21

All hopes of salvaging INS Viraat and converting it into a museum faded further on Wednesday, when the ship-breaker at Alang in Gujarat winched the famous aircraft carrier closer to the shore, in preparation for dismantling.

Shree Ram Group, which bought the vessel as scrap, started winching the vessel earlier this week after Mumbai-based Envitech Marine Consultants Pvt Ltd failed to procure a no-objection certificate from the Centre to get it converted into a museum.

"We could not have waited any longer. The company which wanted to buy the vessel from us and turn it into a museum has neither procured an NOC from the government, nor has it made a token payment of any kind," said Mukesh Patel, chairman of the Shree Ram Group who had demanded Rs 100 crore for reselling the vessel.

The ship-breaker had given time till October 15 to the firm to make a payment and get into a formal agreement for the resale.

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WILL CUT DISTANCE TO TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS

Metro line connecting Jewar and Delhi airports to finish by 2024

ASHNA BUTANI
NOIDA, OCTOBER 21

ONCE THE Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Budh Nagar district is ready, it will be directly connected to the Delhi Airport via Metro, said officials of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

Passengers can expect to travel from one airport to the other in two-and-a-half hours whereas those travelling from South Delhi to Jewar can expect to cover the distance in one-and-a-half hours once the link is ready.

RITES Limited, a Government of India enterprise, had submitted three different proposals to link the upcoming Jewar Airport with the Indira Gandhi International Airport last year.

The plan selected by YEIDA involves three stages: Constructing a 20-km line between Aerocity and Tughlakabad, which is already being undertaken by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC); a 15-km proposed extension from Tughlakabad to Noida Sector 142 on the Aqua line; and finally, a 35.6-km line between Knowledge Park and Jewar Airport. Passengers will have to change twice on this 82-km journey, at Noida Sector 142 and Knowledge Park II.

The line from Aerocity to Tughlakabad is a part of DMRC's Phase IV while construction of the other two corridors, currently handled by YEIDA, is estimated at Rs 8,248 crore.

The last and longest leg of the journey that starts at Knowledge Park II and ends in Jewar Airport is expected to cost Rs 5,708 crore and will have 25 stops.

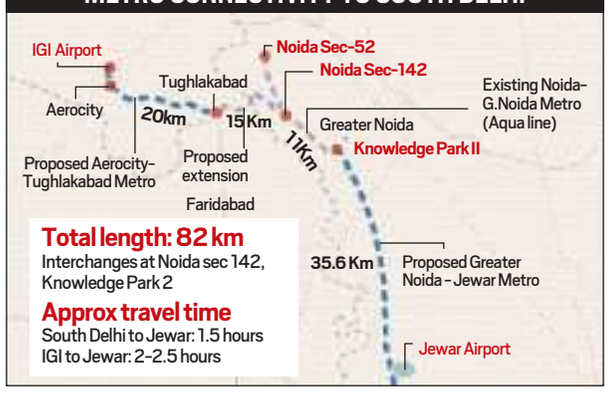
"The proposed Metro will run from Aerocity, pass Tughlakabad, Noida and Greater Noida, and then head to Jewar. Hence, travelling from one airport to the other will be significantly easier," said Arunvir Singh, CEO, YEIDA. The airport and the Metro link are expected to be ready by 2024.

The Jewar Airport is expected to decongest Indira Gandhi International Airport, while providing easy access to areas such as Gautam Budh Nagar, Meerut, Bulandshahr, Mathura, and Agra.

"The project has been approved by the government, and estimates have been sent for approval. Once the funding pattern has been decided, work will start soon," Singh said. "The benefits of the project are manifold. It is not only connecting one airport to the other but also makes travel easier for those travelling from airport to Noida or South Delhi to Greater Noida."

He also said that even though the journey will terminate at Jewar, it will provide easy accessibility to a number of state highways and expressways and will make travel easier and shorter for those travelling from NCR to areas such as Rajasthan, Agra, and Mathura.

METRO CONNECTIVITY TO SOUTH DELHI



62,172 students had applied for admission till Wednesday. *Archive*

Seats running out, expect slight dip in 3rd DU cut-off

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GOING BY the shuffling between colleges through withdrawals and new applications, aspirants for admissions to Delhi University colleges can expect minor reduction in cut-off percentages for multiple courses in the third list. Applications for admissions against DU's second cut-off list closed on Wednesday.

Even as the final number of admissions under the second list is yet to be arrived at as fee payments will continue till Friday night, a few college principals said that they are likely to close admissions in all courses.

Kamala Nehru College was one of those which had closed admissions for unreserved seats in the highest number of courses — nine — after the first list. Principal Kalpana Bhakuni said that while they are still awaiting the completion of fee payments, it is likely that admissions to almost all courses will close for now.

"Apart from Sanskrit, we are likely to fill our seats in all courses in this round of admissions. In other years, there used to be several rounds of admissions for reserved categories but this year, we are already through with admissions for all reserved categories. Of course, this may change after the third and fourth lists come out in other colleges and we might see withdrawals and movement between colleges at that time," she said.

In Khalsa College, where admissions had closed in 13 programmes after the first list, Principal Jaswinder Singh said there were very few withdrawals in the second list.

"We had a 96.75% cut-off for unreserved seats in B.Com (Honours) in the first list and received 120 admissions against our 60 seats. In the second list, we had around 20 withdrawals and we are still over capacity. We had four withdrawals in English which had also closed after the first list and one or two in a few other courses," he said.

The course which had seen a big fall in cut-off percentages in the second list in prominent colleges was B.Com (Honours). In Shri Ram College of Commerce, which has a total of 626 seats for the programme, the cut-off had dropped from 99.5% to 98.5% in the second list. While it had only received 101 eligible applications in the first list, this has increased to 330 after the second list, leaving many seats open for a third list.

In Economics, where its cut-off stayed stable at 99%, the number of approved admissions increased from 83 to 135, against a total of 155 seats.

At Miranda House, Political Science and Geography had closed for unreserved seats after the first list. Principal Bijayalaxmi Nanda said that while Sociology is also likely to close for unreserved seats now, most courses will remain open for a third list with a slight decrease in cut-offs.

All students who make the cut-off have to be admitted, irrespective of vacant seats, which is why colleges start with high cut offs. At LSR, for example, no student took admission in Economics (Honours) in the first list, as it had a 100% cut-off.

Till Wednesday evening, 62,172 had applied for admission, the admission of 7,546 was approved and 15,698 had paid fee.

JNU set to reopen campus in phases from November 2, research scholars first to enter

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THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University (JNU), which had shut its gates due to the Covid -19 pandemic, will allow research scholars to return to campus in a phased manner starting November 2.

For now, the provision is being made only for final year research scholars of science schools and special centres who will have to mandatorily download the Aarogya Setu app to enter the campus.

The JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) has been demanding that all students who had left the campus shortly after the lockdown began in March, be allowed to come back in a phased manner.

In a notification Wednesday, Registrar Pramod Kumar said, "University will be opened in a phased manner w.e.f. November 2...only for the final year PhD research scholars, including 9B students and project staff who require laboratory access only in Science Schools and Special Centres."

The campus will be opened in two phases: on November 2, day scholars who have laboratory work, or have to submit their thesis by December 31 or June 30, 2021, will be allowed to enter, along with project staff in science schools and centres; on November 16, the facility would be opened to hostellers who meet the same criteria.

"The implementation of Phase 2 should depend on the successful implementation of Phase 1. After reviewing the operation of both the phases, the plan for subsequent phases for other students may be worked out," it said.

The notification said a certificate from supervisors stating that the student needs access to the lab for their thesis will be required for entry.

Among the 16 "mandatory guidelines" is the use of Aarogya Setu app.

Students will also be required to quarantine for seven days, conduct only online meetings, avoid gatherings and maintain social distancing. Canteens, dhabas and libraries will also remain shut.

Aarogya Setu app has been made mandatory for entry

All courses open in AUD 2nd cut-off list

SECOND CUT-OFF LIST

COURSE	NCT		OUTSIDE NCT	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Psychology	97.5%	97%	99%	98.25%
Economics	96.5%	95.25%	96.75%	96.25%
English	96.25%	95.25%	96.75%	95.75%
Maths	93%	91%	94.5%	92.5%

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ALL UNDERGRADUATE courses across categories at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) are open for admission in the second cut-off list released by the university Wednesday. While cut-offs for more popular courses offered at the Kashmere Gate campus have dropped by 0.5-2% points, those for offbeat courses at the Karampura Campus have plummeted, by as much as 9 percentage point in one course.

In the first cut-off list, AUD had announced 99% cut-off in Psychology for non-NCT candidates, and 97.5% for NCT candidates. In the second cut-off, these have come down to 98.25% and 97% respectively.

Admissions on the basis of the second cut-off list will take place on October 21-22, and fee payment will be done on October 23. The third cut-off is expected on October 26.

Among the popular subjects, the largest drop for NCT candidates has been in History and Maths, where the cut-off has dipped from 96.5% and 93% to 94.5% and 91% respectively. For non-NCT candidates, the biggest fall is in Maths, with the cut-off down from 94.5% to 92.5%.

The drop for NCT candidates is steeper in courses offered at Karampura Campus, like Law Politics & Society (90.25% from 93.75%), Social Sciences & Humanities (88% from 92.5%), Global Studies (88% from 93.25%), and Sustainable Urbanism (79% from 88%). However, the cut-offs for non-NCT candidates have not changed much.

BRIEFLY

Truck with dry fruits worth Rs 5L robbed

New Delhi: A truck containing dry fruits worth around Rs 5 lakh was robbed allegedly by three persons posing as sales tax officers in Tilak Marg area. They dumped the driver in Ghazipur flyover and escaped with the vehicle, police said.

HC pulls up Delhi govt over funds for lower courts

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday pulled up the Delhi government as it observed district courts were being starved of finances for even basic facilities required to run them efficiently. The HC directed that an amount of Rs 2.52 crore be taken from its own budget to recruit staff in lower courts. **ENS**

Do not open schools this year, parents appeal to CM

New Delhi: Nearly 2,500 parents of children studying in Delhi schools have made a representation to the office of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, requesting that schools not be opened this academic year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

In an email to the CMO, the Delhi Parent's Association sent short inputs and views from 2,498 parents, almost all of whom stated they are not comfortable sending their children to schools currently. "Schools should be reopened when zero Covid-19 cases are reported for at least 10 days or when a vaccine is available. Else, the government should declare this year as zero year. Students till Class VIII should be promoted to the next class, and for students of Classes IX to XII, they should conduct some online test," wrote Rajeev Arora, one of the parents. **ENS**

Chaos in DU as opposing factions back two Registrars for varsity

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

CHAOS REIGNED at Delhi University Wednesday with two warring factions backing two different Registrars. By evening, the mayhem had resulted in one official presiding over the Executive Council (EC) meeting as Registrar, while another occupied the Registrar's office despite having been ordered to vacate.

By night, a third person, Vikas Gupta, had been appointed Registrar by the EC, presided by Suman Kundu, who was hitherto Acting Registrar.

Kundu had taken over on September 2.

However, on Wednesday morning, a notification was put out by the Joint Registrar Establishment (N/T), handing over both posts to Professor P C Jha.

"Professor P C Jha…has been appointed as Director South Campus in place of Prof Suman Kundu… with immediate effect till further orders. Professor Jha will also act as Registrar, University of Delhi, as an interim arrangement, with immediate effect till further orders. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority," the notification said.

Sources said the Competent Authority who made the appointment was Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Tyagi who has been on leave for months owing to ill health.

In place of him, Professor P C Joshi was made the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Acting V-C on June 28.

Even as there were murmurs in the DU teaching community over Jha's surprise appointment on the day of an EC meeting, Joshi, in his capacity as the Acting VC, wrote to Jha over "illegal occupation" of the Registrar's office.

"You are hereby directed to vacate the office of the Registrar which has been illegally occupied by you since the morning of October 21 which is unbecoming of a teacher of the University. This act on your part is hampering the functioning of the university. In case you are not vacating the office immediately, you will be forcibly moved out of office and action initiated against you," wrote Joshi.

However, the situation continued to remain in a state of flux with Kundu attending the EC meeting and Jha occupying the Registrar's office.

Sources said the trigger was infighting within two factions in the administration.

Kundu and Tyagi did not respond to calls and messages. Jha said "there was no chaos". Asked about Kundu presiding over the EC meeting, he said, "He cannot preside; that is illegal." Asked why he didn't preside, Jha said, "You should ask Professor Joshi. The EC meeting was already postponed and email sent to all EC members."

Joshi said, "Professor Tyagi is on medical leave. If he has to join back, he has to show a medical fitness certificate and then join. Till then I'm the VC. I said Professor Jha is illegally occupying the office as I have not appointed him."

Joshi also said the email on postponement of EC could not be considered valid as it was made by an "illegal Registrar".

At least two EC members, Rajesh Jha and VS Negi, said they had not received any intimation of a postponement.

On Joshi's letter asking him to vacate, Jha said, "Who is he? He's the PVC. He's not the appointing authority. Professor Tyagi is the appointing authority and he made his decision."

DU Teachers' Association President Rajib Ray said the events of Wednesday had "never happened before in the history of the University". "This will only destabilise the University and damage its reputation," he said.

Delivery exec held for selling phone cop ordered

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The accused Manoj told the cop he would get a full refund

A 22-YEAR-OLD delivery executive working for an e-commerce company has been arrested by the Delhi Police for allegedly cheating a police officer in South Delhi's Kotla Mubarakpur.

The accused, Manoj (22), who was supposed to deliver a mobile phone to the policeman, told the officer that his order has been cancelled and later sold the phone to a neighbour.

Police said the complainant works as a Sub-Inspector in NCRB in Delhi.

In his complaint, filed at Kotla Mubarakpur police station on Monday, the SI said that he had ordered a mobile phone online, after which Manoj came to his house in Kidwai Nagar on October 1 and allegedly told him that his order was cancelled.

Manoj also allegedly told him he will get a complete refund.

The SI discovered that he was duped when he checked the order status which showed that his phone was delivered on October 1.

Investigating agency can't pick and choose evidence, says High Court in ex-chief secretary 'assault' case

SOFI AHSAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

OBSERVING THAT it is the duty of the investigating agency to bring to court all evidence collected during investigation without pick and choose, the Delhi High Court Wednesday directed the trial court to consider an initial statement of CM Arvind Kejriwal's former adviser V K Jain in the case of alleged assault on former Chief Secretary Anshu Prakash.

The order was passed in a petition filed by Kejriwal challenging the decision of the lower court to not allow an application for supply of "some crucial documents", which were not made part of the chargesheet by the prosecution. Delhi Police had submitted that no such statement of Jain was recorded under Section 161 CrPC on February 21 in 2018. Before the HC, Kejriwal's counsel argued that the statement, which is referred to in the case diary, was withheld as it did not suit the prosecution case.

"It is the prime duty of the investigating agency to do free and fair investigation, thereafter, bring to the notice of the court all the evidences collected without pick and choose. The investigating agency has no power to appreciate the evidence, it rests with the court," Justice Suresh Kumar Kait said in the order, while quashing the order passed by the lower court.

Anshu Prakash

The single judge bench said, "The trial court is directed to consider statement dated 21.02.2018 of V K Jain, which is part of 'case diary' and placed on record by the accused, at the time of passing the order on charge."

Kejriwal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and 11 AAP MLAs are accused in the case of an alleged assault on Prakash at the CM's residence in February 2018, when the then Chief Secretary was called there for a meeting.

Jain, a witness in the case, in his February 21 statement, had denied witnessing the alleged assault but reportedly said otherwise in later statements, while providing an account of the alleged incident to the police. AAP had alleged that Jain was pressured by Delhi Police to change his statement.

Senior Advocate N Hariharan, who represented Kejriwal, had earlier informed the court that three statements of Jain have been included in the chargesheet — two under Sections 161 and 164 CrPC are dated February 22, 2018, and one under Section 161 CrPC dated May 9, 2018. The statement dated May 9 begins with "in continuation with the statement dated 21.02.2018" but it has been concealed, the court was told.

Delhi Police, in a status report, had told the court that Jain was called to the police station on February 21 and examined by the investigating officer but his statement was not recorded on that date under Section 161 CrPC, but on February 22 and May 9. While referring to the record which mentions existence of a February 21 statement, police said the date was a typographical error.

In the ruling, Justice Kait said it is the duty of the police officer to forward all statements to the Magistrate without any exception "so as to enable the Magistrate to discharge his duty under Section 207 by furnishing copies of such documents to the accused".

"Whereas, the prosecution has completely denied that no statement was recorded on 21.02.2018 and only the oral statement is made by V K Jain. However, admittedly, in 'case diary', it is mentioned that he is giving statement in continuation of statement given on 21.02.2018. Thus, the stand of prosecution cannot be accepted which is contrary to their own record," the order reads.

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL

TOTAL CASES		Total	Vacant
3,40,436	HOSPITAL BEDS	15,743	10,680
	VENTILATORS	1,264	538

	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Oct 20	3,579	2,186	41	56,593
Oct 21	3,686	3,444	47	59,064
Total	24,117*	3,10,191	6,128	41,42,540

*Total active cases

Over half of those aged under 40 who died of Covid were not co-morbid

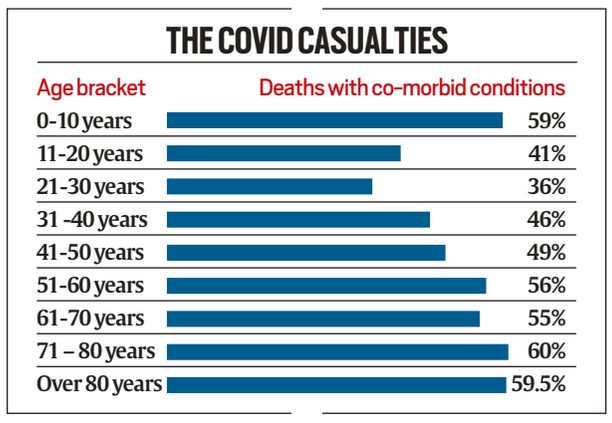
MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

OVER HALF of those up to the age of 40 years, who died of Covid-19 in the city, were not suffering from a co-morbid condition.

Of 5,283 people who died of Covid-19 between March 1 and September 30, 650 were in the 0-40 year age group. Of these, 284, or around 43 %, had co-morbidities, while the remaining 57 % did not, data received under a RTI application filed by *The Indian Express* show. People upto the age of 40 make up a little over 12 % of the total deaths in the city. More than half of the deaths have been in the 50-70 age group.

Dr Neeraj Nischal, associate professor, department of medicine at AIIMS says it is clear that those most vulnerable are the elderly with co-morbid conditions. "The older ones are also more prone to co-morbid conditions. In younger people, this instance is lower. In any case, the only predictable thing about the virus is its unpredictability and everyone needs to take care. Apart from co-morbid conditions, factors like lifestyle and nutrition are also important," he said. Till the third week of May, after which the Delhi government stopped sharing ages and co-morbidity correlations of those who died, 85 % of deaths were seen in those who had co-morbidities like diabetes, hypertension and pneumonia. Over the past several months, this has come down to 55 %, which means 45 % of those who died did not have any co-morbidity.

The Indian Express reported Wednesday that the most common co-morbid conditions among those who died were both diabetes mellitus and hypertension, followed by pneumonia.



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Can't detain without providing ground for arrest: Court to police

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

OBSERVING THAT no person shall be detained in custody without being informed of the grounds for arrest, a Delhi court has directed the Delhi police to supply former JNU student Umar Khalid a copy of the FIR in a case related to the Northeast Delhi riots for which he was arrested.

Khalid was arrested in connection with the riots in Khajuri Khas on October 1, while he was in judicial custody in another case related to an alleged conspiracy in the violence.

The court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Purushotam Pathak also directed police to supply him the remand application and remand order and reports of the medical examination conducted during police custody. The court was hearing an application moved by Khalid's counsel seeking copies of the documents so as to know the grounds of his arrest.

The court said in its order that article 22 (1) of the Constitution stipulated that no police official can arrest an individual without informing the grounds of his arrest, and article 22 of the Constitution guaranteed the fundamental right of protection against the arrest and detention.

Umar Khalid was arrested in connection with the riots in Khajuri Khas on October 1

It further said section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure provided that every police official with authority to arrest someone without warrant must inform the person about the crime for which he is arrested.

"It is settled proposition of law that no person shall be detained in custody without being informed, as soon as may be, of the grounds for such arrest… The provisions of Section 50 of the Code are mandatory. The police official must inform the arrested person all his rights after detainment and this is the duty of police official which he can not refuse. "Arrested person is entitled to full particulars of the offences for which he is arrested or other grounds for such arrest and his detention will be illegal if he has not been communicated the particulars of the offence," the court said.

"An accused must be informed of the bare necessary facts leading to his arrest such as the grounds and the reasons, and the facts that in respect of whom and by whom the offence is said to have been committed as well as the date, time and the place of offences, etc, and for that purpose there is no prohibition in law restricting the supply of certain documents to accused who has been remanded to judicial custody," the court said.

Special Public Prosecutor Manoj Chaudhary, appearing for the police, opposed the application saying there was no provision in law to supply the documents before taking the cognizance by the court.

He said Khalid has been informed about the grounds of his arrest and if the documents were supplied to him at this stage, it would open a "Pandora's box" as he might move a number of applications for supplying one or the other document.

Woman with Covid escapes quarantine, husband helps

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POLICE ARE on the lookout for a 20-year-old domestic help who, after testing positive for coronavirus, allegedly evaded quarantine with the help of her husband.

Police said her husband, who is also missing, filed a missing persons complaint a day after she was assigned to home quarantine, allegedly to mislead the police. Police said the woman and her husband went to AIIMS on October 18 as she was unwell. "She tested positive for Covid. Opting for home quarantine, the couple went home to Zamrudpur village," a senior police officer said. On October 19, her husband approached police, claiming his wife had gone missing and allegedly hid the fact that she had tested positive. However, it was soon found he was aware of her whereabouts and was trying to mislead police. "Fearing she would be admitted in hospital, she left for her maternal home in UP's Morena. Her relatives told police she had not reached her maternal house though she had informed them about going there," an officer said.

Later, the husband, who worked in a restaurant in Greater Kailash, also went missing. "A case has been registered . Teams have been formed to trace the couple," DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said.

Plasma therapy under ICMR cloud, Delhi Health Minister bats for it: Saved my life

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

A DAY after the ICMR director general said the use of convalescent plasma therapy for Covid-19 patients may be deleted from national guidelines, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said the trial therapy in the city "proved beneficial for 2,000 people".

Delhi was the first in the country to set up a plasma bank.

"ICMR and AIIMS were studying plasma therapy and it seems like they couldn't get a breakthrough. Delhi government has done a lot of work on this and we took permission for trial runs, in any case. More than 2,000 people have been administered plasma in Delhi. I myself survived because of plasma therapy," said Jain, who contracted Covid in June and was administered plasma therapy at Max Hospital.

Dr S K Sarin, chief of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences where Delhi's plasma bank was set up, said the decision regarding giving plasma therapy should depend on the individual clinician and the hospital.

"It was approved as an off-label therapy. It is being used in most of the US and other countries since the FDA has also given an approval as an experimental therapy. We should not say that it is being recommended as a treatment, but based on the experience and decision of the physician, plasma therapy remains as an experimental therapy for mild and moderate covid-19 patients. It is certainly not advised to severe Covid-19 patients. The other benefit of giving plasma as a therapy is that it reduces the cytokine storm. Therefore, one should wait for a little more time to say that it is not useful. More studies are required before one can completely eliminate it," said Dr Sarin.

"So, if you have no other antiviral drug, the only treatment that still has antiviral impact is the plasma therapy by which the viral load decreases," he added.

According to experts, the therapy is still in the experimental phase, like several other drugs like remdevisir, HCQ and tocilizumab. "A recent solidarity trial by WHO on more than 11,000 patients has shown the remdevisir is not useful and it has no mortality benefit. Earlier, HCQ was used widely and then there were guidelines that suggested that it is not useful. This virus has no definite treatment and till the time vaccine is not, we don't know which treatment is useful or not. Presently, more than 30 countries are using plasma therapy," said Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director of Lok Nayak hospital. The hospital is a part of the ongoing trial on 400 patients to assess the efficacy of the plasma therapy.

AAP MLA Raghav Chadha, who was part of the team looking after the plasma bank project, said that if the therapy is removed from ICMR's list, it would be a hurried decision. "To remove convalescent plasma therapy from clinical management protocol based on a single study, that is the ICMR trial, in which even antibody titers of the plasma were not taken into account is a perfunctory act -- in a situation where no definitive therapy exists till date... It is a safe therapy which has demonstrated survival benefits including in our own Health Minister's case," he said.

Riot cases: Plea on spl public prosecutors listed for Nov 9

New Delhi: A petition seeking setting aside of the appointment of Special Public Prosecutors for cases of Northeast Delhi riots will be heard by the Delhi High Court on November 9.

The case was listed before the single bench of Justice Navin Chawla on Wednesday but the hearing could not take place. The petition, filed by the Delhi Prosecutors Welfare Association, states that the appointments made on the recommendations of Delhi Police are violative of the law. The petitioner is a registered union of public prosecutors functioning in Delhi's district courts.

The appointments were made on June 24 after approval from the President following a tussle between Lt Governor and Delhi government over the issue. The government earlier rejected the proposed names submitted by police for prosecution of the cases. "The appointment of the Special Prosecutors on the recommendation of Delhi Police is divergence from the principles of free and fair trial which is part of Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the petition states.

Seeking appointment of independent SPPs, the petition states that special public prosecutors were appointed without consultations with the Directorate of Prosecution, and the influence of police over the public prosecutor casts doubt over the actions of the public prosecutor. **ENS**

Bullets don't match gun, bail granted to murder accused

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THE DELHI High Court has granted bail to an accused in a murder case connected to the Delhi riots after noting the results of the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report do not support the prosecution's case and the Digital Video Recorders (DVRs) also do not establish that the accused was present on the spot at the time of the incident.

The court passed the order in a bail plea filed by Yogesh in an FIR registered at Karawal Nagar police station. The victim Aftab's body was recovered in a highly decomposed state on March 1 and the postmortem report showed he had received two bullet injuries and 17 lacerated wounds, as per the police.

It was argued before court that two witnesses have clearly identified Yogesh and others in their statements given to the police. Yogesh, Lakhpat and Kuldeep were leading the mob and "shouting anti-Muslim slogans", as per the prosecution. Aftab was first beaten with rod and sticks by the violent mob and then three bullets were fired at him on February 25, police told the court.

However, the court noted that three bullets recovered from the dead body of the victim, as per the FSL report, were not fired from the country-made pistols recovered from the accused persons.

"Moreover, result of 3 DVRS, as per data available on DVR no. 1 seized from MNB Modern School, 33 Futa Road, Devi Nagar, Shiv Nagar, DVR no. 2 was seized from Deepak Mittal, Near Shiv Vihar pulia retrieved. However, data available on DVR no. 3 seized from Bhajanpura Cooperative Thrift & Credit society, 33 Futa Road, Shiv Vihar, could not be retrieved," the order reads.

The High Court noted that the results of the forensic report did not support the prosecution's case. *Archive*

Observing that the data available on DVR 3 was crucial evidence in the case as the CCTV was installed just near the place of incident, the court said DVR 1 camera was not entirely covering the requisite portion as it was installed far from the spot.

"It was observed that the angle of such a camera of Ch. no.1 was changed to the wrong side at about 08.54.51 hrs and the camera of Ch. no. 2 was changed to the wrong side at about 08.54.12 hrs to avoid capture in the CCTV footage. DVR no. 2 covering mostly the area of the counter and nearby portion," the court said in the order.

Stating that the accused deserves bail in its view, the court in the order dated October 20 said, "He shall be released on bail forthwith on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 25,000 and a surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly influence any witness or tamper with the evidence."

U.P.R.V.U.N.L. E-TENDER NOTICE HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH) Superintending Engineer ECCC (1x660MW) 1. E-Tender Notice No: 03/ECCC/ECCD-I/HTPS/2020-21, Online e-bid are invited for the name of work "Construction of 02 Nos. CISF Barrack buildings in Harduaganj Thermal Power Station Colony, Kasimpur", E-tender has been uploaded on 14.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in**, Estimated Cost of work Rs. 23127566 only. Time period 10 month. E.M.D.cost Rs. 463000, Last date of tender 20.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. 2. E-Tender No. 05/ECCC/ECCD-I/HTPS/2020-21, Online e-bid are invited for the name of work "The work of wooden cupboard fixing in Type-V, Type-IV &Type-III in multistory tower at HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)", E-tender has been uploaded on 20.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in**,Estimated Cost of work Rs. 7722773 only. Time period 06 month. E.M.D. cost Rs.154000, Last date of tender 19.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs, **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-II, 'D'TPS**. 3. E-Tender Notice No: -30/O&MC-II/BMD-II/20-21, Online e-bids are invited for the work of "Round the clock Routine, Preventive and Breakdown maintenance works of Bowl Mills (XRP-903) and Gravimetric Raw Coal Feeders. Round the clock operation of mill reject system and its compressors through PLC room(Auto)/Manually from site and routine/ preventive/ break-down maintenance of pneumatic coal mill reject handling system & compressor with air receiver tank and air pipe lines etc. along-with the house-keeping of reject system and nearby area (like Reject hoppers, Gear Box, Mill motor coupling etc.) of Unit # 8 & 9, HTPS, Kasimpur". E-Tender will be uploaded on 21.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in**,Estimated Cost of work Rs. 4554320 Only. Time period 12 Months. E.M.D. cost Rs. 91086, Last date of Tender 24.11.2020 at 14:00Hrs. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III**. 4. E-Tender Notice No: ST-II/O&MC-III/C&IMD-I/DTPS/HTPS/2020-21 Online e-Bids are invited for the "Work of Overhauling of C&I field equipment of Boiler side of unit-8&9, DIPS, HTPS, Kasimpur." E-tender has been uploaded on 19.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated cost: Rs. 2106919 only, E.M.D. cost Rs. 42000. Time Period: 30 days, Last date of tender: 07.11.2020 up to 14:00 hrs. **Superintending Engineer, O&MC-I**. 5. E-Tender Notice No: ET-18/O&MC-I/DTPS/HTPS/2020-21 Online e-bids are invited for The "Work of Supply and laying of different size of GI Pipe above/underground, of make Jindal/Tata /Apollo make 'B' (medium) for Fire Hydrant line along with all materials and accessories in area of 'switchyard of transformers 1 T, 2T, 9T and 10T of `B'TPS and 'C'TPS and to connect with Fire Hydrant Lines of 2X250 MW `D'TPS, HTPS, Kasimpur." E-tender has been uploaded on 21.10.2020 on **http//etender.up.nic.in**,Estimated cost of work: Rs. 2369330 only. Time period: 12 months. E.M.D. cost: Rs. 47400, Last date of tender: 25/11/2020 at 1200 hrs. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-IV, 'D'TPS**. 6. E-Tender Notice No. ET- 41/O&MC-IV/DTPS/EMD-II/DT.P.S./2020-21- Online e-bids are invited for The "Over hauling of M/S GE Make Spectronic 0.4KV ACB Breaker Installed in Unit 8 & 9 and BOP Area, Harduaganj ' D' Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur." E-tender has been uploaded on 23.10,2020 at 18:00 hrs. on **http://etender.up.nic.in**,Estimated Cost of Work Rs. 578536 only. Time Period : One Year, E.M.D. cost Rs. 11571, Last date of tender: 25.11.2020 up to 14:00 hrs. 7. E-Tender Notice No. ET-42/O&MC-IV/DTPS/EMD-II/DT.P.S./020-21, Online e-bids are invited for The "Routine/ Preventative maintenance & up keeping of 03 Nos, of 650 KVA DG Sets & Two Nos. of 220V DC battery banks and battery chargers of Unit 8, 9 & Two Nos. of 110V DC battery banks and battery chargers Raw water MCC 2x250 MW, Harduaganj 'D' Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur". E- tender has been uploaded on 23.10.2020 at 18:00 hrs. on **http://etender.up.nic.in** Estimated Cost of Work Rs. 440190 only. Time Period : One Year, E.M.D. cost Rs. 8810, Last date of tender: 25.11.2020 up to 14:00 hrs. **Superintending Engineer, MMC**. 8. E-Tender Notice No.: ET-101/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020, Online e-bids are invited for The "Supply, Erection, Testing & commissioning of AC & DC Capacitor (for UPS System) for DTPS, Kasimpur. E- tender has been uploaded on 20.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in**, Estimated cost of work Rs. 2264800 only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 35000, Last date of tender: 23.11.2020 9. E-Tender Notice No.: ET-102/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020, Online e-bids are invited for The "Supply of Slide Plate of 200 Nb for Ash Handling plant of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. E- tender has been uploaded on 20.10.2020 on **http://etender.up.nic.in**, Estimated cost of work Rs. 110000 only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 2200, Last date of tender: 23.11.2020 **Note-** Tender ET-101/102, Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/ their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender. Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part-I shall contain Tender Cost/ Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain 'price bid as per bill of quantity. 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No. DNR/S&T/Sig/2020/16 Danapur, dtd. 19.10.2020

Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work :-

1. Name of work with its location : Provision of Class "A" protection system and ring earthing for S&T installation at 37 stations in Kuchaman - Jhajha, Patna-Gaya & Bakhtiyarpur-Tilaiya sections in Danapur division. **2. Approximate cost of work :** Rs. 25055426.67 **3. Earnest Money :** Rs. 275300.00 **4. Last Date & Time of Submission :** Up to 15.00 hrs. on 13.11.2020 **5. Opening of tender :** 15.30 hrs. on 13.11.2020 **6. Website particulars where detail of the work and criteria can be seen :** www.ireps.gov.in **7. Address of the office from where detail information can be obtained :** Sr. Divnl. Signal & Telecommucication Engineer, East Central Railway, Danapur **Note:** Any Corrigendum if required will be uploaded on above website before 14 days.

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, who often tweets in different languages, usually addressed to foreign heads of states, posted in Bangla late Wednesday, wishing people on the occasion of Durga Puja. Modi described Durga Puja as an auspicious festival that signifies the triumph of good over evil, and in a subsequent tweet wrote that he would wish "brothers and sisters" of West Bengal at midday on Thursday, when the Puja festivities start. While nothing was particularly wrong with the tweet, some on social media pointed out that construction of the sentences felt more like Hindi translated to Bangla. Celebration of Durga Puja is in news this year, given the pandemic situation, with the Calcutta High Court recently ruling that Puja pandals are no-go zones given the increase in Covid-19 cases. With the state headed for what will be a bitterly contested Assembly election next year, the ruling Trinamool Congress has bet big on "Bengali pride", and Durag Puja is seen as vital to those optics.

VERIFICATION DRIVE

THERE IS a scramble to get police verification of all outsourced staff across Indian Railways, with a latest order stating that all personnel engaged by contractors, in whatever capacity, should be vetted by the police. Turns out that during the lockdown, several zones across India started reporting thefts, and in many cases the circumstances pointed towards alleged involvement of outsourced staff. In view of this, the Railway Protection Force, along with general managers of zonal railways, have decided that from now, no personnel would taken in without verification.

NEIGHBOURHOOD VISIT

AFGHAN LEADER Ata Mohammad Noor met External Affairs minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday in New Delhi, as South Block is trying to reach out to all relevant players in Kabul. Before Noor, Marshal Abdul Rashid Dostum had visited in September and Abdullah Abdullah, chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation, visited earlier this month.

Bimal Gurung surfaces, says GJM out of NDA, will back TMC for 2021

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 21

IN A dramatic turn of events, the fugitive leader of Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, Bimal Gurung, on Wednesday evening appeared in public for the first time in three years and announced severing ties with the BJP-led NDA alleging that "the Central government failed to find a permanent political solution to the Darjeeling statehood demand".

Speaking to mediapersons at a hurriedly called press conference at a hotel in Kolkata, the GJM leader pledged support to Trinamool Congress in the upcoming Assembly polls in West Bengal, saying that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee "does what she says".

"I am no longer an ally of the BJP. The Central government, be it the Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) or the Union Home Minister (Amit Shah), did not keep their commitment made to us. I was in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for our (statehood) cause, but they did nothing. Mamata Banerjee, on the other hand, does what she says. In 2021, we will go all out to help her win the seats in the Darjeeling region," said the GJM leader, who went into hiding in 2017 after violence erupted in the Hills over the statehood demand.

"We have been a part of the NDA since 2009, but the BJP-led dispensation hasn't kept its promise of offering a permanent political solution for the Darjeeling Hills... It has not included 11 Gorkha communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes. We feel cheated, so we are walking out of the NDA today," he added.

Darjeeling has witnessed several agitations for a separate state since the 1990s. The latest unrest took place in 2017 when the there was a 104-day strike with violent clashes. Gurung faces over 150 cases, including those under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for a grenade attack on a police station in Darjeeling district. He was suspected to have fled to neighbouring Nepal. But Gurung on Wednesday clarified that he was in Delhi.

With Gurung's support, the BJP won the Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat three consecutive times.

The TMC welcomed GJM's decision to quit the NDA and called the BJP "untrustworthy". "We welcome Bimal Gurung's commitment to peace & decision to withdraw support from NDA while reposing faith in Mamata Banerjee's leadership."

The BJP, however, denied that it had promised separate state to the GJM. "The BJP never promised a separate state to the GJM leader," state BJP chief Dilip Ghosh said.

The CPM, meanwhile, questioned the ruling Trinamool if it would accede to the GJM's demand for a separate state.

Bimal Gurung outside Gorkha Bhavan in Kolkata. *Partha Paul*

EXPLAINED

Statehood demand still hot potato for TMC

GJM'S ALLIANCE with the Trinamool Congress has upended the political calculation in the Hills ahead of next year's Assembly elections in West Bengal. While Bimal Gurung's backing of the TMC is likely to come as a boost to Mamata Banerjee in the hill districts of north Bengal, and a possible setback for the BJP, the confusion of each party's stand vis-a-vis the demand for Gorkhaland statehood could be a political minefield in an election year.

Khadse quits BJP, blames Fadnavis

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

Maharashtra ex-minister set to join NCP

FORMER MAHARASHTRA Minister Eknath Khadse, who had been upset with the BJP since 2016 when he was forced to resign from the Devendra Fadnavis government over allegations of corruption, resigned from the party on Wednesday.

Khadse, who will join the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Friday, blamed Fadnavis for his decision to quit the BJP, the party with which he has been associated from the time of its Jana Sangh avatar.

Khadse on Wednesday sent a two-line letter to the state BJP president Chandrakant Patil, announcing his resignation. "I have decided to resign from the BJP for personal reasons," he said in the letter.

The 68-year-old leader, who won six elections in a row from Muktainagar in Jalgaon district from 1989 onward, was denied a ticket for the 2019 Assembly election by the BJP.

"I am not upset with BJP. I have resigned because of mental harassment by Fadnavis," Khadse said. "Fadnavis destroyed my life and career."

State NCP president Jayant Patil announced on Wednesday: "Khadse will join the NCP. The party will accord him an important role in the organisation." The NCP was, however, tightlipped on the possibility of a ministerial position for Khadse.

Khadse's daughter-in-law Raksha Khadse is a BJP MP from Raver. "She will make her own decision," Khadse said. "She has not quit (the BJP). She is not joining NCP."

Khadse believes Fadnavis deliberately entangled him in a series of cases to undermine his progress in the BJP.

In 2016, he had to relinquish his ministerial berth on corruption charges in a land deal in Pune. The state anti-corruption bureau was investigating the case on the orders of the Bombay High Court.

It was alleged that Khadse, who was then Revenue Minister, misused his position to influence the deal for a 3.1 acre MIDC plot in Bhosari in Pune. He allegedly ensured the plot was bought by his wife and son-in-law for just Rs 3.75 crore when its actual value was Rs 30.01 crore. Khadse has denied the allegations repeatedly.

Khadse's induction into the NCP is seen as part of a strategy to use the former to attack Fadnavis. At a press conference in the evening, Khadse said: "I was implicated in a corruption case of MIDC land... I was charged in a criminal case for assaulting a woman. The police station where the complaint was lodged refused to register a case knowing my character. But the CM office called the police asking for the FIR to be lodged. I got a clean chit later."

Khadse said: "The mental agony caused by Fadnavis was unbearable. I often felt death was better than facing such humiliation. All the charges against me were fabricated."

Fadnavis was guarded in his response to Khadse's allegations.

"Khadse is trying to paint me as a villain. But what he is saying is the half truth," he said. "I don't want to speak about his resignation. But I have already many times explained the stand on charges he has levelled."

However, senior leader and former Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar urged the party to introspection on Khadse's resignation.

"The party should analyse what led Khadse to take such a step. He is our respected leader whose contribution cannot be ignored," Mungantiwar said.

EC takes note of crowded rallies, warns political parties of action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

TAKING A severe view of crowded rallies held recently in Bihar, the Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday warned political parties of action if its instructions on maintaining crowd discipline and Covid-19-related precautions during campaigning are violated again.

The Commission simultaneously instructed the Bihar Chief Electoral Officer and its district machinery in the state to "invoke appropriate and relevant penal provisions" under the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code against candidates found violating EC's orders.

The warning comes in the wake of election rallies in Bihar becoming more crowded and supporters not wearing masks while in attendance.

The EC's August 21 guidelines mandate that physical gatherings should be held ensuring social distancing of at least two metres between the participants and that all of them should be wearing masks. The guidelines state that the maximum number of attendees should not "exceed the limit prescribed by State Disaster Management Authority for public gatherings".

Home Minister Rajnath Singh at a rally in Bhojpur district. *Express*

UP CM Yogi Adityanath at an event to mark the Police Commemoration Day, at Police Lines in Lucknow. *Express*

No criminal roaming free in UP: Adityanath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 21

UNLIKE IN the past, not even a single organised criminal was roaming freely in the state now, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday. Adityanath was addressing policemen on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day in Lucknow.

A total of 125 criminals were killed and 2,607 injured in police encounters since his government came to power in 2017, the CM said in his speech after the Police Commemoration Day Parade at Police Lines. He lauded the different police departments in the state, such as the UP Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), and claimed no terror-related incident had taken place in the state since April 2017 "because no terrorist organisation was let to set foot in UP".

Paying tribute to the nine police personnel who died in the line of duty in 2019-20, Adityanath assured their families that the Uttar Pradesh Police have always been eager to take every step for their welfare and comfort and would continue doing so.

He said over the past year, Rs 26.95 crore was disbursed by the state government to the families of 122 police, central and paramilitary forces personnel and Army men hailing from the state who died in the line of duty. This includes Rs 1 crore to the families of each of those killed in a police operation in Bikru village of Kanpur, where eight policemen, including a Deputy SP died.

The CM said the state government has earmarked Rs 3 crore for the benefit of the state police personnel posted and Rs 4 crore for their welfare. To encourage police personnel in doing their duty, 12 police personnel were given the President's Police Medal on Republic Day and Independence Day, and Police Medal was given to 144 non-gazetted police personnel. In addition to this, several names have been sent to the Union Home Ministry for the Utkrisht Sewa medal.

Adityanath said that to boost the confidence of the Uttar Pradesh Police and increase their efficiency and professional calibre, a "historic step" of completing the recruitment process for 49,568 police constable posts in the past one year has been completed. He said that strengthening the feeling of security among the common people by a better law and order situation and fear among the criminals was a "main policy" of the present government.

"The state government has a zero tolerance policy to crime and criminals. A total of 125 criminals have been killed and 2,607 were injured in police encounters from March 20 in 2017 to October 5 this year. In these operations, a total of 13 police personnel died and 988 were injured. At least 9,578 criminals were arrested in this time period. At present, there is not a single organised criminal who is roaming in the open. They are either in jail or were killed by the police in self-defence," he said.

EC weighs permanent increase in poll expense limit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

DAYS AFTER the Law Ministry notified a 10% hike in campaign expenditure limit given the additional costs imposed by the pandemic, the Election Commission (EC) is now looking at recommending a permanent increase for all future elections.

On Wednesday, the poll body set up a two-member committee to look into the matter. The panel has been tasked to consider the increase in the number of voters and the cost inflation index, and seek feedback from political parties, before making a recommendation in four months.

The expenditure limit was last revised in 2014. "In last 6 years the limit was not increased despite increase in electorate from 834 million to 910 million in 2019 to 921 million now. Further, Cost Inflation Index during this period has increased from 220 to 280 in 2019 to 301 now," the commission said in its statement Wednesday.

This week, the government amended the election rules to increase the campaign expenditure limit by 10%.

Nadda: PM forced parties to show report cards, not caste

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has changed the culture and language of election and has forced every party to come before the people with their report cards instead of their caste or identity, BJP president J P Nadda said on Wednesday.

While Nadda lauded Modi for "replacing the Lalten era" — an apparent reference to the RJD's election symbol lantern — with "report card politics" and asserted the need to have Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to work with PM Modi for Bihar's development, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called the BJP-JD(U) partnership "superhit" and drew its parallel to the opening pair of Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag.

Nadda addressed rallies in Betiah and Motihari and stressed that the performance of NDA governments has changed the face of Bihar. "Prior to 2014, nobody presented their report card. People used to speak of their caste in public addresses and ask for votes on the basis of caste and region. In 2014, Narendra Modi changed the character of India's politics. Now whoever comes will come based on work done in the past."

Targeting RJD leader Tejaswi Yadav over the poll promise of providing 10 lakh jobs, the BJP chief said, "Now Tejaswi is promising jobs. It was in their time that Bihar witnessed exodus and Lalu Prasad made it his USP."

The BJP president also said Prime Minister Modi's governance has forced the RJD and Tejashwi to drop Lalu Prasad's picture from party posters.

DECISION 2020 BIHAR

J P Nadda at a rally in Bettiah in West Champaran. *PTI*

Don't vote, but don't shout: CM

Patna: Addressing a gathering at Parsa in Saran in support of JD(U) candidate Chandrika Rai, father of RJD leader Tej Pratap Yadav's estranged wife, CM Nitish Kumar lost his cool after a section of the crowd started shouting. "If you do not want to vote, do not vote. But do not shout," said the CM. He went on to say that he and Rai had a long association. Rai's daughter Aishwarya and Tej Pratap are in the middle of divorce proceedings, and Rai recently joined the JD(U) after leaving the RJD. **ENS**

Chhattisgarh to hold special session next week for new farm law

GARGI VERMA
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 21

Minister Chaubey met Governor Anusuiya Uikey on Wednesday

THE CHHATTISGARH government will hold a two-day special session from October 27, according to a notification issued by the Assembly secretariat. The sessions will be held to bring a new law against the Centre's three farm Bills, sources in the government said.

The Congress government's plan to convene a special session had earlier hit a roadblock after Governor Anusuiya Uikey returned its proposal citing lack of specific information and questioning the need to hold a session less than two months after the monsoon session.

On Tuesday, the state government sent a fresh proposal to the Governor and she granted approval on Wednesday. The state Secretariat issued the notification after Chhattisgarh minister Ravindra Chaubey met the Governor on Wednesday.

Speaking to the media after his visit to the Raj Bhavan, Chaubey said, "The Centre should answer why they are keeping mum on MSP. When they bring a Bill for the country, they should be answerable to the worries of farmers from the entire country."

On Tuesday, the minister had said, "The winter session will commence in the last week of December, whereas paddy buying will start on December 1. So, it is important that the state makes necessary amendments to the Chhattisgarh farm Bill, 1972 in a special session."

Court orders FIR against Tomar, Nath for 'breach of Covid norms'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GWALIOR, OCTOBER 21

THE GWALIOR bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court on Wednesday directed the magistrates of Datia and Gwalior districts to register an FIR against Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Congress leader Kamal Nath for allegedly violating Covid-19 protocol during electioneering.

The division bench of Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice R K Shrivastava issued the interim direction during the hearing of a PIL filed by advocate A P Singh.

Narendra Singh Tomar, Kamal Nath

The court order said that the petitioner pointed out that the congregation was held on October 5, 2020 at Modi House, opposite to Landmark Hotel in Gwalior, where Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar spoke, but no FIR was filed against Tomar.

The court order said that the petitioner also pointed out that another gathering took place at Bhander in Datia on the same day in the presence of former CM Kamal Nath, even as no FIR was lodged against him.

The court issued interim directions to the district magistrates of all nine districts falling within the court's territorial jurisdiction, restraining them from giving permission to any candidate/political party for holding physical congregations of any number of people unless the political party applying for it satisfies the DM concerned holding a virtual election campaign was not possible.

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Independent MLA withdraws support to BJP-led govt in Goa

Panaji: Independent MLA Prasad Gaonkar Wednesday announced that he is withdrawing support to the BJP-led government in Goa. The announcement came after a war of words between him and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant over allocation of land for an IIT.

The altercation started after Gaonkar said that the IIT is being proposed in another constituency despite him offering a place in the constituency he represents.

Over the week, Gaonkar also accused the government of not managing the affairs of the state run sugar co-operative and "allowing its slow death".

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Sawant trashed Gaonkar's allegations and said, "Gaonkar was busy in land deals and because the setting was not done properly he first refused to hand over the land to the government."

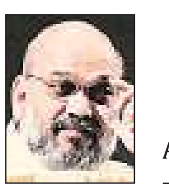
At a press meet Wednesday, Gaonkar said, "The government can set up an inquiry on me. Find if I have done any land deals in Sanguem. The comments, that too coming from a chief minister, were not in good taste." **ENS**

Govt trying to improve poor police-population ratio: Shah

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

IN HIS first physical appearance at a public event related to his ministry after recovering from Covid-19 infection, Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday paid floral tribute to policemen who have lost their lives in the line of duty at the National Police Memorial in Chanakyapuri in the national capital.

Addressing a gathering of police officers and government officials at the Memorial on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, Shah acknowledged India's poor police-population ratio and said the government is working to improve this.


Amit Shah

He said the government is also working on a multi-pronged approach towards security where more technology would be acquired to supplement manpower to secure the country's borders.

The Home Minister said the nation is indebted to sacrifices made by police personnel towards security, integrity and sovereignty of the country. "Every drop of blood shed by our brave police personnel has strengthened the path of country's progress.... It is because of your sacrifices that the country is able to sleep peacefully."

He said 264 police personnel have died in the line of duty this year alone. "Till date, 35,398 police personnel have sacrificed their life for the country," Shah said.

Recalling the force's contribution during the pandemic, Shah noted that 343 police personnel, who were on the front-lines in the country's battle against the virus, lost their lives to Covid-19. "This sacrifice will be written in history in golden letters.... Police personnel are on duty 24 hours a day, and 365 days in the year. When all of us celebrate festivals, police personnel are on duty," he said.

He assured the police force on behalf of the government that they must focus on security of the nation, and the government will take care of the security and well being of their families.

Ever since the Home Minister was infected with coronavirus in August, he has largely been operating from home, holding meetings — both political and bureaucratic — at home and clearing crucial files related to the ministry.

ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED
Dr. Y.S.R. Vidyut Soudha,
Corporate Office, Besides Govt Polytechnic College, ITI College Road, Vijayawada - 520008
e-Procurement Notice
Tender notification No: CPMPT-01/2020-21 of APCPDCL/CGM(P&MM) dt: 22-10-2020
The APCPDCL invites online bids under e-procurement for obtaining New Transformer Oil with Drums. Tenderers can have further details and download the tender schedule from e-Procurement market place from 22-10-2020 06:00AM to 11-11-2020 01:00 PM i.e., https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in (published by APCPDCL).
Contact no: EE/P&MM – 8331019976, CGM/P&MM: 9440802448.
Email: cgmpmm.cpdcl@apcpdcl.in
Chief General Manager/ P&MM
APCPDCL, Vijayawada.

TAMILNADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU UNDERTAKING)
TANCEM 735, L.L.A. Building, II Floor, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.
Short e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Reference No.	NAME OF THE WORK	Value (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Due Date
23 / 2020-21	Supply of Manpower to various departments at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur District, TN	15.70 Crores	2,50,000	06.11.2020
24 / 2020-21	Supply of Manpower to various departments at Alangulam Cement Works, Alangulam, Virudhunagar District, TN	3.50 Crores	1,00,000	06.11.2020

Important Note: A pre-bid meeting for the above two tenders will be held on 27/10/2020 at 3.00 pm at TANCEM, Corporate Office, No.735, L.L.A Building, II floor, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002. The details are available in www.tntenders.gov.in. Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.
DIPR/ 3959 /TENDER/2020 GENERAL MANAGER (MARKETING)

Office of the Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Expression of Interest requested from Designers/Architectural firms for providing latest speedy execution & cost effective concepts for "Construction of 500MT Capacity Scientific Godown (for Rythu Bharosa Kendrams)" across the state of Andhra Pradesh and the EOI document can be had from website **http://market.ap.nic.in.** Any details please contact **cell No.9182361156 & 9182361159**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM),
O/o Commissioner and Director of Agrl.Marketing Govt. of A.P., Guntur.
DIPR No.398PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21 Dt.21/10/2020

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites online tenders for following works: **1) Tender No.T20P131241:** Redevelopment of switchyard and misc civil works at 220 kV sub station IP. **2) Tender No. T20P131264:** Civil work for modification of foundation of existing 20 MVA 66/11 kV power transformers to 31.5 MVA 66/11 kV Power Transformers at 220 kV sub station Sarita Vihar, Najafgarh, PPK-I, Okhala and Mehrauli. Modification of existing foundation of 315 MVA ICT No.-4 (BHEL make) with 500 MVA ICT along with associated foundation at 400 kV sub station Bawana and Tikrikalan. **Last date for bid submission: (12.11.2020 for Sl. No.1) & (12.11.2020 for Sl. No.2) at 1.00 p.m.** For downloading of tender documents and further details please visit website Delhi Govt website **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in** Tender ID No. **2020_DTL_195856_1 & 2020_DTL_195854_1** and DTL website **www.dtl.gov.in** Unique No. **DTL-7910-211020 & DTL-7909-211020**
PR/20-21/26
All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/Clarifications, if any, to the above tender/e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

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कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (सिविल)
उ0प्र0 राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
निर्माण खण्ड-पंचम, ई.पी.आई.पी., शास्त्रीपुरम, आगरा
ई-निविदा सूचना
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि जनपद झांसी के औद्योगिक क्षेत्र बिजौली, झांसी में **Patch Repairing of Road No. 1, 20, 3, 10 & Repairing Culvert Road No. 9 at I.A. Bijauli, Jhansi** का कार्य लागत रू0 21.50/- लाख जिसके लिए सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निकायों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों एवं निकायों में 'बी' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्मों/ठेकेदारों से ई-निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है, जो दिनांक 27.10.2020 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 10.11.2020 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिन्हें दिनांक 11.11.2020 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदा दाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 10.11.2020 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा करना अनिवार्य है। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी निगम की वेबसाइट **www.upsidc.com** पर स्थित ई-लिंक एवं यूपीएलसी की **website :http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।
वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (सिविल)
निर्माण खण्ड-पंचम, आगरा

SHRI KRISHNA AYUSH UNIVERSITY KURUKSHETRA
(Established by the State Legislature Act No. 25 of 2017)
UMRI ROAD, SECTOR-8, KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA-136118
Website: www.skau.ac.in
PRESS NOTICE
The Registrar, Shri Krishna Ayush University (SKAU), Umri Road, Sector-8, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 invites online bids in two bids system (i.e. Financial Bid and Technical Bid) from the eligible Central/State Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central/State Government organizations for providing "Project Management Consultancy Services for Planning, Designing and Development of New Campus of Shri Krishna Ayush University (PHASE-I)" at Village Fattupur, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118.
The Request for Proposal (RFP) document will be available online from 11.00 A.M. on 27.10.2020. A Pre-bid conference will be held at 11.00 A.M. on 05.11.2020 at Shri Krishna Ayush University, Umri Road, Sector-8, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118.
The Last date & time of submission of bids through e-tendering is 17.11.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.
The Bid forms and other details can be seen and downloaded from the website https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app
Sd/-
REGISTRAR
83332/HRY SKAU, KURUKSHETRA

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER
Batch No. 47/20 dated : 20.10.2020
E-Tender Notice for supply of materials-"participation in through" we portal of IREPS- www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials : The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hrs.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Published on/time	Closing on	Fund
01	03203002	Cast iron brake shoe 55 mm	8450 Nos.	13/10/20/ 15:34:48	16.11.20	Fund is available
02	03207562	Finger contact with flexible shunt assly.	740 Nos.	13/10/20/ 15:35:56	16.11.20	Fund is available
03	04203953	Hanger for bogie bolster	3500 Nos.	13/10/20/ 13:02:02	16.11.20	Fund is available
04	09185019B	Small arms training simulator	01 set	16/10/20/ 18:07:16	16.11.20	Fund is available
05	04200355	Kit of spares for HP pistion rings	225 sets	13/10/20/ 22:17:45	16.11.20	Fund is available
06	04200350	Replacement kit, Air Compressor, Valve, pistion ring	189 sets	15/10/20/ 16:56:25	16.11.20	Fund is available
07	03202844D	Transformer oil	18 Nos.	20/10/20/ 11:47:59	16.11.20	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
PR/802/HQ/STORE/T/20-21/80 ECR, Hajipur
Stay Protected from Corona
Wear your mask properly | Frequently wash your hands with soap | Maintain safe distance
NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Principal Chief Materials Manager
Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001
Mail ID: salenr365@gmail.com
No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2020-21 Dated 19.10.2020
e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. DECEMBER/20
E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Including Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Auction programme is as under.
e-AUCTION Schedule for December, 2020.

SN	Depot/Division conducting auction	1st round	2nd round	3rd round	4th round	5th round
1	DY.CMM/AMV/LKO 0522-2451257	01.12.2020	08.12.2020	15.12.2020	22.12.2020	29.12.2020
2	DY.CMM/SSB 011-27015387	02.12.2020	09.12.2020	16.12.2020	23.12.2020	30.12.2020
3	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	07.12.2020	14.12.2020	21.12.2020	28.12.2020	--
4	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	07.12.2020	14.12.2020	21.12.2020	28.12.2020	--
5	Sr.DMM/FZR 01632-244154	02.12.2020	09.12.2020	16.12.2020	23.12.2020	30.12.2020
6	Sr.DMM/UMB 0171-2611203	03.12.2020	10.12.2020	17.12.2020	24.12.2020	31.12.2020
7	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	03.12.2020	10.12.2020	17.12.2020	24.12.2020	31.12.2020
8	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	01.12.2020	08.12.2020	15.12.2020	22.12.2020	29.12.2020

1. E-Auction will be held from 12.00 AM on wards as per above programme.
2. The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in
3. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working hours at nominated locations. In this regard details are available at ireps.
4. To register for in e-auction, purchasers need to visit website **www.ireps.gov.in.** In case any difficulty in registering purchasers may contact Dy. CMM/S&P
(Perhlad Singh)
Dy. CMM/S&P
2313/2020 For Principal Chief Material Manager
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कार्यकारी अभियंता
सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग यांचे कार्यालय
पदमपुरा परिसर औरंगाबाद- ४३१००५. दूरध्वनी ०२४०-२३३११७४
E-mail: aurangabad.ee@mahapwd.com
सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग मंत्रालय मुंबई शासन शुद्धिपत्रक क्रमांक
सीएटी/२०१७/प्र.क्र०८/इमा-२ दिनांक- २९/६/२०१७
ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. ०७ सन २०२०-२०२१
शुद्धिपत्रक-१
कार्यकारी अभियंता सार्वजनिक बांधकम विभाग औरंगाबाद (दूरध्वनी क्रमांक ०२४०-२३३११७४) महाराष्ट्र शासन सार्वजनिक बांधकाम यांच्याकडून एकूण एक (०१) कामाकरिता योग्य त्या वर्गातील शासन नोंदणीकृत कंत्राटदार यांच्याकडून ई-निविदा बी-१ नमुन्यातील (ऑनलाईन) प्रणालीद्वारे मागविण्यात येत आहे. निविदा कालावधी दि. २२.१०.२०२० वेळ ११.०० ते दि. १६.११.२०२० वेळ १८.०० खालील संकेतस्थळावर ई-निविदाची सर्व माहिती उपलब्ध आहे.
अ) **http://mahapwd.com**
ब) **https://mahatenders.gov.in**
(सदर निविदा सूचनेमध्ये काही बदल होत असल्यास वरील वेबसाईटवरती कळविण्यात येईल)
क) कार्यकारी अभियंता सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग औरंगाबाद यांचे कार्यालयातील सूचना फलक
सही/-
कार्यकारी अभियंता
सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग, औरंगाबाद

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT(HQ)
E-Block, 3rd Floor, Dr. S.P.M. Civic Centre, J.L.Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002
PRESS NOTICE OF NIT
Online Open Tenders are invited under single stage-Two Bid system from experienced and financially sound eligibile Contractors/Firms/ Companies as per Tender Nos. 319290, 319291, 319292 & 319293 issued by Horticulture Deptt. (HQ) in NIT No. DDH/HQ/SDMC/2020-21/D/2420/NIT No.02 Dt. 16.10.2020. Tender Cost Rs.1000/- Each. Estimated Amt. is Rs.6.00 lacs for each work. Date of Download, Bid Preparation and Hash Submission is w.e.f. 22.10.2020 to 03.11.2020 upto 03.00PM. Re-encryption of Online Bid w.e.f. 03.11.2020 at 1701 Hours to 05.11.2020 upto 1500 Hours. Opening of Technical Bids 05.11.2020 at 03.30 P.M. After getting themselves registered (If not registered earlier for e-tendering). Bidding Documents with detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the Website:http://mcdetenders.com OR visit SDMC website www.mcdonline.gov.in/South Delhi Municipal Corporation/Tenders/e-tendering. For Online tender the helpdesk Nos, are 011-23227413 & 011-23227414 or mail to: mcd-ithelpdesk@mcd.gov.in. All details of these Tenders, Revisions, Clarifications, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc., if any, in respect of above tender(s) will be uploaded on SDMC website http//mcdetenders.com, www.mcdonline.gov.in/South Delhi Municipal Corporation/Tenders/e-tendering only and will not be published in newspaper(s) separately. Interested Bidders should regularly visit the website to keep themselves regularly updated in respect of these tenders.
DY.DIRECTOR (HORT.) HQ
Ro No.48/DPI/S/2020-21 011-23225334

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER
E-Tender Notice No. : ST-CON-CKP-DIST-EI-DPS2 dated : 20.10.2020. Dy. CSTE (Con), South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tenders for the following work : **Description of work :** Provision of Distributed Electronic Interlocking system including outdoor works at Dangoaposi yard in connection with 3rd line work of Chakradharpur division in South Eastern Railway. **Approximate value : ₹ 23,23,20,956.96. Earnest Money : ₹ 13,11,600/-. Date of closing : 19.11.2020 at 15.00 hrs.** Details of above e-tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** **(PR-322)**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE
(SCRAP SALE)
Month : November 2020, **Division :** Danapur, **Date :** 12.11.2020 (Thursday) 26.11.2020 (Thursday), **Mobile :** 9771449770. **Division :** Dhanbad, **Date :** 05.11.2020 (Thursday) 12.11.2020 (Thursday), 27.11.2020 (Friday) **Mobile :** 9771426770. **Division :** Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, **Date :** 11.11.2020 (Wednesday) 25.11.2020 (Wednesday), **Mobile :** 9794848770. **Division :** Samastipur, **Date :** 13.11.2020 (Friday) 25.11.2020 (Wednesday), **Mobile :** 9771428770. **Division :** Sonpur, **Date :** 10.11.2020 (Tuesday) 24.11.2020 (Tuesday), **Mobile :** 9771429770.
(a) Bidders are advised to inspect the scrap lot before submission of bid. They are allowed to inspect the lot, on an authority from the concerned officer of Railway Administration, at the site of lot mentioned in the auction catalogue on any working day (except Saturday) **(b)** The complete details of materials and terms and conditions will be as per Auction Catalogue, which shall be available with the respective auction conducting authority of East Central Railway or from our website : **www.ireps.gov.in** prior to the date of auction.
Principal Chief Material Manager
E.C.Railway, Hajipur
PR/803/HQ/ STORE/N/20-21/48
Stay Protected from Corona
Wear your mask properly
Frequently wash your hands with soap
Maintain safe distance
NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA STATE DRUG LOGISTICS & WAREHOUSING SOCIETY ®
No.1, Dr. SiddaiahPuranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bangalore – 560079, Phone: +91-80-23486221, Fax: +91-80-23281477 Email: ad.kdlws@gmail.com
No: KDL/EQPT(2)/TND/NPCB-Opth/04/2020-21 Date: 21-10-2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Ref: 1) Tender Notification No KDL/EQPT(2)TND/NPCB-Opth/04/2020-21(IND-739) dated: 21/10/2020.
2) Tender Notification No KDL/EQPT(2)/TND/Oxygen Concentrator /06/ 2020-21 (IND-740) dated 21/10/2020.
3) Tender Notification No: KDL/EQPT(2)/TND/RKSK/05/2020-21 (IND-741) dated: 21/10/2020.
4) Tender Notification No: KDL/EQPT(2)/Re-TND/FTP&DT/07/2020-21 (IND-742) dated 21/10/2020.
Nation wide Short Term Tender is invited through **e-Tendering** system under KTPP Act, 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:
(1) Short term Tender for Supply & Installation of Ophthalmology Equipments for NPCB Programme _IND-739. **(2)** Short Term Tender for Supply & Installation of Oxygen Concentrator for Covid-19_IND740 **(3)** Short term Tender for Supply & Installation of Portable Projectors under RKSK Programme_IND-741 **(4)** Short Term Re-Tender for Supply of Finger tip Pulse oximeter & Digital Thermometer for Covid-19 Pandemic_IND-742.
The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement Department may participate through e-tendering system.
Details regarding specification. EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information is available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **21/10/2020.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders in e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office during working hours.
Sd/- Commissioner,
Food Safety and Standard Authority
DIPR/DDU/SSC/1445/2020-21 and Director, KSDLWS Bengaluru
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. M/SG.2020-21/211 and 212 dated 17/10/2020
SR.DSTE/Co-ordn/MAS acting invites E-Tenders for the following works.
1. **E-Tender No.:** M-SG-2020-21/211 **Name of work:** Replacement of overaged Quad cable over Chennai Division, **Approx. Cash value** (₹): 86.18 Lakhs, **Period of Completion :** 12 Months
2. **E-Tender No.:** M-SG-2020-21/212, **Name of the work:** Redevelopment and improvement of Passenger amenities at Chennai Egmore station, **Approx. Cash value** (₹): 24.98 Lakhs, **Period of Completion :** 6 Months
Note : Complete details and tender document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in.**
Senior Divisional Signal and Tele Communication Engineer/Signal, Chennai Division, Chennai - 600 003. For and On behalf of President of India
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IDBI BANK **IDBI BANK LIMITED**
Regd Off: IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005
CIN : L65190MH2004GOI148838
PUBLIC NOTICE
Smt. Susan Jain (Employee Code: 180556), an employee of IDBI Bank Ltd. ("Bank") is absenting from duty since June 1, 2004 unauthorizedly. Smt. Susan Jain was issued a public notice dated September 12, 2006 in The Times of India, Delhi and Rajasthan Patrika, Jaipur advising her to report for duties immediately. In spite of the said notice, Smt. Susan Jain did not resume duty. Hence, a final notice is hereby given to Smt. Susan Jain directing her to report for duty at her last place of posting within 15 days from the date of this notice and to explain the reasons for her absence, failing which the Bank will treat the non-response as abandonment of the service voluntarily and the Bank shall proceed with award of any of the penalties stated in Rule 44 (1) of IDBI Staff Rules, 2004 without further intimation and Smt. Susan Jain shall have no claim whatsoever against the Bank.
For IDBI Bank Ltd.
(Authorised Signatory)

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Avoid Plastic Save Rain Water Create Rain Water Harvesting Structure
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation
Tender Notice No: 139 /2020-2021
The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Establishing Integrated Command and Control Centre valuing at the cost of **Rs.1232.00 Lakhs** to be executed under the Tiruchirappalli Smart City Mission are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in **http://tntenders.gov.in** as well as through sealed hard copy on or before **3.00.p.m.** of **25.11.2020,** which will be downloaded and opened at **04.00.p.m** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.
Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.
(E1/8353/2020(Main) **Commissioner,**
DIPR/3935/TENDER/2020 **Tiruchirappalli City Corporation**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
THANJAVUR SMART CITY LIMITED
TENDER NOTICE
Bid Notice No.7708/2020/MCE4 **Dated : 21.10.2020**
Sealed Tenders are invited by The Managing Director & Commissioner, Thanjavur City Municipal Corporation from the Registered Contractors E- submission is also permitted, for the following works upto **3.00 PM** on **25.11.2020.** The Tenders will be opened by the Corporation Commissioner (or) his authorized official in the Corporation Office on the same day at **3.30 P.M.** If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the Tender specified, the Tender will be opened on next working day. The Contractors who wish to participate in the Tender may download the Tender documents through **https://tntenders.gov.in** by using E.Token / Digital Signature Cards on or before **24.11.2020** upto **3.00 P.M.** Any other information's may be obtained from the Corporation Executive Engineer, Thanjavur at the above office during office hours. The Managing Director & Corporation Commissioner has every right to cancel / postpone the Tender in view of Administrative reasons.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Earnest Money (Rs. in lakhs)	Contractor Class
1.	Implementing, Commissioning, Operating and Maintaining the Command and Control Centre for Thanjvur City Municipal Corporation.	10.34	10.34	Class -I

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DECISION 2020 BIHAR

HASHTAG POLITICS

Manoj Tiwari sings for BJP

@BJP4Bihar released another poll song, sung by MP Manoj Tiwari, *Suna ho Bihar ke bhaiya...Phir se BJP pe ashirwaad banawo re bhaiya, apne NDA ke sange kadam badhawo re bhaiya*, and in the tune of his famous song *Jiya tu Bihar ke Lala* (composed by Sneha Khanwalkar for the film *Gangs of Wasseypur*, 2012).

4.3K VIEWS, 804 LIKES, 682 RETWEETS IN 12 HOURS

RJD's Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi hit out at Nitish Kumar with a video *Naam mat lo uska (Don't take his name)* featuring a grocer, and tweeted: The CM's false pleas over 15 years have killed many small traders and businessmen. Who's responsible?

41K VIEWS, 6.8K LIKES, 1.4K RETWEETS IN 14 HOURS

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala tweeted his video from the launch of INC's manifesto Badlaav Patra 2020 with '12 big schemes': "Bihar demands change, development, golden future, employment, industrial progress, rightful crop prices, better education and health, right to drinking water, cheap electricity, freedom from crime". *#sankalp_badlaav_ka* He also tweeted: 'Modi government loots Bihar-UP people as festival special trains charge 30% hiked fee'

9.2K VIEWS, 1.2K LIKES, 349 RETWEETS IN 3 HOURS

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DOES THE BSP HOLD ANY INFLUENCE IN BIHAR?

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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN AND RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD IN PATNA

BIHAR: CRIMES

Nitish's 15 yrs: Murders, abduction for ransom down, stretched police

Attempt-to-murder, robbery, vacancies in police up; data show a slight law and order dip since 2009

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

ONE OF the main pillars of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's *sushasan* or good governance plank is that he ended the Lalu Prasad government's *goonda raj*. A comparison of the crime data from various government sources since 2004 shows that cases of murder have indeed fallen significantly in the three terms of Nitish, as have kidnappings for ransom, equated with the RJD reign. However, incidents of attempt to murder have increased exponentially, even as the JD(U)-BJP government has failed to improve Bihar's police-population ratio, which remains among the worst in the country.

As the poll battle heats up in Bihar, the Opposition is talking of "deteriorating law and order", even as the JD(U) campaign repeatedly compares Nitish's 15 years to the 15 years the state was under Lalu and wife Rabri Devi as CM.

The Indian Express compared data for murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery and dacoity for 2004 (last year of the RJD regime), 2009 (a year before Nitish won a second term with a landslide victory on the back of his success in implementing law and order) and 2019. The comparison takes into account crime and policing data available with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), and Bihar Police.

As compared to 2004, annual murder cases were down 21% by 2019 — that is better than the 16% drop in the national average over the same period. However, between 2009 and 2019, murder cases went up by 5% in Bihar.

"While state police are notorious for not registering FIRs, you can't ignore a dead body," said an NCRB official, explaining why murders are a good pointer to a state's law and order.

In contrast, the attempt to murder cases were higher by 148% in 2019 compared to 2004. Even when compared to 2009, there was a 143% rise.

At first glance, kidnapping cases show a surprising increase — as against the general perception — of 214% between 2004 and 2019. However, a closer look shows that a majority of these kidnapping cases last year were of elopement, with families of women and girls opposed to a relationship often known to use this.

The 2019 data, in fact, shows that only 20% of the kidnappings were of a "serious" nature, while 80% concerned women eloping. In fact, there were only 43 clear cases of "kidnapping for ransom" recorded in Bihar last year.

The figures are almost a total reversal compared to 2004 when, under the RJD, 71% of all kidnappings were of a "serious" nature and only 29% concerned abduction of women.

"The reason for the increase in kidnapping cases is both higher registration of crimes and the system of online complaints, which has helped people to file cases of elopement," ADG Kamal Kishor Singh, who supervises the Bihar Crime Records Bureau, said.

Another senior Bihar Police officer, who has worked under both the RJD and NDA governments, says, "During Lalu Prasad's term, there used to be hardly any policemen at police stations. The strength at police stations has increased almost four times in the past 15 years."

Data on police strength from the BPR&D shows that the sanctioned strength of Bihar Police has grown from around 85,000 in 2005 (data for 2004 is not available) to over 1.4 lakh.

However, Bihar continues to have a high number of vacancies. In fact, during Nitish's term, the vacancies have increased. In 2009, 30% of the posts were unfilled; this stood at 38% in 2019.

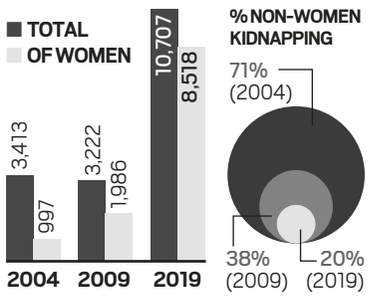
Analysis of other data shows that there was a decrease of 47% in rapes and 70% in dacoity between 2004 and 2019. The numbers were already down by 2009, though cases of robbery increased 48% between 2009 and 2019.

Nitish Kumar with ally Jitan Ram Manjhi on the campaign trail. *PTI*

2004-2019: FIGURING OUT THE NEW

Crime	2004	2009	2019	% change (since 2004, Nitish vs Lalu-Rabri term)	% change (since 2009, Nitish vs Nitish)
Kidnapping	3,413	3,222	10,707	214%	232%
Attempt to Murder	2,995	3,068	7,462	148%	143%
Murder	3,948	2,986	3,138	-21%	5%
Rape	1,390	929	730	-47%	-21%

MOST NOTORIOUS: KIDNAPPING



POLICE STRENGTH
BIHAR HAS THE LOWEST
police: population ratio in the country

STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
81 personnel per 1 lakh people	158 personnel per 1 lakh people

	2009	2019
Sanctioned	85,531	140,674
Actual	59,999	86,639
Vacancy	30%	38%

Source: National Crime Records Bureau, Bureau of Police Research and Development, and Bihar Police

LOOKING FOR KANHAIYA KUMAR

'It's not a referendum on Modi, absolutely not... the anger is against Nitish'

SANTOSH SINGH & MANOJ C G
PATNA, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

ONE-AND-A-HALF years after his very public contest with Union minister of state Giriraj Singh on the Begusarai Lok Sabha seat, CPI leader Kanhaiya Kumar made a very quiet appearance in Patna on Monday.

Word is that he will start campaigning soon — the CPI is contesting the polls as part of the Mahagathbandhan. However, like much about Kanhaiya lately, there is no clarity on how many rallies, and for whom in the alliance.

Kanhaiya's silence is particularly striking since he had stormed into national limelight as the firebrand former president of the JNU Students' Union, defiant in the face of the government's sedition charges. Early this year, Kanhaiya was part of rallies against the CAA across Bihar, drawing enthusiastic crowds.

Last month though, as one of the fellow accused in the JNU sedition case, Umar Khalid, was arrested and charged under the UAPA over the Delhi riots, Kanhaiya did not say anything.

Seeking to build a political career from home state Bihar, Kanhaiya appears to be toning down his polarising image, which leaves him not just open to attacks by the BJP but also makes allies uncomfortable. On Twitter, where he has a massive following, he has been silent on so-called anti-national issues and has been talking of jobs, Babri verdict, and attacking the Modi government's policies.

In the web series *The Lallantop* aired earlier this month, he said he owned the charge of being the "*sargana* (leader)" of "*tukde-tukde* gang", as alleged in the JNU case, but that what he was fighting against were people trying to break the nation. He also contested the anti-national charge.

Asked if he was deliberately keeping a low profile this time, Kanhaiya told *The Indian Express*, "I have always been low-profile." He said he saw his role in this election as being part of an alliance to ensure that the "anti-BJP votes are not divided". "The biggest challenge before us is that when Nitish is getting weakened, the BJP might directly capture power in Bihar," he said.

One of Kanhaiya's friends admitted that the new image is "part of a strategy", to make him acceptable beyond his loyal fans who include activists, Muslims, Dalits and youths.

For the coming election, Kanhaiya's oratorical skills could be used by the Grand Alliance in selective areas, especially with sizeable Muslim populations. Sources said several RJD candidates have made it clear that they do not want the CPI leader campaigning for them. Sources also said there would be none of the "*azadi*" slogans associated with him in Kanhaiya's speeches.

Kanhaiya told *The Indian Express* the Opposition should be careful about not building its politics around responding to the BJP's agenda. "They will raise a *mandir* issue, a *masjid* issue... The Opposition should have agitations, movements, political programmes. It should not be that you react and stay silent... So if there is a Hindu-Muslim (issue), as a political party you have to give a response. Give a response but consistently raise issues of farmers, unemployment, security of women, atrocities."

Kanhaiya in Patna on Monday. *PTI*

At the same time, Kanhaiya was emphatic that the Bihar polls were not a referendum on the Modi government. "No, absolutely not. In the political discourse, the entire attack is on Nitish Kumar. The anger and discontent are against Nitish... Yes, if the BJP wins, they will project it as a victory of Modi to cover up the failure during the lockdown. (But) this poll is for Bihar and is centred on Bihar."

Asked about RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav being the CM candidate of the Grand Alliance, Kanhaiya said it was natural as he was the leader of the largest party, adding, "The question of who will be the CM if we get a majority is not that important for us." Kanhaiya also noted that the crowds Tejashwi is drawing are impressive. "The response is good. The youth are supporting him."

Tejashwi has so far kept his distance from Kanhaiya, seeing in the CPI leader's crowd-pulling abilities a challenger for the spot of next-generation leader of Bihar. In the 2019 elections, the RJD had refused to support the CPI's ticket to Kanhaiya from Begusarai. Without the RJD's backing, Kanhaiya had come a distant third — underlining that he needed a larger platform. Those close to Kanhaiya hint that he is open to joining other parties in the Opposition camp.

Asked about LJP chief Chirag Paswan, another contender for future Bihar leader, Kanhaiya said he saw nothing wrong in him choosing to go alone. "When we have a multi-party system, how can you call one party a vote-splitter of another?"

Rajan Jha, an assistant professor at Delhi University, said there is another reason Tejashwi might feel threatened by Kanhaiya. "Kanhaiya is poor but upper caste and Tejashwi is rich but from a backward caste. If Kanhaiya comes to the centre of Bihar politics, it may break the stalemate of Bihar politics."

In April, Kanhaiya told this reporter he would not contest the 2020 Assembly polls. As for 2025, he deftly parried the question.

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Rashtriya Janata Dal, Imamganj (Gaya)

TOTAL ASSETS
₹1.48 CRORE
47% rise since 2015 (Rs 1 crore approx.)

MOVABLE ASSETS
₹62.29 LAKH

Assets	2015	2020
Cash in hand	2,50,316	1,51,200
Bank balance	20,17,813	49,73,778
Stocks & bonds	NIL	NIL
Other investment	3,40,000	NIL
Jewellery	4,50,000	8,50,000
Vehicle	3,70,000	NIL
Other	2,50,000	2,55,000
Total	36,78,129	62,29,978

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
₹ 86 LAKH

Assets	2015	2020
Agri land	10,00,000	21,00,000
Non-agri land	NIL	NIL
Commercial	NIL	10,00,000
Residential	54,00,000	55,00,000
Other	NIL	NIL
Total	64,00,000	86,00,000

LIABILITIES
NIL

CRIMINAL CASES
One case pending under Sections 188 (disobedience to public servant's order) and 171F (undue influence during election) of the IPC for violating the Model Code of Conduct while campaigning.

LJP manifesto: Jobs, 'caste-free' society

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, OCTOBER 21

LJP president Chirag Paswan Wednesday released his party's manifesto, dubbed a vision document of "Bihar First, Bihari First", promising a caste- and religion-free society and all-round development.

Going ahead of the Grand Alliance's promise of equal pay for equal work for panchayat teachers, the LJP promised the same to all contractual government employees. Chirag hit the campaign trail on Wednesday, having wrapped up the rituals related to father Ram Vilas Paswan's death.

He accused CM Nitish Kumar of having no development record to show, riding on PM Narendra Modi's achievements, and not creating jobs. Having earlier told *The Indian Express* in an interview that he believed "poverty is the only caste", Chirag said the JD(U) promoted casteism and communalism. "Governments have either been formed or fallen only through smart social engineering of castes," the 37-year-old said. "You (Nitish) divided Dalits by creating a sub-section of Mahadalits and divided backward castes by forming extremely backward castes."

Chirag with mother Wednesday. *PTI*

The LJP manifesto promises a film city and coaching city in Bihar on the pattern of Kota; reservation in promotions to SC/STs; hiring for all government vacancies; an overhaul of the education system with local dialects in school syllabus, wi-fi in SC/ST schools, and a Bachelor of Education college in every district; a dialysis centre at sub-divisional level; health coverage of up to Rs 2.5 lakh per year; sponsorship for mass weddings at block level; and FIRs against officials if files not cleared on time.

BIHAR OUTSIDE BIHAR NORTH 24 PARGANAS

In jute belt, Nitish all the way: 'Got *jal, bijli*, only lack PDS'

AMITAVA CHAKRABORTY
KANKINARA (NORTH 24 PARGANAS), OCTOBER 21

ON the banks of the Hooghly, a tributary of the Ganga, in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas lie several jute mills. Alongside the mills are hundreds of *mazdoor lines* (worker settlements), often no better than ghettos, with the predominant population migrants from Bihar.

The mills suffered greatly during the nationwide lockdown announced in end-March to check the coronavirus. First, there were production losses as the mills shut, leaving many without wages. Then, when these labour-intensive units were allowed to reopen, they did so with only 15% of the workforce.

However, the workers here already seem to have put the lockdown woes behind them. Sitting on a bench at the entrance of the Anglo India Jute Mill's *mazdoor* line no. 17 in Kankinara, about 50 km from Kolkata, 60-year-old Yogendra Singh and his younger brother Jaykishor Singh are debating when to leave for hometown Siwan, as they have tea.

Siwan, in west Bihar, votes in the second phase on November 3. Although the two don't have a vote in Bihar anymore, they say they want to be home for all the poll excitement. The visit will also coincide with the wedding of the youngest of Yogendra's five daughters, on November 6.

Yogendra retired from Anglo India Jute Mill in 2017, after working there for four decades. However, he chose to settle in Bengal. "Siwan has seen some development in the past decade but we still have to go to Patna (about 140 km away) for most things. Bihar may now have roads and electricity, but it still lacks good colleges and employment opportunities," he says.

Once the local unit secretary of the Left-leaning CITU, Yogendra, however, believes Nitish Kumar has done "more or less" a good job as Chief Minister compared to his predecessors. "He has been better than those before him. Now, nobody comes to Bengal from Bihar. If people migrate in search of work, they prefer to go to Gujarat and Rajasthan."

Chandan Shah, who is four decades younger but also made the same journey to Kankinara from Siwan, is a Nitish supporter too.

Natraj and his wife plan to go to Chhapra to vote in the end of October. *Partha Paul*

Standing at the door of his one-room tenement, further deep into Line 17, next to a filthy *nullah* that divides the rows of houses, the 23-year-old says is planning to go home on October 25 to vote. "My family has received a lot of help from the Nitish government. During the lockdown, my brother received Rs 1,000 in his account. He (Nitish) has completely changed the law and order scenario in my home town."

However, since the lockdown, the 20-hour travel back to Bihar has become prohibitively costly. As trains are yet to start from Kolkata's Sealdah station, migrants depend on private buses. "It takes nearly two days to reach home on a bus. Travelling one-way costs Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000," Shah says.

Along the next *nullah* is *mazdoor* line no. 2. Sitting on the door sill of his rented one-room dilapidated house, 58-year-old Laxman Natraj is watching children run along the drain. A native of Chhapra, Natraj came to Kolkata in search of a job in 1983 and has since worked in several jute mills in the district. He talks of an unexpected benefit of the lockdown. "I would usually visit home twice a year to see my wife and children. This year, my wife had come down for a week on March 23, just a day before the lockdown, and has since been here... I don't remember the last time we stayed together for so long," Natraj beams, as his wife Laxmi stands behind him.

The two plan to go to Chhapra in the end of October, when Natraj would drop Laxmi off and also cast his vote. Like Shah, he also worries about the cost of the bus travel and hopes train services will resume by then.

The 58-year-old says they are also staunch supporters of Nitish. "He will win. My wife received Rs 1,000 from the government during the lockdown. *Nal jal aa gaya, bijli aa gayi. Bas sirf ration card nahin hai* (There is water, there is electricity. The only thing we don't have is a ration card)."

In another two years or so, Natraj, who works as a clerk at Anglo India Jute Mill, will retire. He hopes Nitish will still be in power then. "I am here for work, this is not our place. So it's necessary that Nitish stays. Whatever little work is left (to be done), will be completed by then."

BRIEFLY

Assam CM Sonowal at the reopening. *Express*

ASSAM

Kaziranga park opens after eight months

Guwahati: After being shut for nearly eight months, the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve—famous for its one-horned rhinos—opened for all tourists on Wednesday. At the reopening ceremony at the park, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal told reporters that the re-opening would help revive Assam's tourism sector after the lockdown. Assam's national parks and wildlife sanctuaries usually remain closed for five months, coinciding with the annual flood season from end-May/June to September. This time, however, the parks shut earlier, since March, due to the pandemic. Authorities said the park will be opened with strict Covid-19 protocol. **ENS**

TRIPURA

Govt announces 4,500 jobs after layoffs

Agartala: The Tripura government has announced 4,500 new jobs in the Home and Manpower and Employment Departments, seven months after it fired 10,323 ad-hoc government teachers. The jobs in Manpower and Employment Department have special provisions for the sacked teachers. Education minister Ratan Lal Nath said the new posts include 500 police constable positions under the Home Department and 4,000 non-technical posts of Lower Division Clerk and Multi-Purpose Workers under Manpower and Employment Department. The teachers will get age relaxation for LDC and MPW positions. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA

5 killed as bus plunges into gorge

Mumbai: Five people were killed and 34 injured when their speeding bus fell into a gorge in Maharashtra's Nandurbar district in the early hours of Wednesday, a police official said. The accident took place at Kondaibari ghat around 3.15 am when the private bus, going from Buldhana to Surat in Gujarat, tried to overtake another bus. While overtaking in the ghat section, the bus driver saw a truck coming from the opposite direction. In an attempt to avoid a collision wit the truck, the bus driver lost the control over the wheels, he said. **PTI**

UTTAR PRADESH

Man beaten, shot dead over property dispute

Meerut: A 60-year-old man was beaten up and shot dead by his nephews in Baghpat's Panchi village Wednesday morning, officials said. Two people, including the nephews' mother, have been arrested and searches are on to nab the remaining four named in the FIR, police said. A prolonged property dispute over a piece of land in the village was said to be the reason behind Inza-Mul-Haq's killing. **ENS**

HC to Republic TV: Is asking opinion on who should be arrested investigative journalism?

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 20

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday sought to know from *Republic TV* how its statements that asked the public to decide on who should be arrested in actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death case amounted to investigative journalism. It also asked the News Broadcasters Federation (NBF) why no suo motu action can be initiated for "irresponsible coverage" of criminal sensitive matters and media trial in the case.

A division bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Girish S Kulkarni was hearing public interest litigations (PILs) by eight former senior police officers from Maharashtra, as well as activists, lawyers and NGOs, seeking restraining orders against "media trial" in the case.

Referring to grievances raised by petitioners over social media campaigns run by the channel seeking the arrest of actor Rhea Chakraborty following Sushant's death, the HC asked: "Why is it part of your channel news...asking the public about their opinion on who should be arrested? Is this part of investigative journalism?"

Stating that it was not singling out *Republic TV*, the court sought to know when a probe (by the investigating agency) was underway on whether it was homicide or suicide case,

Sushant Singh Rajput

why the channel had taken a stand that it was a murder and whether the same was part of its investigative journalism.

Advocate Malvika Trivedi, appearing for *Republic TV*, refuted claims that the channel had tried to malign the name of the Mumbai Police by accusing it of not carrying out a proper investigation in the case. She added that investigative journalism to unearth facts related to the death case was undertaken by the news channel.

When Trivedi said that the channels had been trying to point out facts that had otherwise not come out on record, the court said, "We are referring to basic journalism norms, where a basic etiquette has to be maintained for suicide reporting. No sensational headlines or constant repeating. You did not even leave the deceased, forget the witnesses."

It added, "These hashtags are about setting personal scores... You have depicted a lady in such a manner that infringes her rights under central legislation. This is our prima facie view."

Expressing concern over the coverage of Sushant death case, the HC said, "There are certain suicide reporting guidelines. There should be no sensational headlines. Don't you have respect for the deceased? it is so unfortunate."

When Trivedi said that the court cannot say that the media should not come out with the truth, CJ Datta said, "We are not saying the media should be throttled from criticising government policies. Our concern is whether the programme code was followed or not. Whether your report contravenes any of the laid down norms. You must not crossover your boundary or Laxman Rekha."

The CJ added, "If you become the investigator, prosecutor and the judge, what is the use of the judiciary? Why are we here? Do not go on saying that it (reportage) is in context."

Earlier, the bench heard submissions of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), with Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh submitting that the existing self-regulatory mechanism was sufficient and there was no need for additional regulations.

The HC also pointed out that since the broadcasters use airwaves, which is public property, they cannot be left without regulation. "Freedom under Section 19(1)(a) (right to freedom of speech and expression) is unquestionable. These broadcasters use airwaves and it is public property. So, (there is) no absolute right to use airwaves. Why and how are you allowing public property to be misused by broadcasters without any regulation?" the CJ asked.

The court sought to know from senior counsel Siddharth Bhatnagar, appearing for NBF, why it did not have suo motu powers to take action against errant news channels and why it has to wait for complaints to be lodged against broadcasters. The bench will continue the hearing on PILs on Friday.

Meanwhile, while hearing the PILs, the HC took cognizance of a news report in a national daily on "online abuse", as per which Artificial Intelligence (AI) bot was rolled out by unidentified cyber criminals allowing anyone to create fake nude images of women from any photograph.

While directing the Union government to check the malice reported, the HC asked the ASG to take instructions from the concerned ministry. CJ Datta said, "The issue is extremely serious and you (ministry) have to take steps."

Singh assured the HC that the ministry would take measures to address the concerns and initiate action as per the Information Technology Act.

Kangana, her sister issued summons by police for next week

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FOUR DAYS after a sedition case was registered against actor Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel, police issued summons to them Wednesday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Abhishek Trimukhe said, "Kangana has been asked to present herself before police on October 26, while Rangoli has been called on October 27."

On directions of the metropolitan court, police had registered a case on October 17. The women were booked under sections pertaining to committing malicious or deliberate acts with the intention of outraging religious feelings of citizens, sedition, promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence or language and common intention of the Indian Penal Code.

According to police, the FIR states that through their tweets, the sisters tried to "malign the Indian Constitution and image of the Maharashtra government, hurt sentiments of Muslims and tried to create division between

Kangana Ranaut

Hindus and Muslims".

The complaint was filed by Munawwar Ali Sayyed, a casting director and fitness trainer. In his complaint, he stated that he had worked with well-known film directors and had, for the past few months, observed on social media that Ranaut "is continuously defaming Bollywood film industry and is portraying people working in Bollywood films as a hub of nepotism, favouritism, drug addicts, communally-biased, murderers, etc" through her tweets and television interviews.

Ranaut, who has been critical of the Uddhav Thackeray-led state government, had also criticised the Mumbai Police saying she did not trust it.

Probe after seizure reveals drugs valued at Rs 130 cr made at unit near Pune

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, OCTOBER 21

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD police's probe following seizure of Mephedrone, estimated to be valued at Rs 20 crore in the illegal market, has unearthed a big narcotics production and distribution ring near Pune.

According to the police, it emerged during investigation that drugs valued at more than Rs 130 crore in the illegal market were manufactured – and distributed in the past – at a biotech unit in Ranjangaon, about 50 km from Pune city, and the ring was allegedly operated by a criminal linked to the Chhota Rajan gang.

Among those arrested is a Nigerian national who looked after "bulk distribution of the contraband" manufactured at the biotech unit, Pimpri Chinchwad police commissioner Krishna Prakash said.

On October 8, Pimpri Chinchwad police had seized a 20-kg consignment of the contraband substance Mephedrone, also known as Meow Meow, valued at Rs 20 crore in international market, and arrested five persons from a place near Chakan in Pune district.

Police commissioner Prakash subsequently formed six teams, coordinated by DCP Sudhir Hiremath, to probe into various aspects such as supply of materials, manufacturing, distribution of the contraband, etc.

Prakash told *The Indian Express*: "After the first five arrests, we have arrested nine more persons until now. Those arrested later include (suspected) kingpins of the racket – Tushar Kale and Rakesh Khaniwadekar, alias Rocky. Our probe till now suggests that Kale has links with the Chhota Rajan gang and Khaniwadekar is wanted by the Narcotics Control Bureau in other drugs cases."

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Rahul Gandhi at a paddy field in Wayanad, his Lok Sabha constituency. *ANI*

Kin of Kerala journalist facing UAPA charges meet Rahul

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, OCTOBER 21

THE FAMILY members of the Kerala-based journalist facing UAPA charges on Wednesday met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his visit to the state.

On October 5, journalist Siddique Kappan, Atiqur Rahman and Masood, office-bearers of Campus Front of India -- an organisation with links to Popular front of India -- and Alam, whose family claims he was driving the other three, were detained by Mathura Police while on their way to Hathras. An FIR was later filed against them under UAPA and sedition charges.

"We went to meet Rahul Gandhi today in Wayanad. It was a brief conversation during which he asked me to not worry," said Rehanath, wife of Siddique Kappan.

Rahul is on a three-day visit to Wayanad, which he represents in Lok Sabha.

The family also met Congress Rajya Sabha MP K C Venugopal during their visit. "He expressed solidarity and told us how Rahul Gandhi was also stopped when he decided to visit Hathras. He also told us that the party will stand with us and will find a way out," Rehanath told *The Indian Express*.

A Mathura court on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of the four accused till November 2. The four had earlier been remanded in judicial custody for 14 days on October 7.

The Kerala Union of Working Journalists had moved the Supreme Court, seeking the journalist's release, but the apex court directed them to file a bail application in Allahabad High Court.

The meeting with Rahul comes against the backdrop of MPs from Kerala writing to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister for the release of the journalist.

Kappan hails from Kerala and has been living in Delhi for years, Rahman is from Muzaffarnagar, Ahmed from Bahraich, and Alam from Rampur.

ELGAR PARISHAD CASE

PUCL calls for repeal of UAPA, release of 16 detained activists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN VIEW of the arrest of tribal rights activist Stan Swamy, the sixteenth activist to be detained in the Bhima Koregaon case, several opposition parties and civil society groups on Wednesday came together to demand the repeal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act or UAPA.

At a press conference hosted by People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), the speakers criticised the "illegal" arrests. The PUCL has also demanded the immediate release of Swamy and Varavara Rao, both aged 80, and specially abled Prof G N Saibaba on humanitarian grounds to enable them to undergo appropriate treatment and care at a facility of their choice.

All PUCL members also called for dropping charges against all 16 accused in the case, and demanded that the case should be closed. V Suresh, general secretary of PUCL, said while the vast majority of the accused under the UAPA are finally acquitted, there are stringent requirements for bail under the Act.

"The 'Bhima Koregaon model' of arresting people not connected to the incident, by roping in academics, lawyers, cultural artistes, film-makers, journalists and activists for allegedly conspiring to overthrow the government, has now become the model used by the NIA

CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury and CPI's D Raja

(National Investigation of Agency) and central government for the Delhi violence of February and even the Hathras incident," he claimed.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, through a video message, said, "When the country is subjected to anarchy, when Hitlerism is practiced at some places in the country, the opposition should not hesitate to stand together, irrespective of which political party they belong to."

DMK MP Kanimozhi highlighted the growing attacks on the right to dissent. "The central government even used the pandemic as an opportunity to inflict anti-people laws on the people. It's time for people to break their silence, to gather and stand together and fight against these attacks to save the country."

NCP MLA Supriya Sule said, "Everyone knows that they are innocent and the NCP is with them. Whenever the state government wants to carry out a fair investigation, the central government intervenes and does not allow it."

CPI (M) leader Sitaram Yechury said what happened in the Elgaar Parishad case was not an isolated instance. He said victims were similarly charged in Delhi riots cases.

CPI leader D Raja said, "We should demand release of Swamy and all accused in Bhima Koregaon case. I know Varavara Rao, Sudha Bharadwaj, Shoma Sen, Hany Babu, Anand Teltumbde, Gautam Navlakha, all intellectuals.... Sedition charges are being slapped against students and activists, and said his party has always been against the UAPA. He alleged that right-wing extremist groups want to convert the "Indian democratic state to a theocratic state".

Raja also spoke about Saibaba, a former Delhi University professor, and said he is 95 per cent disabled and is still not being released on bail. "Prisoners do have rights... the present government is ruthless. It does not believe in the Constitution," he said.

'Harassment' of journalists: Global press bodies write to PM Modi

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TWO INTERNATIONAL press associations have written a joint letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urged him to take "immediate steps to ensure that journalists can work without harassment and fear of reprisal".

In their letter, written on Tuesday, the Austria-headquartered International Press Institute (IPI) and Belgium-based International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) also asked Modi to "direct the state governments to drop all charges against journalists, including those under the draconian sedition laws, that have been imposed on them for their work".

"The number of cases filed against journalists have increased enormously after the spread of the pandemic," the letter stated. The "health crisis [pandemic] is being used as an excuse to silence those who have exposed shortcoming in the government's response to it... A free media is essential to a successful public health response."

They wrote, "The use of sedition laws to harass independent, critical journalists is not only a gross violation of the country's international commitments, it is also an attempt by the government to silence any criticism. Journalistic work cannot be equated to sedition or undermining security."

"As many as 55 journalists were targeted for covering the pandemic in India between 25 March, when lockdown was first imposed, and 31 May, a report by Rights and Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) has shown," they stated.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued Wednesday, the Editors Guild of India criticised Delhi Police for a "brazen attack...on a journalist [Ahan Penkar] of The Caravan magazine while he was carrying out his duty as a member of the press".

Handle 'hacked', NCW chief files complaint with Twitter

Says 'love-jihad' remarks 'blown up on social media'

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

NATIONAL COMMISSION for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma has lodged a complaint with Twitter India after "some unauthorized tweets" were made from her handle on Tuesday evening.

The tweets, many using objectionable language, were posted against the Gandhi family, the Hindu clergy, and some even against the Prime Minister, Sharma said on Wednesday.

On flak she received on social media on Tuesday for having raised the issue of "love jihad" in Maharashtra during her meeting with the state's Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Sharma said, "This has been blown up on social media. I had received a number of complaints from civil society organisations in Maharashtra of forced marriages, and then forced

Rekha Sharma

conversion of girls after these marriages. I had made it very clear that these were different from marriages that were voluntary and consensual. The reason I used the term 'love jihad' is because that was the term used in the complaints from the civil society organisations."

On "unauthorized tweets" from her handle, Sharma said, "Twitter had blocked my account yesterday and they had alerted me on suspicious activity from my account. I was visiting Maharashtra... After I landed at 7 pm (in Delhi, on Tuesday), I saw one objectionable tweet and immediately informed Twitter. They then blocked the account. I will decide on the further course of action only after Twitter gets back to me with their own explanation."

Twitter declined to comment on the issue when contacted by *The Indian Express*.

Soon after her comments on love-jihad, netizens dug out her old tweets in which she had allegedly made controversial remarks against women and politicians. Sharma claimed that her Twitter account was hacked, and that the tweets are dated before she became the NCW chairperson. Following the public outrage, she deleted her tweets.

"I have protected my tweets since last evening after receiving a message from Twitter that suspicious activity was detected on my account..." she tweeted.

Gujarat Police probe 'political link' in Hiren Patel 'murder'

ADITI RAJA
VADODARA, OCTOBER 21

THE TEAM investigating the alleged contract killing of BJP leader Hiren Patel on September 27 in Jhalod of Dahod district is now looking into the possible political link after the questioning of the four arrested accused in the case.

The new investigating officer in the case, Deputy Superintendent Paresh Solanki, has written to the Chief Officer of Jhalod Municipality, seeking details of the functioning, finances and contracts awarded to various agencies and contractors between February 2018 and August 2020, a month before Patel's alleged murder. Police is probing allegations that a high-stakes local election of the president and the vice-president of the municipality, held on August 25, was the trigger for the alleged contract killing.

In the letter, a copy of which is with *The Indian Express*, Solanki has said the information is required in connection with the probe of Patel's case, which has been registered under IPC Section 302 (culpable homicide amounting to murder).

The letter states, "Please furnish the true copies of all resolutions made in the General Board and the Executive board from February 2018 to August 2020. Please also furnish the grants received by the Jhalod Municipality during the same period... true copies of all proposals for planning of development works as per the government process as well as the relevant technical permissions, principal approvals, tender process and work orders... the records bills issued (by contractors) and the payments made by the municipality for the same."

The statements of the newly elected president and vice-president as well as the members of the Congress, who cross-voted in the elections on August 25 were recorded to understand if the leaders received any threats as claimed by Patel's family and supporters.

Local leaders say that about three months before the polls, three Congress councillors and one independent councillor went into hiding, allegedly at the insistence of Patel. Of the three councillors was Sonal Dindor, who became the president of the municipality unopposed in August. Dindor along with the two other party councillors rebelled and voted against the party mandate to support Nanda Vaghela to become the vice-president, who was backed by the BJP.

The government has expressed hope that kharif onions, likely to start arriving soon in mandis, will cool prices. *File*

Govt relaxes import norms for onion amid rising prices

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

AMID RISING onion prices, and perhaps also keeping in view the Bihar elections, the Centre on Wednesday relaxed import norms for the bulb until December 15 and asked Indian High Commissioners in "relevant" countries to contact traders there to facilitate its import by India. The government has expressed hope that kharif onions, likely to start arriving soon in mandis, will give reprieve to the rising prices.

The move comes at a time when retail price of onion has increased in recent days. According to the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, a sharp spike in prices by Rs 11.56 per kg over the last 10 days has taken the all-India retail price of onion to Rs 51.95 per kg. This is 12.13 per cent higher than the price of Rs 46.33 per kg at this time last year.

On September 14, the government had announced a ban on onion export "to ensure availability to domestic consumers at reasonable rates during the lean season before the kharif onion arrival."

"To facilitate import of onion, the government has relaxed the conditions for fumigation and additional declaration on Phytosanitary Certificate under the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003, for import up to December 15," the ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. It stated, "Indian High Commissions have been instructed in the relevant countries to contact the traders for pushing for greater imports of onions to the country..... Such consignments of imported onions which arrive in Indian port without fumigation and endorsement to that effect on the PSC, would be fumigated in India by the importer through an accredited treatment provider."

The ministry stated, "An undertaking will be obtained from importers that the onion will be used only for consumption, and not for propagation. Consignments of onions for consumption will not be subjected to four times additional inspection fee on account of non-compliance of conditions of import under PQ order, 2003."

According to the ministry, the rate of retail price increase has been "moderated to some extent", but recent heavy rain in major onion-growing districts of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh "caused damage to standing kharif crop, stored onion and seed nurseries. These developments on the weather front have resulted in sharp increase in onion prices."

The government said that a buffer stock of onion from 2020 Rabi season has been maintained and is being released.

EXPLAINED

Bihar in mind, taking sting out

THE RISE in onion price has been a sensitive poll issue. Political circles are still reminded of the Delhi elections in 1998, when onion prices, which had shot up to then record Rs 60/ kg, was seen as one of the factors that led to BJP's defeat. With Bihar polls round the corner, the Centre, it seems, doesn't want to take any chances. So, as the staple began to get dearer, the government last month banned exports, and now has relaxed import norms to augment domestic supply and keep prices in check. It has also started releasing from buffer stock.

PUNJAB

Farmers ease rail blockade to allow goods trains, CM welcomes move

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

FARMER organisations in Punjab agitating against the Centre's farm laws on Wednesday agreed to ease their indefinite rail blockade to allow goods trains to operate.

The move, which comes after repeated appeals by the state government and a day after the Assembly passed Bills to negate the Central Acts, will help restore the supply line of coal, fertilisers and other goods.

Chief Minister Amarinder Singh welcomed the announcement, calling it a move in the interest of the state's economy.

The organisations, however, have refused to allow passenger train traffic through Punjab.

Sources said that while some farmer outfits were in favour of allowing passenger train traffic, others opposed it during a meeting of the organisations on Wednesday. In the end, it was decided that farmers will continue blocking passenger trains. The protesting outfits also gave an ultimatum to the Centre to withdraw the farm laws within 15 days failing which they would intensify their agitation and give a call for a nationwide bandh on November 5.

"The farmers have not let down the state, and I would personally ensure that my government never lets them down," said CM Singh, welcoming the move to allow goods trains. He urged the protesting outfits to also lift the blockade on passenger trains.

STATE OF GLOBAL AIR REPORT

'Air pollution had role in over 116,000 infant deaths in India in 2019'

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, OCTOBER 21

AIR POLLUTION contributed to more than 116,000 infant deaths in India, according to the State of Global Air 2020 (SoGA 2020) report released on Wednesday.

This is the first-ever comprehensive analysis of air pollution's global impact on newborns and is the first time deaths in infants aged under 1 month have been estimated.

For the youngest infants, most deaths were related to complications from low birth weight and preterm birth. In this age category, nearly two third deaths are attributed to household air pollution from the burning of biomass fuels.

Long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution contributed to over 1.67 million annual deaths from stroke, heart attack, diabetes, lung cancer, chronic lung diseases, and neonatal diseases, in India in 2019, the report stated.

Overall, air pollution is now the largest risk factor for death among all health risks, according to the SoGA 2020 report published by the US-based Health Effects Institute in cooperation with the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, and the University of British Columbia. The findings are based on the recent Global Burden of Disease study published recently in The Lancet.

The new analysis reported in the State of Global Air this year estimates that nearly 21 per cent of neonatal deaths from all causes are attributable to ambient and household air pollution. "Addressing impacts of air pollution on adverse pregnancy outcomes and newborn health is really important for low- and middle-income countries, not only because of the high prevalence of low birth weight, preterm birth, and child growth deficits but because it allows the design of strategic interventions that can be directed at these vulnerable groups," said Dr Kalpana Balakrishnan, director of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)'s Centre for Advanced Research on Air Quality, Climate and Health.

The report also highlights the ongoing challenge of high outdoor air pollution — South Asian countries including India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal feature among the top ten countries with the highest PM 2.5 exposures in 2019.

Among the various air pollutants, ambient PM2.5 has been shown to cause the greatest number of deaths. India tops the world for the highest population-weighted annual average PM2.5 levels in 2019, followed by Nepal and Niger.

India ranks number 3 in the world for annual Ozone exposures after Qatar and Nepal, and India continues to show the highest increase in ozone levels among all countries compared to the previous year, according to the report. Ozone is a harmful gas that affects the respiratory tract and not only causes worsening of asthma and respiratory tract infections, but also contributes significantly to global warming.

"India continues to be ridden by the harmful effects of air pollution and the numbers of affected people seem to increase every year," said Dr Sundeep Salvi, Director, Pulmocare Research and Education Foundation based in Pune and Chair of the Global Burden of Disease for Chronic Respiratory Diseases.

Household air pollution was the only factor that decreased in India. In 2019, 54 million fewer people were exposed to household air pollution in India than the previous year.

Tension in Odisha village after 'Maoists' abduct three, kill one

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, OCTOBER 21

TENSION PREVAILED at a remote village in Odisha's Malkangiri district on Wednesday after three villagers were picked up by suspected Maoists and one was killed, officials said.

According to police, on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, a group of around 20 armed people attacked the residents of Khajuriguda village, which falls under the Jodamba police station limits in the Swabhiman Anchal region, and picked up three residents, accusing them of being police informers.

The throat of one of the residents picked up, Dasu Kheumudu, was slit with a sharp object, and he succumbed to his injuries. The other two — Sana Hantal and Samru Khil — managed to return to the village and are currently undergoing treatment. Both are said to be in a critical condition.

Malkangiri SP Rishikesh Dyandeo Khilari said, "The victims were innocent tribals. On being informed about the attack, a team was dispatched to the spot and the body was recovered. We are suspecting that the accused were Maoists and further investigations to identify them and arrest them are underway."

The yet to be identified ultras have been booked under IPC sections 302 (murder) and under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). No arrests have been made yet. Combing operations have been intensified in the surrounding areas, officials said.

The attack comes a day after BSF personnel seized and defused seven IEDs from the area following a tip-off from villagers, and two days after police a huge cache of explosives was unearthed by the police on the Malkangiri-Koraput border.

The Swabhiman Anchal region, which was cut-off by the rest of the district by the Gurupriya river, was long considered a fortress of left-wing extremists. However, the situation started to change after the cluster of 151 villages was made accessible thanks to the construction of a 910-metre bridge built over the river in July 2018.

The administration and police forces have now started penetrating in the erstwhile Maoist hotbed by providing telecom services, healthcare facilities and providing basic facilities like building roads.

"Such an incident has been reported after a long time. We have been actively penetrating in these areas and they have not been able to execute their activities in this area. Through the incident today they want to coerce people and threaten them, but a thorough investigation into the matter will be conducted," Khilari said.

Kerala to start MSP for vegetables from Nov 1

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 21

THE KERALA government is set to introduce a minimum support price (MSP) for 16 vegetables, starting from November 1.

As per the cabinet decision on Wednesday, the state Agriculture Department will implement the scheme with the support of local self-governing bodies and the Cooperative Department.

State Agriculture Minister V S Sunil Kumar said the move will encourage farmers to cultivate the vegetables which have been included in the scheme and would help increase vegetable production in Kerala. The rate has been already fixed after factoring in cost of production and productivity, he said.

In the first phase, 1600 –odd primary agricultural credit co-operative societies will collect the listed products from farmers through the state-run HORTICORP, Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Kerala (VFPCK) and other wholesale markets. Local self-governing bodies will provide the gap in funds for the cooperative societies, if required. The amount would be credited to the accounts of the farmers enrolled in the scheme.

Assam Rifles jawan killed in ambush by NSCN (IM) in Arunachal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ITANAGAR, OCTOBER 21

AN ASSAM Rifles jawan was killed after a patrolling party was ambushed by NSCN (IM) militants in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap district on Wednesday, Army sources said.

The personnel of the 6th Assam Rifles were conducting routine patrolling when the insurgents opened fire on them near Sanliam village in Lazu circle in the morning, they said.

The security personnel retaliated and the jawan was killed in the ensuing gun-battle, the sources said, adding further details are awaited.

Security forces have launched a massive operation to nab the militants.

Engagement to the post of two National Consultantss on contract basis in the Department of Health and Family Welfare

Department of Health & Family Welfare invites applications from suitable persons for engagement to the post of **National Consultant under the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD).** Eligibility criterion, job responsibility and other details have been uploaded on the official website of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at **www.mohfw@gov.in** for information of candidates/retired government servants. The duly filled in applications may be forwarded to Shri Dharminder Singh, Under Secretary, Room No. 430-C, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi — 110108 or to email:- **s.dharminder@nic.in**. **The last date for submission of application is 30 days after the publishing of this advertisement. The date of written examination/interview shall be conveyed in due course.**

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

	Particulars	Half year ended 30th September, 2020 Unaudited	Half year ended 30th September, 2019 Unaudited	Year to date ended 30th September, 2020 Unaudited	Year ended 31st March, 2020 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	3,643.87	3,460.19	3,643.87	7,016.87
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	(265.34)	(507.97)	(265.34)	(890.54)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(265.34)	(507.97)	(265.34)	(890.54)
4	Total comprehensive income	(266.26)	(507.97)	(266.26)	(892.78)
5	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of Rs. 10 each)	8,000.42	8,000.42	8,000.42	8,000.42
6	Reserve excluding revaluation reserve	(11,270.43)	(10,619.36)	(11,270.43)	(11,004.17)
7	Net worth	3,765.87	4,416.94	3,765.87	4,032.13
8	Outstanding debt	8,212.43	8,760.14	8,212.43	8,796.55
9	Debt equity ratio	2.18	1.98	2.18	2.18
10	Basic earnings per share (₹) (not annualised)	(0.33)	(0.63)	(0.33)	(1.11)
11	Diluted earnings per share (₹) (not annualised)	(0.33)	(0.63)	(0.33)	(1.11)
12	Debenture redemption reserve	-	-	-	-
13	Debt service coverage ratio	0.86	0.37	0.86	0.52
14	Interest service coverage ratio	0.99	0.41	0.99	0.56

Notes :
1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on 20th October, 2020.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the half yearly financial results is available on the website of the stock exchange www.nseindia.com and on the company's website www.tatapower.com

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Place : Mumbai
Date : 20th October 2020
Ramesh N. Subramanyam
Chairman

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

(₹ in Crore)

	Particulars	Half year ended 30.09.2020 Unaudited	Half year ended 30.09.2019 Unaudited	Year ended on 31.03.2020 Audited
1	Total income from operations	499.28	467.07	917.46
2	Net Profit for the year before tax	16.81	40.34	2.06
3	Net Profit for the year after tax	10.98	23.84	(47.18)
4	Total comprehensive income	10.69	23.86	(47.84)
5	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 10 each)	1,045.11	1,045.11	1,045.11
6	Reserve excluding revaluation reserve	101.25	162.26	90.56
7	Net worth	5,041.36	5,102.37	5,030.67
8	Outstanding debt	4,102.12	4,481.66	4,218.21
9	Debt equity ratio	0.81	0.88	0.84
10	Basic earnings per Share (₹) (not annualised)	0.11	0.23	(0.45)
11	Diluted earnings per share (₹) (not annualised)	0.11	0.23	(0.45)
12	Debenture redemption reserve	112.19	112.19	112.19
13	Debt service coverage ratio	1.27	1.72	1.55
14	Interest service coverage ratio	2.09	2.13	1.92

Notes :
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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Place : Mumbai
Dated : 20th October 2020
Praveer Sinha
Chairman

Organising Vendor Meet to Ensure Transparency in Supply Chain

Northern Railway Organises Vendor Meet on Digital Platform

Date 29.10.2020 **Time** 11.00 AM to 01.30 PM

- **Focus of this Vendor Meet is to appraise the Vendors with the recent policy changes in the domain of Public Procurement and new opportunities available to the vendors.**
- **Representatives from all the stake holders from Railway side, like Purchaser, RDSO, RITES, CRIS and Paying Authority will be available during this Vendor meet to address the concern of the participants from Industry.**

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This is to inform that PFRDA is a statutory body which regulates National Pension System (NPS) and the general public is hereby cautioned not to fall prey to the designs of such unscrupulous elements who are trying to dupe the unsuspecting citizens in the name of NPS/PFRDA
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ATTENTION VALUED SHAREHOLDERS OF NTPC LTD.

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Further, pursuant to Section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and IEPF Rules, 2016, all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more, shall also be transferred to IEPF Account.

In respect of shares for which dividend had remained unclaimed or unpaid for seven consecutive years till August 2020 had already been transferred to the IEPF Authority's Demat Account. Details of such holders shall be available on the website of the Company at **www.ntpc.co.in.**

The Final dividend for the financial year 2012-13 @ Rs. 2.00 per equity share was paid on 27.09.2013. As per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, the unpaid and unclaimed amounts of the aforesaid dividend became due for transfer to Fund on 17.10.2020. The corresponding shares of the holders who have not encashed/ claimed their dividend for seven consecutive years are also liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority's Demat Account.

Shareholders may please note that if any amount/ shares are transferred to the Fund, then the same has to be claimed from the 'Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority' following the procedure as provided under IEPF Rules, 2016. To avoid the inconvenience of claiming the refund/ shares from 'Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority', shareholders who have not received/ claimed/ encashed warrant(s) relating to the final dividend for the financial year 2012-13 paid in September 2013 may lodge their claims with the RTA i.e. Alankit Assignments Ltd. (Unit: NTPC Ltd.), Alankit Heights, 4E/2, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110055 Tel.: (011) -4254 1956, 4254 1966, Fax: (011) – 4154 3474 and Email: alankit_ntpc@alankit.com or with the Dy. Nodal Officer, Investor Services Department, NTPC Ltd. at the address indicated above. **Shareholders may kindly ensure that claim, if any, is received by the RTA/ NTPC Ltd. on or before 05.11.2020 to ensure that unclaimed/ unpaid dividend amount and shares are not transferred to the Fund.**

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Financial Year	Nature of Dividend	Dividend %	Last dates of lodging claims
2013-14	Interim	40.00%	05.03.2021
2013-14	Final	17.50%	01.10.2021
2014-15	Interim	7.50%	28.02.2022

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Shareholder (s) are requested to keep their email ID and other relevant details updated with their Depository Participant (DP), in case of shares held in dematerialized form and with the Company/ RTA, in case of shares held in physical form.

For and on behalf of NTPC Ltd.
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(Nandini Sarkar)
Company Secretary
Date : 21.10.2020
Place : New Delhi

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ON A LARGER STAGE

Punjab's counter to Centre's farm acts makes a political point. But state must not lose opportunity for its farmers to do better

THE THREE BILLS passed by the Punjab Assembly on Tuesday, ostensibly to undo the Centre's recently enacted farm reform laws, make a populist political point. Proof of it is the provision of "imprisonment of not less than three years and fine" for any purchase of produce at below the official minimum support price (MSP). The fine print, however, is that the MSPs in the bills, which have to receive presidential assent, relate to wheat and paddy alone. Government agencies procured almost 95 per cent of the entire wheat and 99.5 per cent of the regular non-basmati paddy that arrived last year in Punjab's mandis. These purchases were obviously at MSP, making claims of the Punjab government's bills protecting farmers against "harassment" by traders or corporate houses superficial. The simple fact is private players hardly source any wheat or non-basmati paddy from Punjab, given the state's high market fees and levies. The threat of jail sentence would merely increase the government's share in whatever remains of the "market" to 100 per cent.

The bills pushed through by the Amarinder Singh-led Congress government, ironically, propose no such punitive action against those buying other produce at below MSP. Maize growers in Punjab have realised rates of Rs 800-1,200 per quintal in the current marketing season, as against the MSP of Rs 1,850. Kapas (raw un-ginned cotton) is, likewise, trading at Rs 5,100-5,200 per quintal, way below its MSP of Rs 5,725. Punjab farmers have this time planted 7.43 lakh hectares (lh) under these two crops and another 6.60 lh under basmati paddy, which receives no MSP support even on paper. Despite the significant acreages, the Punjab government's bills have refrained from deeming sub-MSP transactions in them as an offence. Nor do their purchases attract prohibitive mandi fees, unlike for wheat and normal paddy. The reason is only because the buyers here are overwhelmingly private millers, ginners and traders. The government knows pretty well that antagonising the private trade would require it to procure these commodities, for which there is neither money nor means for effective disposal.

Farmers across India are, no doubt, restive today. Their margins are under pressure from both rising input costs and un-remunerative produce prices. But the solution does not lie in populism or fishing in troubled waters. Instead, it has to be found in improving productivity and input use efficiency, apart from leveraging the power of agricultural markets that have suffered from excessive fragmentation and controls on movement, stocking, exports and pricing. The Centre's farm acts are directionally correct, even if they might not yield immediate results. It is for the states, irrespective of the ruling party, to realise an opportunity. Punjab did it during the Green Revolution and should enable its farmers to do even better: Let the world, not just the Food Corporation of India, be their stage.

ABOUT A HERO

Controversy on Muralitharan biopic does injustice to one of the great sports stories

THE PLAN FOR a biopic on the life and achievements of Sri Lankan cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan has received a setback following opposition from the Tamil film fraternity and politicians. Actor Vijay Sethupathi, who was to play Muralitharan in the film, has withdrawn from the project, on the advice of the cricketer, after he (Sethupathi) was targeted by a section of the industry. Critics of the film, *800*, view Muralitharan as someone who "collaborated" with the Sinhala majoritarian sentiment and "betrayed" the Tamil cause. The shrill political correctness on display refutes a nuanced understanding of politics, cinema and sports — the three strands in a complex narrative of the rise of a cricketer from an ethnic and linguistic minority to the stature of a national hero against the background of a long drawn-out ethnic war.

Muralitharan is arguably one of the greatest sportspersons of Tamil origin. His success as a bowler is unique in the history of cricket. His 800 Test wickets came in the face of tremendous odds on the field and off it. His bowling action, unusual because of a deformity in his throwing arm, came under extreme scrutiny and he had to fight allegations of chucking all through his career to emerge as one of cricket's greats. Off the field, however, his loyalty — to his community and the nation-state — was always on test as his career overlapped with the war years, when people and opinion were polarised not just in Sri Lanka but also in Tamil Nadu. Muralitharan, of course, was careful to avoid conversations on politics, though some of his remarks during the last phase of the war were construed as supportive of Sinhalese triumphalism. The fact is Muralitharan belongs to the Tamil community constituted mostly of indentured labour from India that went to work in the tea plantations in Sri Lanka in the 19th century. The plantation Tamils organised differently from the Tamils of Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka and were lukewarm to the militant mobilisations of outfits such as the LTTE. The complex political history of Sri Lankan Tamils apart, it is unfair to let Muralitharan's stray comments on politics cloud his achievements on the cricket field.

Muralitharan's life story has ample material for good cinema. By all means, the film must be criticised if it fails to do justice to it. But the current grandstanding in the context of the making of the film, with an eye on political gains in Tamil Nadu, cannot pretend to address in any way the real concerns of Tamils in Sri Lanka.

QUIET PLEASE

A mute button will be used to ensure candidates don't interrupt each other in US presidential debate. It won't be enough

THE TIME SINCE the pandemic struck has been a period of isolation but not of silence, at least as far as US politics is concerned. The first debate between US President Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden held last month was, not to put too fine a point on it, not a debate at all. At one point, fed up with Trump's interruptions, jibes and taunts, Biden asked his rival to "shut up", and even called him a "clown". Trump managed to frustrate the moderator as well, who, too, was barely allowed to finish a sentence. For the final debate, to be held on Thursday, the bipartisan debate commission has decided that the producers of the debate will be given a "mute" button. On every issue, when each candidate gets two minutes to speak, his opponent will be remotely silenced.

The mute button might not work out that well: The speaker's microphone could pick up the mutterings of his opponent. Also, even if the viewing public cannot hear the interruptions, the candidates can. The larger issue is the need to silence people who are contesting for high public office — an admission that grown-ups seeking election cannot be trusted to follow the same rules that school-going teenagers in debating societies do.

Trump and his campaign have already called the mute button partisan and unfair. But the problem of a coarse public discourse will not go away, nor is it limited to the US alone. There is no technical solution to the problem of grand egos and the inability or unwillingness to listen to those who disagree. In the age of social media, when politicians have managed to replace public debate and press conferences with pulpits and Twitter accounts, there is no mute button strong enough to ensure a civil discussion.

The rise of the Quad

Having ensconced itself as the core of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific vision, Quad needs a definitive blueprint

SUJAN R CHINOY

THE SECOND MINISTERIAL meeting of the four-nation Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) in Tokyo on October 6 has been followed by a decision to include Australia in the Malabar 2020 naval exercise after a gap of 13 years. The threat posed by China to the geo-strategic and geo-economic landscape of the Indo-Pacific region ranks alongside the challenge of the pandemic in terms of disruption. The pandemic has stoked Chinese aggression, from the East and South China Seas to eastern Ladakh, but it has also provided others with opportunities to cooperate in maritime security, cyber-security, data flows, quality infrastructure and healthcare.

That the "Indo-Pacific" concept has gained fresh currency should not come as a surprise. It is an inclusive and representative term that reflects the contemporary interconnectedness of trade, technology and supply chains in a wider region. By comparison, the "Asia-Pacific" represented the trans-Pacific strategic and economic impulses after World War II, and was confined to East and South-east Asia. Moreover, the Indo-Pacific is being redefined, ironically, by China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), debt-trap diplomacy, fictional territorial claims and a divide-and-rule strategy. The historical experience of Indo-Pacific strategies of the colonial age can help provide deeper insight into the malefic impact of China's neo-colonialism.

Beijing views the "Indo-Pacific" as a direct threat to the BRI, and in classical *wei qi* calculus, as an "encirclement" strategy.

During his recent visit to Malaysia, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi criticised the Quad, stating that Washington was aiming to build an "Indo-Pacific NATO" through the Quad. The very fact that China no longer describes it as "headline grabbing" and "foam on the sea" that would "soon dissipate" is proof that the Quad is acquiring traction.

One can expect China to use *wei qi* principles and *guanxi* (networks and connections) to weaken the Quad, especially in Japan and Australia. The economies of these two key Quad members remain heavily dependent on China. Japan's efforts at economic decoupling and Australia's endeavours to subject Chinese investments and influence-peddling to greater scrutiny should be lauded. In all likelihood, the new Yoshihide Suga government in Japan will hold PM Abe's tough line on China, at least until the LDP election in September 2021 and the lower house elections later that year. Japan's recent enabling agreements with Vietnam and Philippines for defence exports could lead to similar arrangements with Indonesia and Thailand. Hopefully, the Scott Morrison government in Australia will continue to receive full domestic support for its increasingly robust China policy.

> Once a solitary voice, India's concerns about the BRI are now echoed by several countries. India took the lead in banning Chinese apps. Notably, it was India's decision that had elevated the Quad dialogue to ministerial-level in 2019. Yet again, it is India which has shed its reticence and decided to welcome Australia to the Malabar 2020 exercise. India's pull-out from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations last year may have appeared self-injurious then, but subsequent developments have put into sharper relief the deleterious role of China-centric supply chains

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China's actions have since led to the Resilient Supply Chain Initiative (RSCI) involving India, Japan and Australia, focussed on key sectors such as semi-conductors, pharmaceuticals, automobiles and telecommunications.

An ambitious China has consistently sought the expulsion of the US from its periphery. The US and others such as France and Britain are historically part of the region. The US has played a key role in the region's stability and prosperity following the Second World War. US military presence prevented Japan from re-arming itself. It cautioned China against risking military adventurism across the Taiwan Strait that would have otherwise derailed its economic ascendance, and kept the peace on the Korean Peninsula for over six decades. Ironically, China, the biggest beneficiary of the trans-Pacific trade and investment flows, does not quite see it that way.

In the South China Sea, China's preposterous claims, island-building spree and militarisation of oceanic space continue to grab headlines. China is a member of UNCLOS yet disregards its precepts. Vastly adept at concocting "historical evidence" to buttress claims, China has regularly used the *wei qi* strategy to fracture ASEAN consensus. As the only major power involved in the Code of Conduct negotiations, China will probe chinks in the armour of "ASEAN centrality" to exploit and shape outcomes.

The US position on the South China Sea is now fully in alignment with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) tribunal award of 2016. While it cannot restore status quo ante in the South China Sea, it does boost the morale of disputants such as the Philippines, who are routinely bullied by China.

In the Indian Ocean, China uses the cloak of anti-piracy deployments to maintain a quasi-permanent presence, with bases in Gwadar and Djibouti as beachheads for penetrating South Asia, the Gulf region and littoral Africa.

As was once the case in dealing with the *xiongnu* — barbarians — on its northern borderlands, China continues to employ ancient stratagems to pit one nation against another on its periphery to weaken and subjugate contending forces through guile and inducements.

The Quad, having ensconced itself as the core of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) vision, now needs a definitive blueprint in order to have a meaningful impact. It should have a tough security-oriented core with a softer and inclusive exoskeleton that prioritises the developmental agenda. The Quad Plus format should cater to the region's economic needs, including infrastructure, connectivity and capacity-building. Without generous alternatives, many countries would continue to be drawn to China, as moths to a flame.

Looking ahead, there is scope to convene a future Quad meeting in the 2+2 format, with diplomats and civilian defence officials participating at the level of director general. Such an expanded format could gradually be elevated to the level of vice minister and minister. A joint statement by the four countries at the next meeting of the Quad would also help consolidate the gains made so far.

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A QUESTION OF SURVIVAL

Why Punjab's farmers oppose the new farm laws

AJAY VIR JAKHAR

WHEN THE ESTABLISHMENT ignores the historical context and the emotional component underlying any debate, mass protests can erupt to potentially shape the future. The people of Punjab would not have wanted a confrontation with the Union government, neither would I want to put it so bluntly, but around us, agitated farmers, with a strong common purpose, are energised in a way not seen in many decades. To nullify the possible impact of the three farm acts passed in haste by the Parliament, the Punjab government was compelled to pass its own bills on Tuesday. These broadly attempt to ensure continued procurement of wheat and paddy at the minimum support price (MSP), uphold the powers of the courts in dispute settlement and empower the state to regulate trade of foodgrain.

The three farm acts were preceded by a high-level committee in 2015, headed by Shanta Kumar, which suggested measures to reorient the Food Corporation of India (FCI)'s operations by shifting away from the public distribution system to cash transfers. This negates the very requirement of MSP procurement. The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has been recommending reviewing the open-ended procurement of foodgrain, which is also reflected in the recent RBI annual report that says that the MSP is no solution to farmer's woes. Similar views were expressed by a Union cabinet minister lately. Therefore, the farmers infer that a path that makes MSP procurement redundant is inevitable and fear it will become applicable after the 2022 assembly elections. To grasp the farmer's resentment, I estimate the loss that may accrue to Punjab in the most probable way.

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The MSP for wheat is Rs 1,925, and for paddy Rs 1,868. But in the absence of government procurement in Bihar and other places, normally crops sell 20 per cent below MSP. Similarly, without assured procurement in Punjab, the losses to the state could exceed Rs 15,000 crore. This has generated so intense an outcry that even BJP allies had to go to the extent of breaking long-forged alliances for fear of becoming politically irrelevant. Though it is more likely that the open-ended procurement of wheat and paddy will end.

In other states, procurement per farmer is capped at produce from 5 acres of land. For example, in Rajasthan, it is 25 quintals for moong and groundnut. Eventually, farmers fear that the same limits will be applied in Punjab; about 20 per cent of paddy and 25 per cent of wheat will not be procured and will sell below the MSP. This will lead to a loss of Rs 3,200 crore. Possibly, that is why central government functionaries have repeated that "MSP will continue" rather than clarifying that "procurement at MSP will continue as earlier". To give them credit, their "truth" corresponds to Yudhishthira's "untruth" when he stated, "Ashwatthama is dead".

In adjoining states, central government agencies do not pay mandi fee on procurement. The new farm bills disallow imposition of mandi fee on produce procured outside the mandi's physical boundaries. Should FCI or private traders trade outside the mandi space, the state will lose revenue of Rs 3,500 crore.

Central government agencies do not pay commission to *arhtiyas* in their price support operations for oilseeds, pulses and cotton. If this practice is extended to Punjab, three-quarters of 24,000 *arhtiyas* and their employees will lose agency and employment. The annual loss will be about Rs 1,500 crore. Further, in the event of not being paid by the purchaser, they will start charging farmers extra fee under various pretexts.

After reneging on the promise of fixing the MSP by the C2+50 per cent formula, the government settled on the (A2+FL)+50 per cent formula where the derived MSP is far less. There are rumours that to stave off a financial crisis, MSP in the future will be calculated separately for each state depending on their cost of cultivation. If true, in Punjab, the MSP for wheat and paddy will reduce to Rs 1,035 and Rs 1,094 per quintal respectively — the loss could be more than Rs 26,000 crore.

An opportunity has been lost in the lackadaisical handling of the issue. Politics now threatens to complicate the process. I doubt if future historians will recall when Punjab changed course, and how an issue of farmer livelihoods morphed into one of Punjab's survival. It is time to stop moralising.

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OCTOBER 22, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIRA VS ZIA

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi accused Pakistan President Zia-ul Haq of violating the Simla Agreement in letter and spirit. She attacked Zia on two specific counts: One was that President Zia has during the last few months sought to raise the Kashmir issue at various world forums, including the UN. The other was that he has sought to internationalise the recent riots in Moradabad. When asked what she thought of the current Pakistani mood for the normalisation of relations between the countries, Mrs Gandhi said, "Whose mood... General Zia's or the Pakistani peoples'?" She did not think they are the same.

PM ON COMMUNALISM

THE PRIME MINISTER said the problem of communalism had to be met " politically and socially" by involving the largest number of people. She doubted if this evil could be tackled by banning communal parties. A vast majority of our people are against communalism, she said.

TRAIN COLLISION

AT LEAST 20 persons were killed and 50 others were injured when the Bombay-bound Punjab Mail rammed into a stationary goods train near Itarsi. The Railway Protection Force and Madhya Pradesh police jawans engaged in the rescue operations were digging out more bodies from the damaged bogies and the toll was likely to go up, official sources said. Twenty of the injured were stated to be in a critical condition and eight of them had been shifted from Itarsi to the hospital at Bhopal, 120 km away.

ABADAN BATTLE

AS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS intensified, the battle for Abadan and Khorramshahr appeared to gather momentum at the northern rim of the Gulf. A Baghdad radio broadcast claimed Abadan's approaches were being "hit with repeated tank assaults to wither down and then pierce its defences".

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

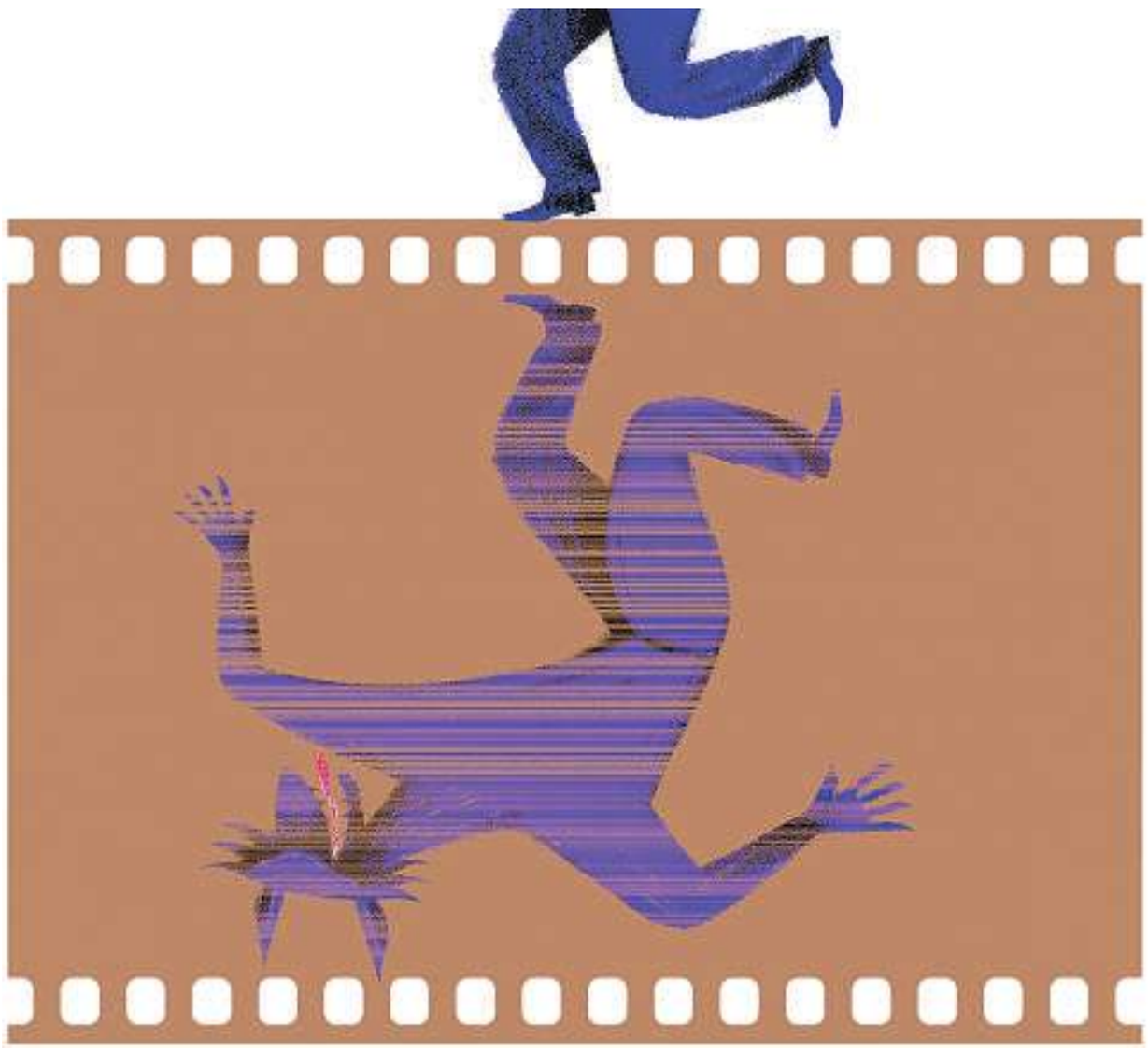
"The US faces huge challenges in creating an anti-China united front. India, Japan and Australia even have differences with the US in defining and describing the Quad mechanism."

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The fault is not in our stars

We would like to believe that Bollywood is a filthy place because we are really not sure how clean we are. And this dichotomy has turned to hate

JERRY PINTO



C R Sasikumar

COULD IT BE that we are in the middle of a caste war and we have not been able to see it? There has been enough evidence of the contempt we hold for the performing arts. When I was a young freelance writer, I asked the editor of a broadsheet whether I could review Hindi cinema for him. He asked, "Do you like Bollywood?" I said, "I love it". At the back of my head was the ghostly voice of John Ruskin, admonishing us that he who loves detective fiction should review detective fiction, etc. He sighed and shook his head, "My readers want someone who despises Bollywood". I must have looked askance for he said, "They may love (it) but they want to believe they despise it".

Being middle class is to be caught between what you love and what you despise. Being middle class is to be unsure of whether what you love is worthy of you. (I should know. I am middle class.) I know what ambivalence is. I know how terrible it is to be caught in a moment where everyone around you assumes you have an appreciation for the kitsch of an art form, when your tears are real and your heart pounds for the cheesiest of speeches. You so want to be Kalidasa and Balasaraswathi; you so are Manmohan Desai and Helen. You so despise yourself.

And this despising is turned on to the object of love. Caste politics allows you to clothe that hatred by requiring you to hate *bhaands*, even as they are sexualised. Why do you think *Devdas* works so well for the middle class that more than a dozen cinematic versions of it have been made across the country across the decades since it was written? Was there ever a man who despised himself as much as Devdas and then turned his pain into violence and rejection?

Thus, we would like to believe that Bollywood is a filthy place because we are really not sure how clean we are. A nation obsessed with purity and pollution, which has one of the filthiest public spheres, must spend a huge amount of psychic energy managing this dichotomy. What can we do with this fatigue? We can turn it into hate. If hatred were an Olympic sport, we would be the undisputed champions.

So is Bollywood the necropolis of our desires? Probably.

But no more filthy than any other place where the stakes are high.

Is it nepotistic? No more than any other family-owned company. No more than you are, dear reader, for you are piling up whatever you can so that your children will benefit. And no one thinks it is bad. Nepotism sneaks up on you. Consider the son of a poet from Allahabad who is refused a job in All India Radio even though his voice is now considered his signature. He is an outsider. But his son? How inside is his son? Do you fault his father for picking up the phone and calling in his dues for his son? Would you not do the same?

Does everybody do drugs? No more than those in most offices across the country. I grew up in a time when there was a clear-cut divide in the student community, or so I imagined. There were the *charsis* (as they were known) and there were the rest of us. The rest of us fitted on to the bell curve, and we could be handled. We were no threat to the status quo. The *charsis* were the difficulty. Everyone feared them and hated them and tried to pretend that they sympathised. But we were warned: Dreams will drown when sugar is brown. Meanwhile, Dad worked at a tobacco company and Mom made everything with white sugar.

So here is what I suspect.

The Hindi film industry is only a reflection of the society around it. It is corrupt because we as a nation are corrupt. It is nepotistic because it never occurs to us to tell our sons to go out and earn a living on their own; they always start as VPs and end up as the creepies who ruined the company. But it is glamorous and it demands, commands our adoration. We hate the stranglehold it has on our dreams. We love the stars but only because we see in them a pale imitation of our dreamselves. And when they fall, we love them maliciously all the more in the time when they are summoned by the authorities. So not us.

In the 1980s, the common housefly was about the only entertainment you could get on television news. Safely ensconced in government funding, the newsreaders wore their saris and their khadi kurtas and read out scripts. When a fly troubled a newsreader and she actually waved a hand at it, it was news. In no way did we ever think of the television as a source of information. It was a status symbol; for entertainment, we went to the movies and considered each other's lives.

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Perhaps, the grim delight with which newspapers are reporting on the contretemps between Bollywood and the television channels is only an extension of that caste war, our hatred and fear of the *bhaands*, our contempt for ourselves that we can love them so much. (Some television anchors are now stars.)

I stopped watching television news many years ago. I disconnected from most social media after a few years of flirtation. I have never missed any of them. I rely on the newspapers and on the dispassionate look of words that have been edited and which seek balance and objectivity, even if these are mythical possibilities rather than actually achievable targets.

I pride myself on being post-social media. Perhaps, I am not the person to be writing this piece.

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The answer is fraternity

The term's inclusion in the Preamble is of historic importance — and contemporary relevance

RAJMOHAN GANDHI

TWO MONTHS AGO, Harsh Mander wrote in *The India Forum* of the significance of the word "fraternity" in our Constitution's Preamble. Reading the article nudged me to explore the story behind that word's inclusion.

Scholars have long noted a few milestones in the history of India's constitution-making. A major one was the 1931 "Fundamental Rights" resolution of the Indian National Congress. Meeting in Karachi under the presidentship of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Congress resolved that "any [future] constitution should include fundamental rights of the people such as freedom of association and combination, freedom of speech and press, freedom of conscience and the free profession and practice of religion".

Furthermore, the resolution added, such a constitution should prohibit discrimination against persons of any "religion, caste or creed in regard to public employment, office of power, and the exercise of any trade or calling" and should rule out any "civic bar on account of sex".

It should assure "equal rights to all citizens of access to and use of public roads, public wells and all other places of public resort". Also, the state was required, under the proposed constitution, to observe "religious neutrality".

There is evidence that close collaboration between Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru produced the text of this consequential resolution, which Gandhi moved in Karachi in 1931. But it had the approval also of Patel and of everyone else who counted.

Subhas Chandra Bose, for example, played an active part at the Karachi session. Also present was Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and, we must assume, Abul Kalam Azad. Definitely present, too, in Karachi were the passionate spirits of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, who had been hanged a few days earlier in Lahore.

The "constitution" resolution, as this Karachi resolution may also be called, was thus adopted during a landmark moment in our journey towards independence.

Another milestone on the journey to the Constitution was Ambedkar's powerful 1936 text, *Annihilation of Caste*, where he wrote: "What is your ideal society if you do not want caste, is a question that is bound to be asked of you. If you ask me, my ideal would be a society based on liberty, equality, and fraternity. And why not?"

In history's light, it is thus Ambedkar who injects "fraternity" into India's constitutional conversation.

Seven months before Independence, in January 1947, the Constituent Assembly passed its "Objectives Resolution", which had been discussed from November 1946. This resolution declared: "All people of India shall be guaranteed and secured social, economic and political justice; equality of status and opportunities and equality before law; and fundamental freedoms — of speech, expression, belief, faith, worship, vocation, association and action…"

While these words bear a clear resemblance to the Preamble to come, they do not include the word "fraternity".

Two weeks after Independence, on August 29, 1947, the Constituent Assembly appointed a Drafting Committee, with Ambedkar, the Law Minister in free India's first cabinet, as chairman. A Draft Constitution prepared by this Drafting Committee was the basis for the Constituent Assembly's deliberations on the Constitution.

The volumes entitled *The Framing of India's Constitution: Select Documents*, edited by B Shiva Rao and available online, contain much information about the Drafting Committee's work. Page 484 of Volume III of this series shows the word "fraternity" in the draft preamble for the first time, while providing minutes of the Drafting Committee's meeting of February 6, 1948.

This date suggests that the inclusion of "fraternity" may have been connected to the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, which had occurred a week earlier.

Such a conclusion is strengthened by a letter that Ambedkar, writing as the Drafting Committee's chairman, addressed on February 21, 1948, to Babu Rajendra Prasad, president of the Constituent Assembly. In this letter, Ambedkar said:

"The [Drafting] Committee has added a clause about fraternity in the preamble, although it does not occur in the Objectives Resolution. The committee felt that the need for fraternal concord and goodwill in India was never greater than now and that this particular aim of the new Constitution should be emphasised by special mention in the preamble." (p. 510 of *The Framing Of India's Constitution: Select Documents, Vol. III*, edited by B. Shiva Rao (Digital Library of India Item 2015.278539).

If available, any record of discussions within the Drafting Committee that led to the inclusion of "fraternity" in the eventual Preamble might throw additional light on the inference that Gandhi may have contributed posthumously to it.

Nearly two years later, in his famous speech of November 25, 1949, to the Constituent Assembly, Ambedkar would say: "Without fraternity, equality and liberty will be no deeper than coats of paint."

As Mander has pointed out, the Hindi for fraternity, *bandhuta*, sounds more inclusive than male-centred "fraternity". In any case, what the world's present condition needs, namely bonding between humans, may be more important than the alphabet letters that make up "fraternity".

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No software for justice

Virtual courts cannot fully replace a process that demands direct human interaction

JAYA JAITLY

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on personnel, public grievances, law and justice, in its recent report, recommended holding virtual courts even after the pandemic ends. The chair said, "the parliamentary panel strongly pitched for virtual courts… digital justice is cheaper and faster besides addressing locational and economic handicaps; ensures safety of vulnerable witnesses providing testimony, expedites processes and procedures and are an improvement over traditional courts as they are most affordable, citizen-friendly and offer greater access to justice". Meanwhile, there is a large group of lawyers of the Delhi High Court clamouring for more physical hearings and a smaller group of them objecting, citing health concerns.

While the government popularly believes digitisation is the answer to all the problems of governance, and these are often excitedly referred to as "game changers", issues related to digital technology solutions need careful analysis and an overhauling of both laws and existing systems before they are introduced. While I am neither a lawyer nor a digital expert, I have attended court hearings more than 180 times since the 1980s on cases related to trespass, defamation, right to livelihoods of artisans and against administrative injustices. Over almost two decades, 150 of these were related to a CBI case emerging out of the *Tehelka.com* allegations. Of these, the last 12 were video hearings on final arguments, verdict, sentencing and appeal, which took place during this pandemic. One personally experienced the benefits and flaws of the virtual system.

"Justice delayed is justice denied" is a notoriously abused maxim in our court system considering there are 3.1 crore cases pending in the lower courts (83 lakh pending for over 10 years), 44 lakh in the high courts (32 lakh pending for over 10 years), and 60,000 cases pending in the Supreme Court (the figures are as of 2019). Prisons are over capacity by 114 per cent, of which two-thirds are undertrials, who have had no justice at all. The massive injustice already done to them is unforgivable.

It is hoped that virtual courts will reduce the pendency of cases by reducing the time taken on small financial issues like insurance, traffic claims and *challans* that clog the system. But major policy changes always have unintended consequences, so careful thought is required on what types of cases and what parts of the judicial process are amenable to going online. It should also be a matter of choice if participants on either side want to use the virtual route. Certain cases of tax, insurance and some corporate matters could move to the online dispute resolution processes through negotiation, arbitration and conciliation. Reducing pendency through virtual courts will reduce travel costs, although lawyers are unlikely to reduce their fees. When government agencies file cases or appeals, they ignore these costs as they come out of the public exchequer. Very often, the police and other criminal investigative agencies take years to produce witnesses. Judges hesitate to compel them. Repeated adjournments are sought, not just by the accused, but by prosecuting agencies who are nonchalant. Examination of the causes of pendency should, therefore, extend far wider afield.

Essentially, technologies alone do not improve the system, people do. Adoption of new and evolving technologies requires careful preparation to ensure that "justice delivery services" created by software engineers is matched by local court systems and the level of training given to those who handle them in India's courts. Currently, judges have had to speak from landline phones or without video, and lawyers have been compelled to argue cases from inside their cars if the network in their homes is faulty. There are audio failures, and lack of connectivity in rural areas. Unless connectivity is established, it cannot be presumed and compelled. Rushing into new protocols without understanding uses and applications will disempower the poor even further, especially undertrials who cannot afford lawyers.

In India, we are already applying digital services to industry, businesses, agriculture, defence, governance, education and health. Today, court rulings have been applied not only to human beings but to animals, rivers and even gods. Therefore, any case involving decisions affecting the life and liberty of persons must remain in the realm of physical courtrooms. Forceful interventions, and often repeated stressing of a point is required in a courtroom. Lawyers need to interrupt when they feel the arguments of their counterparts are factually inaccurate — we are, after all, according to Amartya Sen, "argumentative Indians" — but this cannot happen unless the "host" of the video court hearing unmutes you. Facial expressions such as fear, guilt, regret, sadness, anger, which can affect a case, are constricted and almost frozen into a small space. Faces are often out of proportion and distorted. Nuanced arguments that are most important in law sometimes need perseverance to get across, as is the ability to display evidence creatively (recall OJ Simpson's famous glove), or the room for presenting many crucial options to create reasonable doubt. Appealing for compassion for the elderly and the disabled, and pleas for leniency of punishment for senior citizens with co-morbidities in COVID-19 times are easily ignored by judges, when the accused is only a small square on a screen and not a frail human being standing before them in flesh and blood.

Seminal and crucial matters that need direct human interaction should never be replaced by virtual courts. The dispensation of justice is a human endeavour made up of laws, ethics, morality, wisdom and compassion. The absence of any one of these five ingredients, short-changed by restrictive virtual situations, would render the exercise of justice only partially satisfactory or even downright unjust.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHAMEFUL WORDS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The Sexist Playbook' (IE, October 21). It is highly disappointing that politicians, bureaucrats and people in other exalted positions do not think twice before uttering sexist remarks. This sends out the message that women are still the most vulnerable to such public abuses. This is not a new phenomenon — many political leaders have said demeaning things about women in their profession. Kamal Nath's words are a disgrace and it is time that we cease to tolerate such language in public life.

Ayushi Singh, *Agra*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The sexist playbook' (IE, October 21). Unfortunately, former Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath's words are of a piece with others in his party — this is not the first time a Congress leader has given an embarrassing and shameful statement about women. What is shocking is that it has come from a former CM and not some local leader. What a shame that this comes from a party that is led by a woman.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

DOUBLE STANDARD

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Twist in TRP case: UP Police file own FIR; case with CBI' (IE, October 21). Republic TV claimed before the court that Mumbai police is harassing the channel for no reason by lodging an FIR against them in the matter of fudged TRPs. But the Uttar Pradesh police thought otherwise and filed an FIR against unknown persons on the same matter. And unlike Maharashtra, the UP government considered the TRP case to be so important that it quickly requested the Centre for a CBI investigation. Let us hope this situation does not go down the same road as the Sushant Singh Rajput case.

L R Murmu, *Delhi*

COLD NEIGHBOURS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The good neighbour' (IE, October 20). Pakistan can never reconcile itself to the fact that Bangladesh, which was once its East Pakistan, will outdo it in many vital sectors. Ideally, it should have made amends to this new country for inflicting untold atrocities on its people during its liberation war in 1971. Similarly, our present rulers have not complimented Bangladesh openly for making impressive strides in the economic sector. Otherwise, it would have been our dependable ally in the region in gratitude for our unparalleled support to its liberation war. Our government's sectarian agenda seems to be coming in the way.

Tarsem Singh, *Mahilpur*

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India sends back PLA soldier who strayed across LAC in Ladkah

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A CHINESE soldier who had crossed the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh on October 19 was handed over to the People's Liberation Army at the Chushul-Moldo Border Personnel Meeting Point early Wednesday, Army source said.

The soldier, identified as Corporal Wang Ya Long, had strayed into Indian territory in the Demchok area, and was apprehended by the Army before dawn on Monday. The soldier was healthy when apprehended, and he was questioned after an interpreter was brought to the spot around 11 am.

There was nothing to suggest that he had crossed the LAC deliberately or with any ill-intentions, sources said. He was handed back to the PLA after completion of all protocols, the sources said.

The Indian and Chinese armies have been locked in a tense standoff in eastern Ladakh since early May. Both sides have deployed nearly 50,000 troops each, along with additional artillery, tanks, and air defence assets.

In a statement, the Army had said on Monday that the Chinese soldier was "provided medical assistance including oxygen, food and warm clothes to protect him from the vagaries of extreme altitude and harsh climatic conditions". The statement said that a request had been received from the PLA about the whereabouts of the missing soldier and that he would be returned "as per established protocols" after formalities were completed.

The Chinese National Defence Ministry had said in a statement Monday that the spokesperson of PLA's Western Theatre Command, Colonel Zhang Shuili, had pointed out that "on the evening of October 18, one of my soldiers who requested help from the herders to find the yak was lost".

The statement mentioned that Chinese border guards reported to the Indian side "as soon as possible and hoped that the Indian side would assist in search and rescue". India, it said, "notified the Chinese side that a missing person from the Chinese side was found and will be handed over to the Chinese side after medical examination".

"We hope that the Indian side will honour its commitments, speed up the transfer of lost personnel to China," the statement said. Seven rounds of discussions at the level of Corps Commanders has not yielded results on the standoff. The eighth round of meeting of the senior military commanders is likely to take place this week, but a date is yet to be decided.

After the last round, the two sides had said in a joint statement that they had had a "sincere, in-depth and constructive exchange of views on disengagement" along the LAC, and were of the view that "these discussions were positive, constructive and had enhanced understanding of each other's positions".

The statement said: "Both sides agreed to maintain dialogue and communication through military and diplomatic channels, and arrive at a mutually acceptable solution for disengagement as early as possible. Both sides agreed to earnestly implement the important understandings reached by the leaders of the two countries, not to turn differences into disputes, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border areas."

However, without any consensus on the disengagement process, both countries have prepared their militaries for deployment of the additional troops and military assets through the harsh winter.

Pompeo, Esper to visit Delhi next week for India-US 2+2 dialogue

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US SECRETARY of State Mike Pompeo will travel to New Delhi for the third India-US 2+2 Dialogue next week on his second Asia trip in less than a month that would also take him to Maldives, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

"Looking forward to my upcoming trip to India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Indonesia, for productive conversations with our friends and partners, and the US-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with Defense Secretary Mark Esper and our Indian counterparts," Pompeo said. Each stop, he said, will include discussions on a "broad range of bilateral topics".

Discussions will also include how they can cooperate to maintain a "free and open Indo-Pacific", he said. "I'm sure my meetings will also include discussions on how free nations can work together to thwart threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party," he told reporters at a news conference in Washington DC.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (L) and Defense Secretary Mark Esper. *AP*

The Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement that India will be hosting the third India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue on October 27 in New Delhi. "US Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Mark T Esper will be visiting India on 26-27 October 2020 to participate in the Dialogue. From the Indian side, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will lead the delegations from the Ministries of Defence and External Affairs, respectively," the MEA statement said.

"The first two 2+2 Ministerial dialogues were held in New Delhi in September 2018 and in Washington DC in 2019. The agenda for the third Dialogue will cover all bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest," the statement said.

In New Delhi, Pompeo and Esper and their Indian counterparts will lead the third annual US-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue to advance the US-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and expand cooperation to promote stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and the world, US State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus said.

During his Asia trip from October 25 to 30, Pompeo will also travel to Colombo to underscore the commitment of the United States to a partnership with a strong, sovereign Sri Lanka and to advance their common goals for a free and open Indo-Pacific region, she said.

Then, Pompeo will travel to Malé to reaffirm America's bilateral ties and advance their partnership on issues ranging from regional maritime security to terrorism, Ortagus said.

"The Secretary will travel to Jakarta to deliver public remarks and meet with his Indonesian counterparts to affirm the two countries' vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific," said the US State Department spokesperson.

BACK ON TRACK

Months after the suspension of all railway services, the Shimla toy train began running again in Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday. *Pradeep Kumar*

Integration of armed forces is inevitable, says Army Chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

ADDRESSING THE officers of the Higher Defence Management Command at the College of Defence Management (CDM), Army Chief General M M Naravane called the creation of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) a "momentous" decision and said the next logical step would be the creation of integrated theatre commands.

The Army said in a statement that General Naravane "spoke on a number of issues concerning integration, theaterisation and modernisation of the armed forces in general and the Indian Army in particular".

According to the statement, he called the government's decision to appoint the CDS and create the DMA "momentous" and said the services needed to "demonstrate great wisdom and statesmanship in enabling the CDS, a long-standing demand of the Armed Forces".

Naravane said the next logical step in the process of defence reforms was the "formation of Integrated Theatre Commands to synergise the capabilities and combat potential of the three services during war and peace" and advised that this process will be "deliberate, thoughtful and well considered" and its fruition will take a "number of years".

The statement mentioned that he said there was a need for everyone to work in a spirit of togetherness and trust with the national security interests being paramount, and cautioned that there might be a requirement for "mid-course corrections".

Sounding an optimistic note about the future of integration of the armed forces, the statement said, he called it an "inevitability" as it would lead to "tri-services synergy" and optimisation of resources. The Army Chief also spoke about the current security scenario and focused on the geostrategic implications on capability development and force utilisation of the Army in pursuit of national interests, the statement said.

The Army Chief visited the Bison Division in Secunderabad and was briefed by Major General Alok Joshi, General Officer Commanding, Bison Division on security and operational preparedness of the formation.

He "commended the formation for their high level of operational preparedness and exhorted all ranks to continue training hard...".

Indigenous stealth ship to be commissioned today

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 21

THE INS Kavaratti, an indigenously-built Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvette, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy on Thursday. Army chief General M M Naravane will commission it at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, a statement by Eastern Naval Command said.

The ship will be commissioned into the Navy as a combat-ready platform as the ship has completed sea trials of all systems fitted onboard.

The INS Kavaratti has been designed by the Navy's in-house organisation, Directorate of Naval Design (DND), and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. "It portrays the growing capability of the Navy and GRSE and the nation in becoming self-reliant through indigenisation, thus, accentuating our national objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat," the statement said.

The corvette has state-of-the-art weapons and a sensor suite capable of detecting and prosecuting submarines. In addition to its ASW capabilities, the ship also has a credible self-defence capability and good endurance for long-range deployments.

The ship has up to 90 per cent indigenous content and the use of carbon composites for the superstructure is a commendable feat achieved in Indian shipbuilding. The ship's weapons and sensors suite is predominantly indigenous and showcases the nation's growing capability in this niche area, according to Indian Navy.

The INS Kavaratti takes its name from erstwhile INS Kavaratti, which was an Arnala-class missile corvette. The older Kavaratti distinguished itself by operating in support of Bangladesh's liberation in 1971.

HC firm on no entry in pandals, gives some relief to organisers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 21

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Wednesday stood by its order of barring entry of visitors to Puja pandals in West Bengal in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Hearing a review petition filed by an umbrella group of over 400 Durga Puja organisers — Forum for Durgotsab — the High Court, however, gave some relief by allowing *dhakis* (traditional drummers) to perform within the no-entry zones of the pandals — 5 metres around smaller pandals, and 10 metres for bigger ones.

The Division Bench of Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Arijit Banerjee also allowed entry of more Puja organisers — from 25 to 60 — for big Puja committees. For small Puja committees, the number of organisers allowed to enter the marquees or the pandals at a time will, however, remain the same at 15.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

233 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

CASES: 76,51,107 | RECOVERED: 67,95,103 | DEATHS: 1,15,914

TESTS: 9,72,00,379 | DOUBLING RATE: 90.76**

KEY STATES TO WATCH	TOTAL CASES	SURGE IN 24 HOURS	7-DAY AVG GROWTH*	DOUBLING TIME**
Maharashtra	16,09,516	8,151	0.60%	120.61
Andhra	7,89,553	3,503	0.48%	150.28
Karnataka	7,76,901	6,297	0.97%	74.18
Tamil Nadu	6,94,030	3,094	0.59%	121.58
Kerala	3,53,472	6,591	2.18%	32.99

* Compounded Daily Growth Rate over last 7 days ** Calculated over 7-day growth

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.53	7 DAYS EARLIER: 8.04	DETECTED TODAY 54,044
NOW: 1.51	NOW: 7.87	RECOVERED TODAY: 61,775
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak

Data as on October 20, 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 definitive

AFTER NURSING OFFICER'S CLAIM

Now, doctor alleges deaths due to negligence at Kerala hospital

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 21

DAYS AFTER a nursing officer at the government medical college hospital in Kochi alleged in an audio clip that a Covid patient had died gasping for oxygen, a doctor at the hospital has mentioned several instances of patients not being given proper ventilator support and two deaths in August allegedly due to medical negligence.

While authorities at the medical college have denied the allegations of the nursing officer, the state government earlier claimed it was a bid to defame the health sector.

Dr Najma Salim, who works at the medical ICU at the hospital, on Wednesday shared with the media a WhatsApp audio message which she had sent to the hospital RMO last month to point out incidents of medical negligence. She said she had alerted hospital authorities about negligence in providing care to critical patients but they tried to cover up the lapses.

"I had seen 10 to 12 instances in which oxygen masks were not properly fitted or ventilator tubes not connected. On many occasions, I had felt that patients are choked to death," she said. "I had seen two patients named Jameela and Byhakki struggling for oxygen despite being on ventilator support. The senior doctors and duty nurses had been alerted about the lapses, but I was told to neglect such incidents. I stick to what I am saying. The hospital authorities cannot deny the truth. Such things should not take place in future."

The medical college's RMO, Dr Ganesh Mohan, said the allegations were baseless and only aimed at tarnishing the image of the hospital, which has been at the forefront in terms of Covid treatment. However, the state human rights commission ordered that the health secretary should probe the alleged lapses in the death of Covid patients.

The doctor has also mentioned instances of patients not being given proper ventilator support

Jameela's daughter Hairunnissa alleged her mother had often complained about poor care at the hospital. "As bystanders were not allowed at the hospital, we could make only calls to the patient and the hospital staff. On one occasion, I had heard my mother struggling to take a breath. We had sought hospital permission to shift the patient to another hospital but they discouraged us," she said.

Byhakki's family claimed he had sent a voice message asking them to deposit Rs 40,000 at the hospital for better care.

ICMR gives approval to Covid test devised by IIT-Kharagpur

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, OCTOBER 21

A DIAGNOSTIC machine to carry out Covid-19 tests, developed by researchers from IIT-Kharagpur – COVIRAP – has received approval from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The test has been validated for its efficacy in Covid-19 detection by the ICMR.

According to the researchers, the test is fairly easy to conduct, affordable and can produce results within one hour. The test can also detect extremely low levels of viral loads, thus diagnosing the infection in very early stages, they said.

At an online press conference on Wednesday, IIT-Kharagpur Director Professor V K Tewari told mediapersons that various commercial units have already approached the institute for patent licencing to enable this innovation to reach the common people.

This new testing method implements a highly reliable and accurate molecular diagnostic procedure, conducted in an ultra low-cost portable device unit, said Tewari. The test costs only Rs 500, he added.

After rigorous testing with patient samples by an authorised ICMR laboratory, in adherence with the council's strict guidelines, it has granted certification for the Covid-19 diagnostic test, said Tewari.

This technology is set to replace RT-PCR-based tests to a large extent, said Tewari. While the institute can produce the testing kit up to a certain scale, patent licencing will facilitate commercialisation opportunities for medical technology companies, he said.

The research team was led by Professor Suman Chakraborty and Dr Arindam Mondal.

According to the researchers, the patented machine unit has not only been proven to be robust during patient sample testing, but also extremely flexible and generic. This means that other than Covid-19 testing, many other tests that fall under the category of 'isothermal nucleic acid-based tests' (INAT), can be performed in the same machine.

Dr Mamta Chawla Sarkar, a virologist who oversaw the patient trials on behalf of ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), said, "A detailed scrutiny of testing results has clearly shown that this assay holds the capability of detecting extremely low levels of viral loads that any other method based on similar principles of testing, even those from the most celebrated research groups across the world, could not come up... In practice, this means that very early stages of infection can be detected..."

Global speakers flag climate worry: 'No country is immune'

New Delhi: Global speakers ranging from Pope Francis, Prince William of the UK, and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres have stressed on the need for urgent action to curb the menace of climate crisis.

While Pope Francis stressed on the need to "focus on radical climate change before it's too late", Gueterres said "no country is immune from the climate crisis" and in every country, "it is the poorest and most vulnerable who are hardest hit". They were speaking at a recent online event, TEDxPratyek COUNTDOWN, which had over 5,000 child participants, according to a release.

Prince William said: "Our speed in innovation has been incredible but also accelerated our impact on climate". **ENS**

Need to invest heavily in primary healthcare; plug gender disaggregated data gap: WHO chief scientist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

POINTING OUT that the World Health Organisation expected several vaccines for Covid-19 early next year but was alarmed at the spike in the number of cases in several European countries, WHO Chief Scientist Dr Soumya Swaminathan Wednesday said that her primary learning from the pandemic was the need for countries to heavily invest in primary healthcare facilities, as countries with the strongest primary and public healthcare have fared the best during the past eight months.

Delivering the 15th JRD Tata Memorial Oration from Geneva, hosted by the Population Foundation of India, Dr Swaminathan said that Covid-19 deaths had currently stabilised at 5,000 a day. India, Brazil and the US accounted for 75 per cent of all the Covid cases, followed closely by a number of South American countries.

Dr Soumya Swaminathan

"Most of Africa has experienced a low toll from the pandemic which has been an enigma that is being discussed widely. This could be for a number of reasons including their demographic with a relatively young population, as well as their experience in handling outbursts of infectious diseases. The past nine months have thrown up some important learnings, the most important of which is the need to heavily invest in primary healthcare services. Even high income countries, which don't have a robust primary healthcare system, have been overwhelmed...," she said.

Dr Swaminathan added that globally, the pandemic had thrown light on inequities across the world, whether it was the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States or the heavy toll on ethnic minorities from the pandemic in the UK

Pointing out the huge gender impact of the disease globally, Dr Swaminathan said that there are 740 million women working in the informal sector across the world whose income fell by 60 per cent. "The WHO has emphasised a need for gender analysis of the pandemic. There is a great lack of gender and age disaggregated data and this is a gap that needs to be plugged."

Dr Swaminathan said there are more women that work in the informal sector than men and it is the women that are likely to get pushed into poverty more than men. "There are 87 million women and girls who live in extreme poverty, and we expect these numbers to rise to 100 million by 2021... In India only one fifth of all women actually have access to contraception, 40 per cent of women in the lower income groups and 31 per cent of women between the ages of 15-24 years have access to family planning.... We believe that abortions could go up by 10-15 per cent and maternal deaths by 60 per cent due to the pandemic," she said.

Ratan Tata, Chairman Emeritus, Tata Group, said, "This pandemic has disrupted lives worldwide, but as Dr Soumya Swaminathan has pointed out, it is an opportunity to learn important lessons and for government, private and voluntary sectors to come together as one and battle our way out of the woods..."

Bareilly police station ransacked over 'inaction' in teen's 'abduction'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 21

A MOB barged into a police station in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly and allegedly ransacked the office and damaged property on Tuesday while protesting "inaction" in the alleged abduction of a 17-year-old Hindu girl by a youth from another community.

Local BJP leaders claimed that although they were present at the police station at the time, those who created ruckus were "outsiders and not party workers".

Police said the protesters damaged furniture and also tore up official documents. The situation was brought under control after the police resorted to lathicharge to disperse the crowd. BJP leaders, along with party workers, then staged a protest after which Bareilly SSP Rohit Singh Sajwan suspended three policemen, including a sub-inspector. The SSP also removed the SHO from his charge.

On Wednesday, the police registered an FIR against five named and 200 unidentified persons on several charges, including assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty at the police station. No arrests have been made yet and a search is on for the suspects, police said. The girl is also yet to be traced, they added.

According to the police, around 3 pm on Tuesday, a group of people led by the BJP's Bareilly city unit president K M Arora reached the police station along with the family members of the girl, who is allegedly missing since October 17. The girl's family had filed an FIR against a local resident and his family on charges of abduction.

Arora claimed that he was talking with the SHO and Circle Officer of the area in a room at the police station when he heard a commotion outside. "The girl's neighbours were behind the ruckus and soon fled. Without making any efforts to know the truth, the police started lathicharging people present there," said Arora.

Meanwhile, police claimed that a video of the girl had surfaced on social media recently in which she is purportedly seen claiming that she was above 18 years of age and requesting "not to create trouble".

Clerical error leaves civil, public post-holders out of grievance redressal mechanism in Goa: Ex- Lokayukta

SMITA NAIR
PANAJI, OCTOBER 21

A 'CLERICAL mistake' in The Goa Lokayukta Act, 2011, has left those appointed to a civil or public post out of the ambit of the grievance redressal mechanism for maladministration, according to the state's former Lokayukta Justice (retd) Prafulla Kumar Misra.

According to Misra, the definition of a 'public functionary' — against whom a complaint of maladministration can be raised — in the Act does not include any person appointed to a civil or public service or a post in connection with the affairs of the state.

Instead, because of a change in sub-clause numbers under the relevant section in the Bill, the final Act includes 'public functionary' as anyone who has received a grant of Rs 1 lakh or more from the state government — mostly non-profit groups and NGOs.

The Indian Express had reported on October 5 that Misra left Goa saying no government had acted on the 21 reports he submitted against public functionaries in his tenure of nearly four-and-a-half years.

Along with earlier reports, Misra said this 'clerical mistake' was pointed out in three official letters to the Chief Minister since 2017, and finally, in a special report made to the Governor asking for a former chief minister and two public functionaries to be prosecuted.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has maintained that Lokayukta reports "were recommendatory and not binding".

Speaking over the phone from Odisha, Misra told The Indian Express, "It's (the error) due to gross oversight and has never been rectified."

"One route for correction is ordinance. None of our reports have been tabled in the Assembly for a legislative debate. I can only hope someone takes our reports to the High court," he added.

The Act allows for grievance redressal under section 2 (i), where, for the purpose of maladministration, a public functionary is anyone who falls under sub-clause (xi) of clause (q) under section 2.

Clause (q) lists public functionaries in various sub-clauses — with the Chief Minister listed in sub-clause (i) and MLAs listed in sub-clause (ii). All government personnel are defined from clause (iii).

While an allegation of corruption can be moved against anyone, the second arm of the law, dealing with maladministration, is for any "unreasonable, unjust, oppressive, improper, discriminatory" administrative action.

"In the Bill, public functionaries, as defined in Section 2 (i) under grievance, fell under two specific sub-clauses — (xi) and (xii)," said Misra. These two clauses, written in legal language, originally included officers as 'those appointed to a civil or public service or post in connection with the affairs of the State of Goa', and 'those in service or pay of a local authority, University, Statutory Body or Corporation, Society, Government Company and other institutions and everyone listed in sub clause (iii) to sub clause (x).'

When the Bill went to a select committee — led by then chief minister, select ministers and MLAs — on December 16, 2003, two sub-clauses, numbered (vi) and (vii), related to 'leader or member of trade union' and 'Office bearer of political party' respectively, were dropped from the Bill. A new-sub clause identifying those who avail grants from the government of Rs one lakh or more was added.

"This meant the sub-clauses which defined public functionary for grievance were pushed down and got renumbered," Misra said.

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MEGHALAYA

Khasi student outfit puts up posters targeting Bengalis

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 21

THE KHASI Students' Union (KSU) on Wednesday put up posters in Shillong targeting the Bengali community in Meghalaya.

Some of the posters read, "All Meghalaya Bengalis are Bangladeshis" and "Khasiland for Khasis; Foreigners Go Away."

The posters were later removed by police. "It is hereby informed that banners that were displayed today in public places, have been removed. We request all concerned to kindly co-operate with us in promoting peace and harmony in the State," Meghalaya Police tweeted.

Isawanda Laloo, Deputy Commissioner of East Khasi Hills district, told *The Indian Express*, "Yes the posters were put up and they have been removed."

Some of the posters mentioned the killing of Lurshai Hynniewta. A Khasi man, Hynniewta was killed in a violent clash at Ichamati between a Khasi group and non-tribals, mostly Bengalis, in February.

The violence broke out when a team of KSU members went to Ichamati, located close to the Bangladesh border, to campaign against the Citizenship Amendment Act and on their demand for an Inner Line Permit (ILP) in the state.

The ILP is a colonial-era system that regulates an Indian citizen's visit or stay in the north-eastern states of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Manipur.

Following Hynniewta's killing, several non-tribals were stabbed to death in different parts of the state.

According to media reports, non-tribal residents in Ichamati have claimed that they have faced harassment since February. However, KSU general secretary Donald Thabah told *The Indian Express* that such allegations have portrayed the "entire Khasi community in a bad light".

"Today's poster demonstration and protest were a reaction against the baseless and falsified statements and allegations by the illegal immigrants from Ichamati and their sympathisers from outside the state," Thabah said.

Sushmita Dev, president of the All India Mahila Congress and former MP from Assam's Bengali-majority Barak Valley region, tweeted on the posters in Shillong. "Do we need more evidence of persecution of Bengalis in their own country. Pls note the words ALL in the banner."

On being asked about the posters, Thabah replied, "Bengalis from West Bengal have not come to Meghalaya. The ancestors of most Bengalis here are refugees who came in from what is now Bangladesh during the war of 1971. They have expanded and encroached upon our land."

Thabah said that apart from putting up posters in Shillong, KSU members sloganeered against "illegal Bangladeshis" in Ri Bhoi and Sohra.

The demonstration in Meghalaya came on the heels of trouble in the inter-state boundary between Assam and Mizoram, where Mizoram civil society groups have claimed that "illegal Bangladeshis" create problems for Mizoram residents there. Thabah said the KSU has expressed its "solidarity with the Mizo community against illegal Bangladeshis".

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Dussehra / Deepawali / Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
04998	Bhatinda	20:50	Varanasi Junction	16:30	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
04997	Varanasi Junction	21:20	Bhatinda	16:50	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	Varanasi Junction	23:35	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
04611	Varanasi Junction	06:35	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50	TUE	27.10.20 to 01.12.20
04422	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:20	Lucknow	04:20	WED, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	THU, SAT, MON	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
04924	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	16:00	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
04923	Gorakhpur	22:10	Chandigarh	14:15	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
04090	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	MON, WED, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04089	Bhagalpur	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	TUE, THU, SAT	22.10.20 to 01.12.20
04012	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jogbani	08:15	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04011	Jogbani	20:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	21:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02237	Varanasi Junction	12:40	Jammu Tawi	11:05	Daily	Up to30.11.20
02238	Jammu Tawi	14:00	Varanasi Junction	12:30		Up to 01.12.20
02231	Lucknow	22:25	Chandigarh	10:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02232	Chandigarh	21:05	Lucknow	08:30		Up to 01.12.20
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30	THU, SUN	22.10.20 to 29.11.20
04030	Delhi Junction	13:45	Muzaffarpur Junction	08:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04029	Muzaffarpur Junction	16:15	Delhi Junction	10:30	THU, SUN	22.10.20 to 29.11.20
04624	Amritsar Junction	05:45	Saharsa Junction	10:30	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04623	Saharsa Junction	14:30	Amritsar Junction	19:45	THU, SUN	22.10.20 to 29.11.20
04656	Firozpur Cantt	19:00	Patna Junction	21:25	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
04655	Patna Junction	23:25	Firozpur Cantt	23:55	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
04084	Delhi Junction	23:00	Katihar Junction	22:00	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
04083	Katihar Junction	23:50	Delhi Junction	22:50	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
04401	New Delhi	23:50	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:35	MON, THU	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
04402	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	New Delhi	11:15	TUE, FRI	23.10.20 to 01.12.20
04418	H. Nizamuddin	21:35	Pune	21:25	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
02422	Jammu Tawi	18:10	Ajmer Junction	12:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02421	Ajmer Junction	14:05	Jammu Tawi	08:15		Up to 01.12.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25		Up to 01.12.20
02448	H. Nizamuddin	20:10	Manikpur Junction	08:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02447	Manikpur Junction	17:25	H. Nizamuddin	05:25		Up to 01.12.20
04515	Kalka	12:10	Shimla	17:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04516	Shimla	10:40	Kalka	16:10		Up to 01.12.20
04854	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	10:30	MON, THU, SAT	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
04853	Varanasi Junction	17:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04864	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:45	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04863	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	TUE, FRI, SUN	23.10.20 to 01.12.20
04866	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
04865	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
05115	Chhapra	11:15	Delhi Junction	11:20	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
05116	Delhi Junction	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
02581	Manduadih	22:30	New Delhi	12:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10		Up to 01.12.20
06229	Mysore Junction	07:20	Varanasi Junction	12:00	TUE, THU	Up to 26.11.20
06230	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Mysore Junction	02:35	THU, SAT	22.10.20 to 28.11.20
07323	Huballi Junction	17:50	Varanasi Junction	12:00	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
07324	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Huballi Junction	13:00	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
02587	Gorakhpur	14:20	Jammu Tawi	13:10	MON	26.10.20 to 23.11.20
02588	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Gorakhpur	20:30	SAT	31.10.20 to 28.11.20
05097	Bhagalpur	23:50	Jammu Tawi	13:10	THU	29.10.20 to 26.11.20
05098	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Bhagalpur	10:15	TUE	27.10.20 to 24.11.20
05251	Darbhanga Junction	03:25	Jalandhar	05:10	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
05252	Jalandhar	09:50	Darbhanga Junction	11:35	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
02397	Gaya	14:15	New Delhi	04:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20		Up to 01.12.20
03255	Patliputra	20:35	Chandigarh	17:35	SUN, WED	Up to 29.11.20
03256	Chandigarh	21:30	Patliputra	18:50	MON, THU	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
02355	Patna Junction	07:25	Jammu Tawi	10:37	SAT, TUE	Up to 28.11.20
02356	Jammu Tawi	17:45	Patna Junction	20:55	SUN, WED	Up to 29.11.20
02595	Gorakhpur	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	MON, TUE, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02596	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
02331	Howrah Junction	23:55	Jammu Tawi	13:10	TUE, FRI, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02332	Jammu Tawi	23:45	Howrah Junction	11:30	THU, SUN, MON	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
02819	Bhubaneswar	15:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:50	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02820	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	FRI, TUE	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
02549	Kamakhya	10:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02550	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35		22.10.20 to 02.12.20
02530	Lucknow	05:00	Patliputra Junction	14:50	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02529	Patliputra Junction	15:50	Lucknow	02:35	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02033	Kanpur Central	06:00	New Delhi	11:20	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
08215	Durg	09:00	Jammu Tawi	21:40	WED	Up to 25.11.20
08216	Jammu Tawi	05:00	Durg	19:10	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
02458	Bikaner Junction	22:30	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02457	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	23:35	Bikaner Junction	07:30		Up to 30.11.20
02485	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	07:05	Jodhpur Junction	18:05	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
02486	Jodhpur Junction	11:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	22:10		Up to 30.11.20
09027	Bandra Terminus	12:15	Jammu Tawi	01:25	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
09028	Jammu Tawi	09:30	Bandra Terminus	22:25	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
02887	Visakhapatnam	06:25	Hazrat Nizamuddin	16:45	Except-Mon, Fri	Up to 29.11.20
02888	Hazrat Nizamuddin	08:35	Visakhapatnam	18:10	Except-Sun, Wed	Up to 01.12.20
08237	Korba	11:35	Amritsar Junction	08:10	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
08238	Amritsar Junction	16:10	Korba	12:15	THU, FRI, SUN	22.10.20 to 29.11.20
04887	Barmer	06:45	Rishikesh	10:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04888	Rishikesh	18:05	Barmer	20:30		Up to 01.12.20
04519	Delhi Junction	14:00	Bhatinda Jn	21:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04520	Bhatinda Jn	05:00	Delhi Junction	12:15		Up to 30.11.20
02471	Shri Ganganagar	05:55	Delhi Junction	13:35	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02472	Delhi Junction	13:05	Shri Ganganagar	20:35		Up to 30.11.20
09611	Ajmer Junction	17:55	Amritsar Junction	14:45	THU, SAT	22.10.20 to 28.11.20
09612	Amritsar Junction	14:30	Ajmer Junction	10:00	TUE, THU	22.10.20 to 01.12.20
09613	Ajmer Junction	17:55	Amritsar Junction	10:45	MON, WED	Up to 30.11.20
09614	Amritsar Junction	17:50	Ajmer Junction	10:00	FRI, SUN	23.10.20 to 29.11.20
02683	Yasvantpur Jn	23:40	Lucknow	18:40	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
02684	Lucknow	18:30	Yasvantpur Jn	13:30	THU	29.10.20 to 03.12.20
02539	Yasvantpur Jn	10:50	Lucknow	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
02540	Lucknow	20:00	Yasvantpur Jn	16:40	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
02851	Visakhapatnam	08:20	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:10	MON, FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
02852	Hazrat Nizamuddin	05:50	Visakhapatnam	17:30	WED, SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
01407	Pune Junction	22:00	Lucknow	02:40	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
01408	Lucknow	06:30	Pune Junction	11:05	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
02883	Durg	12:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin	09:05	MON, THU, SAT	22.10.20 to 28.11.20
02884	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:25	Durg	15:10	TUE, FRI, SUN	23.10.20 to 29.11.20
04404	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:35	Bhagalpur	15:00	FRI, MON	23.10.20 to 30.11.20
04403	Bhagalpur	18:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:25	SAT, TUE	24.10.20 to 01.12.20
04406	New Delhi	19:25	Barauni	15:00	TUE, FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
04405	Barauni	19:30	New Delhi	14:50	WED, SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Darbhanga	16:00	MON, THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
04407	Darbhanga	20:55	New Delhi	17:30	TUE, FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
04410	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Junction	09:00	FRI, SUN, TUE	23.10.20 to 29.11.20
04409	Patna Junction	12:00	New Delhi	05:00	SAT, MON, WED	24.10.20 to 30.11.20
04412	Delhi Junction	23:00	Saharsa	19:45	WED, SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
04411	Saharsa	22:15	Delhi Junction	19:20	THU, MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
09717	Jaipur	19:30	Daulatpur Chowk	12:15	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09718	Daulatpur Chowk	14:05	Jaipur	06:40	WED, SAT, MON	Up to 30.11.20
04131	Prayagraj Junction	16:20	Udhampur	13:45	TUE, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04132	Udhampur	16:05	Prayagraj Junction	13:10	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09017	Bandra Terminus	13:05	Haridwar Junction	15:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
09018	Haridwar Junction	18:30	Bandra Terminus	22:00	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
02191	Jabalpur	18:55	Haridwar Junction	14:05	WED	Up to 25.11.20
02192	Haridwar Junction	16:20	Jabalpur	11:40	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN RAILWAY NETWORK

09601	Udaipur City	00:20	New Jalpaiguri	18:35	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
09602	New Jalpaiguri	08:15	Udaipur City	03:55	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
05022	Shalimar	20:20	Gorakhpur	16:25	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
05021	Gorakhpur	13:40	Shalimar	10:05	TUE	27.10.20 to 01.12.20
05029	Gorakhpur	17:25	Pune Junction	03:30	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
05030	Pune Junction	11:15	Gorakhpur	20:00	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
05018	Gorakhpur	05:30	Lokmanya Tilak	18:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
05017	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	06:05	Gorakhpur	19:10		22.10.20 to 02.12.20
02597	Gorakhpur	08:30	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	12:20	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
02598	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	13:30	Gorakhpur	18:35	WED	Up to 25.11.20
01115	Pune	16:15	Gorakhpur	01:05	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
01116	Gorakhpur	15:30	Pune	04:05	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
05045	Gorakhpur	04:45	Okha	03:55	THU	22.10.20 to 26.11.20
05046	Okha	21:00	Gorakhpur	19:25	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
02165	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	05:23	Gorakhpur	11:25	THU, MON	22.10.20 to 30.11.20
02166	Gorakhpur	15:45	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	21:30	FRI, TUE	23.10.20 to 01.12.20
05056	Agra Fort	17:50	Ramnagar	05:00	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
05055	Ramnagar	13:05	Agra Fort	00:15	WED, SAT, MON	Up to 30.11.20
03019	Howrah Junction	21:45	Kathgodam	09:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
03020	Kathgodam	21:45	Howrah Junction	12:40		22.10.20 to 02.12.20
05101	Chhapra	21:15	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	06:15	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
05102	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	15:30	Chhapra	04:40	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
02521	Barauni Junction	22:50	Ernakulam Junction	12:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
02522	Ernakulam Junction	10:15	Barauni Junction	23:10	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
04185	Gwalior	11:45	Barauni Junction	13:15	Daily	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
04186	Barauni Junction	18:40	Gwalior	21:15		27.10.20 to 01.12.20
09313	Indore Junction Bg	13:55	Rajendranagar Terminal	17:20	MON, WED	Up to 30.11.20
09314	Rajendranagar Terminal	10:45	Indore Junction Bg	15:20	WED, FRI	23.10.20 to 02.12.20
09321	Indore Junction Bg	13:55	Rajendranagar Terminal	17:20	SAT	24.10.20 to 28.11.20
09322	Rajendranagar Terminal	10:45	Indore Junction Bg	15:20	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
09057	Udhna Junction	22:50	Manduadih	01:40	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
09058	Manduadih	04:50	Udhna Junction	09:00	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
09019	Chhapra	23:55	Udhna Junction	06:15	SUN	25.10.20 to 29.11.20
09020	Udhna Junction	07:50	Chhapra	12:15	TUE	27.10.20 to 01.12.20
09451	Gandhidham Junction	17:40	Bhagalpur	20:15	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
09452	Bhagalpur	06:30	Gandhidham Junction	08:00	MON	26.10.20 to 30.11.20
02167	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	00:35	Manduadih	04:25	MON, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
02168	Manduadih	09:50	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	12:25	TUE, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
01033	Pune	16:15	Darbhanga Junction	06:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
01034	Darbhanga Junction	16:45	Pune	08:05	FRI	23.10.20 to 27.11.20
08311	Sambalpur	13:10	Manduadih	09:25	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
08312	Manduadih	15:00	Sambalpur	11:05	THU, MON	22.10.20 to 30.11.20

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INVITATION OF TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad-244001 for and behalf of the President of India, invites tender through E-Procurement system for the supply of the below item.

S. N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Earnest Money in Rs.	Cost of tender doc. in Rs.	Due Date
1.	97205654	Thin Client System (Thin Client, Monitor LED of minimum 14 inch, Keyboard and USB mouse) for Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) Cum Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters as per UTS cum PRS thin client with Installation and Commissioning as per CRIS specification (Version-1) as per Annexure A in 2 pages.	150 Nos.	78300.00	0.00	11.11.2020

Note: Above tender with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against E-tender, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a Class III digital signature certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-tender shall not be accepted. **Tender Notice No. 03/Sr. DMM/MB/2020 Dated:- 20.10.2020** **2305/2020**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice No: AGRA/EL/OP/TD/05/06/2020
Dated: 16.10.2020

Office of the Divl. Rly. Manager
Electrical Operation Branch, Agra-282001

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), North Central Railway, Agra, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form the details of the tenders are as under:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)
1.	AGRA/EL/OP/TD/05/2020	Mechanized washing and pressing of linen of Running Room Agra Cantt, Idgah & Mathura Jn. for Two years.	₹ 3886660.57	₹ 77700.00
2.	AGRA/ELE/OP/TD/06/2020	Mechanized washing and pressing of linen of Multi Stories Running Room New Delhi for Two years.	₹ 3598356.50	₹ 72000.00

Date of opening of Tender: For both Tender **09.11.2020. Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.):** For both Tender ₹ 3540.00. **Completion Period (In months):** For both Tender 24 Months. **Note: (1)** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **15:00 hrs.** on **09.11.2020** the due date of tender opening. **(2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by **CCA** under **IT Act-2000. (3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **(5)** This tender notice have also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (6)** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **(7)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached.

North central railways **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in** **@CPRO NCR** **1103/20 (A)**

HARYANA STATE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION SOCIETY
ENGAGEMENT OF STAFF OF CONTRACT BASIS
CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS
02.11.2020

Applications are invited for the under mentioned post purely on Contract Basis as per the policy of outsourcing notified by Govt. of Haryana, on the prescribed application form under Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin. The application form shall be downloaded from the Departmental website: www.harpanchayats.gov.in

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Qualification & Experience	No. of Posts	Category	Monthly Emoluments Payable	Place of Posting
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	District Programme Manager (S&H)	Post Graduate with 1st Division in Sciences or with 55% in Social Science which includes Sociology, Social Work, Economics, Psychology, Public Administration, 5 years experience with NGO/ Govt. Department after acquisition of requisite qualification and knowledge of MS Office/ Excel/ Power Point.	01	General	40,000/-	Rohtak

The candidates meeting the requisite Qualification & Experience shall only be considered for the above mentioned post. No relaxation in Qualification & Experience shall be allowed.

1. The complete application on the prescribed format with self attested photo copies of Education Qualification/Experience, one self attested photograph shall reach to the office of Mission Director, Haryana State Swachh Bharat Mission, Haryana, Panchayat Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Sector 28-A. Madhya Marg, Chandigarh on or before office closing office hours on 02.11.2020.
2. The application received after 02.11.2020 will not be accepted and will be rejected without any further correspondence.
3. For detailed terms and conditions please visit Department website: **www.harpanchayats.gov.in**.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD Sangrah, District Sirmaur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting Date for Downloading Bid	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Deadline for Submission Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A/R & M/O Solan Meenus Road Km. 92/00 to 110/00 (SH: C/O Essential Parapets from Km. 102/00 to 103/00,104/00 to 105/00 & 106/00 to 107/00)	4,70,702/-	29.10.2020	9,500/-	11.11.2020
2.	C/O Link Road Haripurdhar Kharkadhar to Village Kainthu Km. 0/00 to 7/800 (SH: C/O 5/7 mtr. Wide formation cutting km. 0/300 to 1/00)	7,90,000/-	29.10.2020	16,000/-	11.11.2020
3.	C/O Bhanra Kadoli Thontha shilli Bhangari chowkar Road Km. 0/00 to 9/00 (SH: C/O 900 mm dia Hume pipe culvert at RD. 0/390, 0/655, 1/330, 2/195, 2/650, 2/735, 2/315 and 2/380)	14,89,656/-	29.10.2020	29,800/-	11.11.2020
4.	Performance based financial incentive under PMGSY Package No. HP-10-157 for the year 2019-20 (PART-II) (during the year 2020-21)from Rajana to Ganog km. 6/0 to 15/170 (SH: Providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete in km.6/0 to 9/0 & 10/0 to 11/0,C/O Retaining wall at 8/220 to 8/230& 9/060 to 9/070 & essential parapets etc).	44,88,385/-	29.10.2020	75,000/-	11.11.2020
5.	C/O Nohra Hindga Bandal Road Km. 0/0 to 5/310(SH: P/L WBM Grading-II,G-III,30mm thick bituminous concrete alogwith PCC Road side drain in Km. 3/00 to 4/00)	18,56,370/-	29.10.2020	35,400/-	11.11.2020
6.	C/O PWD Rest house at Sangrah (SH: Boundary wall, white washing, distempering, sanitary installation ,Paver blocks, plastering work etc.)	15,00,000/-	29.10.2020	30,000/-	11.11.2020
7.	A/R & M/o Sangrah Pallar Road Km. 0/0 to 12/270 (SH: C/O PCC Road side drain in km. 1/0 to 3/800)	9,04,400/-	29.10.2020	18,200/-	11.11.2020
8.	C/O Link Road village Chambi Km. 0/00 to 2/500 (SH: 5/7 mtr. Wide formation cutting at RD. 1/763 to 2/500)	7,90,000/-	29.10.2020	15,900/-	11.11.2020
9.	Incomplete C/O Link Road From Nihog to Methli Km. 0/0 to 3/720 (SH: 5/7 mtr. Wide formation cutting in Km. 2/300 to 3/720) Under BASP	12,97,294/-	29.10.2020	25,900/-	11.11.2020
10.	A/R & M/O Nohra Bogdhar Methli Road Km. 0/0 to 34/0 (SH: C/O R/Wall in wire crate & PCC at RD. 1/765 to 4/778.20)	2,47,315/-	29.10.2020	5000	11.11.2020
11.	A/R & M/O Nahan Dadahu Haripurdhar Road Km. 36/0 to 87/0 (SH: C/o PCC Road side drain in Km. 64/700 to 66/0)	3,09,400/-	29.10.2020	6,200/-	11.11.2020
12.	A/R & M/O Nahan Dadahu Haripurdhar Road Km. 36/0 to 87/0 (SH: C/o RCC R/Wall at RD. 63/260 to 63/275)	5,57,701/-	29.10.2020	11,200/-	11.11.2020
13.	C/O road from Devamanal to Shiya via Bakhan-KothiBegra - Charag-Jiyar km. 0/00 to 16/00(SH: C/O Breast Wall in wire crate from RD. 3/200 to 3/230) MNP	162746/-	29.10.2020	3300/-	11.11.2020
14.	Routine Maintenance of Nahan Dadahu Haripurdhar road Km. 63/0 to 79/0 and Sangrah Paller Road Km. 0/0 to 2/0) UNDER PBMC for (Period-I & Period-II)	19,39,178/-	29.10.2020	36,600/-	11.11.2020
15.	Routine Maintenance of Nahan Dadahu Haripurdhar road Km. 39/0 to 55/0) UNDER PBMC for (Period-I & Period-II)	14,92,125/-	29.10.2020	28,100/-	11.11.2020
16.	Routine Maintenance of Nohra Bogdhar Methli road Km. 0/0 to 18/0) UNDER PBMC for (Period-I & Period-II)	22,19,157/-	29.10.2020	40,800/-	11.11.2020
17.	Routine Maintenance of Nahan Dadahu Haripurdhar road Km. 79/0 to 86/0 & Dalyanoo Pullilani Nanidhar road Km. 0/0 to 5/0) UNDER PBMC for (Period-I & Period-II)	13,51,854/-	29.10.2020	27,100/-	11.11.2020

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
HPPWD (B&R) Division Sangrah
Tel/Fax: 01702-248207
E-mail: ee-san-hp@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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// पुलिस मुख्यालय, मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल //

No. PHQ/15/Arms/F.No.- 428/4918-1/2002 Bhopal, **Dated 07/10/2020**

ई-निविदा निरस्तीकरण की सूचना

पुलिस मुख्यालय, भोपाल द्वारा हेलमेट 16,000 नग क्रय करने हेतु ई-निविदा क्रमांक NIT No. PHQ/ 15/ Arms/ F.No.- 428 (Riot Drill/ 820-1/ 2020 Bhopal, Dated 5.2.20 जारी की गई थी। उक्त निविदा में तकनीकी परीक्षण उपरांत पर्याप्त प्रतिस्पर्धा नहीं होने से जारी निविदा निरस्त की जाती है।

हस्ता./-
उप पुलिस अधीक्षक (प्रबंध)
हेतु-पुलिस महानिदेशक, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

G-15017/20 **Dated 20.10.2020**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.18/2020-21/ SDO /Dated:20.10.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu Schedule Tender (Two Cover System) will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Trichy **for the work of Reconstruction of bridge at Km.53/10 of Kumbakonam - Mannarkudi - Athirampattinam Road (SH 66) under NABARD RIDF - XXV / 2019-2020 scheme** in respect of **Thanjavur (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** upto **14.00 hours on 25.11.2020** through online only.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 29.10.2020 onwards** in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, TRICHY

DIPR/3941/TENDER/2020

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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General public is hereby informed that one male namely Aalam S/o & address unknown. Age: about 35 Yrs, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Thin Build, Face ovel, wearing sky blue colour T-shrit and jeans pant was found dead at BSZ Marg infront of MAMC Collage near Bhule Bhatiyari Masjid, Kuda Khatta, Delhi on 17.10.2020.

In this regard a **DD No. 36-A, dt. 17.10.2020 has been lodged at PS I.P. Estate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary for identification.**

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased may kindly inform to the following.

S.H.O.,
P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23370928,
23378474, 23232294

DP/435/CD/2020

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
JAMMU & KASHMIR

Nirvachan Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu
Phone: 0191-2477519, Fax: 0191-2477519, E-mail: ceo-jk@nic.in

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

e-NIT No. CEO/Acctta/2020-21/437
Dated: 20.10.2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are invited from registered Manufacurers/Dealers/Suppliers for the supply of Ballot Boxes for the forthcoming District Development Council Election, 2020 and Panchayat Bye-Election, 2020, as per detail mentioned in the BOQ of the e-Tender.

1.	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	20.10.2020
2.	Period of Downloading of Documents	20.10.2020 to 27.10.2020
3.	Date of Submission of Online Documents	20.10.2020 to 27.10.2020 upto 01.00 P.M.
4.	Date of Opening of e-Tender	27.10.2020 at 03.00 P.M.

The tender documents along with other terms and conditions of the e-NIT relevant documents can be downloaded from the departmental web-site jktenders.gov.in and ceojk.nic.in. The tender shall be uploaded in Electronic Format on the departmental website jktenders.gov.in. The bidders shall have to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like CDR/Treasury Receipt (Earnest Money/Tender Fee) Registration Certificate duly renewed/GST Registration Certificate/SSI Certificate/ Turnover Certificate of last three years. The cost of tender documents shall be deposited in the Treasury under receipt Head 0070-OAS (Other Administrative Service) and Earnest Money deposit in the Shape of CDR only shall be pledged to Accounts Officer O/o Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, which is refundable.

No. 6100/CEO/Acctts/PYT/2020/4133-39
Dated: 20.10.2020

Sd/-
Chief Electoral Officer,
Jammu & Kashmir.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost(Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1	2	3	4
1	C/o Road from Dheera to MoryonNadali Neon Road in G.P. Mahipur Km 0/0 to 7/120 under NABARD RIDF-XXV	3,66,72,000/- only	3,99,500/- only
2	C/o 30.00 meter Span Bridge over Pathrala Ka Khala and Khari Ka Nala on Khajurna-Bikram Bagh-Suketi-Kala Amb Road at RD 2/975 on Lump Sum Basis	1,86,47,000/- only	3,73,000/- only
3	Performance Based Financial Incentive during the year 2020-21 for Periodic Maintenance of BanogKheri Road in Km 16/0 to 20/0	36,89,000/- only	63,000/- only
4	C/o Veterinary Hospital Building at Parara, District Sirmaur (HP) (SH:- C/o Civil Work, Water Supply and Sanitary Installation, C/o Boundary Wall and Site Development)	31,86,500/- only	47,000/- only
5	A/R and M/o Various Roads under HPPWD Sub-Division, Dadahu (SH:- P/L Thermoplastic Striping and Fixing Road Studs)	10,15,800/- only	20,500/- only

Starting Date for Downloading Bid:- **10.11.2020**
Deadline for Submission of Bid:- **24.11.2020 up to 10:00 AM**

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
HPPWD (B&R) Division Nahan
Tel/Fax: 01702-222260 E-mail: ee-nah-hp@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN TENDER

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date : 20.10.2020. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in**. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login →E-Tender Stores/Supply**. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/ Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity.; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): [1]; 91200056;** Temperature Sensor Assly [Complete] for 3-Phase Traction Motor Type 6FRA-6068 and 6FXA-7059; **449 nos.;** 67,180; **10.11.2020 at 11:00am. [2]; 91200893;** Rotor End Ring [CNC Machined]; **116 nos.;** 000; **18.11.2020 at 11:00am. [3]; 91200057;** Completely Assembled Temperature Sensor For 3-Phase Traction Motor Type 6FRA-6068; **99 nos.;** 000; **10.11.2020 at 11:00am. [4]; 75204136;** Transition Duct Assly. for WAG-9/WAP-7/WAP-5 Loco; **580 set;**5,31,290; **07.12.2020 at 11:00 am. [5]; 75203732;** Housing for WAG-9HC/ WAP-7/WAP-5; **2461 nos.;** 11,79,150; **23.11.2020 at 11:00 am. Office Address :** Dy. CMM-III/CLW/ Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or SMM/HQ, 9163340704.

Principal Chief Materials Manager
CLW/Chittaranjan

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TAMIL NADU FIBRENET CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)

Letter No. 40/TANFINET / 2020 **Dated : 21.10.2020**

TANFINET Corporation is floating Tender for the Selection of Third Party Agency (TPA) for inspection, verification and certification of BharatNet Phase-II project implementation in Tamil Nadu.

E-TENDER NOTICE

1	Tender Inviting Authority	**Managing Director, Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited,** No.807, 5th Floor, P.T. Lee. Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002. Ph : 044 - 28888230 **e-mail : tenders.tanfinet@tn.gov.in URL : https://www.tanfinet.tn.gov.in**
2	A) Name of the work	"Selection of Third Party Agency (TPA) for BharatNet Phase-II project Tamil Nadu".
	B) Tender reference	**NIT_TANFINET_003_TPA**
	C) Place of execution	As per Tender document
3	Tender documents available place and due date for obtaining tender	**www.tntenders.gov.in Link : www.tanfinet.tn.gov.in** Document available for download from **22.10.2020 - 03.00 PM** to **11.11.2020** by **03.00 PM**
4	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 70,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Lakhs only)
5	Due Date, Time and Place of Submission of tender	**11.11.2020 - 03.00 PM** in the e-Tender Portal
6	Date, Time and Place of Tender Opening	**12.11.2020 - 03.00 PM** in the office of **TANFINET Corporation Limited,** No.807, 5th Floor, P.T. Lee, Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

DIPR/3944/TENDER/2020 **Managing Director, Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited.**

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Lucknow invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:
N.I.T. No.: 44/2nd Call/EE/PCDL/2020-21
Name of Work : Development of Parcel Hub and NDC at Ground Floor and shifting of facilities functioning at Ground Floor to Third Floor including flooring and plastering work of Third Floor at HPO Building, Moradabad.- 2nd Call
Estimated Cost: 42,78,488/-
Earnest Money: 85,570/-
Period of completion- 150 Days
Last time and date of submission of bid : 02.11.2020 / 18 Hrs
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.dopcivil.euniwizarde.com**

उष्ण कटिबंधीय वन अनुसंधान संस्थान

(भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद)
(पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की एक स्वायत्त परिषद)
डाकघर - आर०एफ०आर०सी०, मण्डला रोड, जबलपुर-482 021

TROPICAL FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education)
(An Autonomous Council under the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Govt. of India)
P.O.-R.F.R.C, Mandla Road, JABALPUR- 482 021 (M.P)

No. 15-1(10)/e-procurement/2020-21 /pur/TFRI/JBP/1152 dt. 21/10/2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FOR : SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENTS

No. 2020-21/TFRI/JBP/01
No. 2020-21/TFRI/JBP/02
No. 2020-21/TFRI/JBP/03
No. 2020-21/TFRI/JBP/04
No. 2020-21/TFRI/JBP/05

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur Invites online tenders for the supply of **equipments** from eligible bidders. Details may be obtained online at MoEFCC web site http://moefcc.euniwizarde.com and http://tfri.icfre.org. Last date for submission of bids is **23/11/2020**. Bids shall be submitted online only at MoEFCC web site. Manual bids will not be accepted.

Sd/-
Co-ordinator (F), TFRI, Jabalpur

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि०

CIN:U31200UP2003SGC027460

ई–निविदा सूचना

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित सामग्री की आपूर्ति/कार्य कराने हेतु ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत नियम व शर्ते निविदा अभिलेखों में उल्लिखित है जो **उ०प्र० शासन के ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल https:// etender.up.nic.in एवं दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि० की वेबसाइट www.dvvnl. org पर उपलब्ध है।** क्रम संख्या, निविदा संख्या सामग्री/कार्य का विवरण, निविदा खुलने का दिनांक, निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि (रूपये में) क्रमानुसार। 1. ई०एस०सी०/ए०/टी–13 (2020–21), विद्युत भण्डार खण्ड, बांदा के कार्यालय संचालन हेतु विभिन्न प्रकार के फर्नीचर की आपूर्ति का कार्य, 5.11.2020, रु० 1180.00, रु० 10000.00 निविदा में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा खुलने की तिथि में विस्तार होता है तो इसकी सूचना ई–टेण्डर वेबसाइट **etender.up.nic.in** पर तथा निगम की वेबसाइट **www.dvvnl.org** पर उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी।

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत भण्डार मण्डल, आगरा

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No.SA/A/RS/ED/ OT/20-21/9, Date: 20/10/2020.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Electric Loco Shed, Erode invites online E-tender for the under mentioned work:

Name of the work: Works contract for Mechanical repair / Rehabilitation of magnet frames (without removing coils) and both end bearing brackets of Hitachi Traction Motors of electric locomotives available at Electric Loco shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode. **Completion Period: 12 Months, Closing Date & Time: 11.11.2020 at 11.00 hrs., Tender Value** (₹): 26,11,874/-, **EMD** (₹): 52,200/- **Cost of Tender Document** (₹): 3,360/-

For further details interested persons may kindly log on to **http://www.ireps.gov.in.**

Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tender till ten days prior to the opening of the tender. Tenderers are advised to check the web Site before submitting their offer whether any such corrigendum to the tender has been issued or not.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer,
Electric Loco Shed, Erode
For and on behalf of the President of India

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

S N	Name of work with its location	App. Cost of the work (in Rs.)	Address of the office from where the tender form has been issued	Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Website particulars & Address of office
1.	**24/SrDEE/G/MB/2020:-** Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of temporary lighting arrangement Kumbh Mela 2021.	35,24,555.18 (Including GST)	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	70,500/-	6 (Six Months)	Tender will be received upto 15/00 hrs and opened at 15/00 hrs on **16.11.2020**	Website **www.ireps.gov.in** Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad
2.	**25/SrDEE/G/MB/2020:-** Electrification for Extension of Platform Shelter at PF No 3 & 4 at Laksar station over Moradabad Division.	16,55,901.82 (Including GST)		33,100/-	3 (Three Months)		

Tender Notice No: 12/2020 Date: 20.10.2020 **2307/2020**

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COIMBATORE SMART CITY LIMITED
COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
SMART CITIES MISSION SCHEME
NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

SELECTION OF SYSTEM INTEGRATOR TO DESIGN, SUPPLY, IMPLEMENT, OPERATE AND MANAGE AN INTEGRATED COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE IN COIMBATORE CITY

Roc.No.25/2017/SCM1 Date: 20.10.2020

The Managing Director, Coimbatore Smart City Limited hereby invites "Request for Proposal (RFP)" for Selection of System integrator to Design, Supply, Implement, Operate, & Manage the Integrated Command and Control Centre in Coimbatore City under Smart Cities Mission Scheme. The RFP document for the subject project will be available at the following addresses on payment of Rs. 10,000/- in the form of a Demand Draft from any scheduled bank, drawn in favour of **" The Managing Director, Coimbatore Smart City Limited" payable at Coimbatore.**

The "Request for Proposal" (RFQ) document will be available for download from the websites namely **www.ccmc.gov.in** and **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **23.10.2020** onwards. The RFPs should be accompanied with a Demand Draft as specified above. The RFP documents shall be submitted on or before **3.00 PM** on **25.11.2020** at the following address:

The Managing Director,
Coimbatore Smart City Limited. Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation Campus,
Big Bazaar Street, Coimbatore -641001. Telephone: 0422-2396026 & Fax: 0422-2390167.
e-mail: commr.coimbatore@tn.gov.in or **cscl.jnnurm@gmail.com**

The RFP documents received after the due date of submission will not be accepted and such proposals will be summarily rejected, For any clarifications regarding this tendering, the applicants may contact the **City Engineer, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation at 0422-2394376** or **+919443799211 during the office hours.**

DIPR /3901/TENDER/2020 **Managing Director, Coimbatore Smart City Limited**

Ropeways and Rapid Transport System
Development Corporation HP Limited
(A State Government Undertaking)
US club, Shimla-1, Phone No. 0177-2811001, 2811003, 2811004

ROPEWAYS AND RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT CORPORAION H.P. LIMITED (RTDC)
Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The General Manager, RTDC invites the bids for the under mentioned work from the eligible contractors/firms.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost inclusive of GST (INR)	EMD inclusive of GST (INR)	Tender Processing Fee inclusive of GST (INR)	Time for completion
1.	Producing and Delivering a promotional documentary film on Chanshal Pass as per terms & conditions of term of reference.	5 Lacs	10,000	1,000	10 Days

Key Dates

1.	Date of Publication	19.10.2020 at 5.00 P.M.
3	Last Date of Submission of tender	03.11.2020 upto 12.00 P.M.
4	Date of Opening of Bids	03.11.2020 at 03.00 P.M.

Bid Document should not be tempered and if any such tempering is detected before or after the opening of bids, his tender will be rejected/ cancelled. All other details are given in TOR, which may be collected from the office of undersigned on any working day between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

TOR FOR CONSULTANTS

1.0 PROJECT OBJECTIVE
Producing a promotional documentary film on Chanshal Pass.The scope of work along with deliverables and payment schedule is given as under:-

2.0 Scope of Work
a) The film has to be prepared showcasing the brief about Chanshal Pass in full HD format.
b) The film shots must include journey from Chirgaon to Chanshal and beauty of the valley and any other shot as directed by RTDC for their in corporation in the film.
c) Various photographs and videos taken during the visit of Officers of RTDC are also to be added in the film.
d) Adding of visuals, graphics and animations to make the film effective as directed by RTDC Ltd.
e) Time is the essence of the making of film; hence final film has to be ready as per schedule of deliverables.
f) The language of film will be in English and Hindi both.
g) The duration of final film will be 15 to 20 minutes.

3.0 Deliverables
i) Telecast Masters on Hard Disk, MOV or mpeg format (Two copies)
ii) Pen Drive (4 copies)
iii) Copies of final script in English and Hindi both

4.0 Schedule of Deliverables
i) Completion of shooting of films on decided locations with in 4 days from LoI.
ii) Final script with in 7 days from LoI.
iii) Draft cut film with in 7 days from LoI
iv) Draft film may be revised 2 to 3 times
v) Final Version of Film with in 10 days from LoI.

5.0 Terms of Payment
- On completion of shooting of films on decided locations - 25% payment of total cost
- On finalization of script in consultation with RTDC - 15% payment of total cost
- On showing the draft cut film and submission in soft copy - 20% payment of total cost
- On submission and acceptance of final version of the film - 40% payment of total cost

6.0 Mode of Payment:-
- Earnest Money deposit may be deposit in the form of Demand Draft/ FDR/ Bank Guarantee in the name of General Manager, RTDC HP Shimla-1.
- The Tender Processing fee shall be deposit through RTGS in the account no. given below:
- Bank Account No - 50100297437422
- Bank Name - HDFC Bank
- Bank Branch - The Mall Shimla HP (171001)
- IFSC - HDFC0000524
- Beneficiary Name - General Manager,Ropeways & Rapid Transport System Development Corporation HP Ltd

7.0 Notes:-
- There will be a penalty of 2% per week or part thereof (only working days), of the installment due, for delay on the part of the Consultant, if any, in submission of deliverables.
- Financial quote should be fixed i.e. fixed amount Bid shall be accepted.
- The data/information available with the Deptt. Shall be provided to the bidder, however, rest of the data for this assignment shall be collected by the Consultant independently.
- The invoice shall be considered for payment only after acceptance of deliverable by RTDC.
- The conditional bids shall be out rightly rejected.

Sd/-
General Manager
Ropeway & Rapid Transport System
Development Corporation H.P Ltd. U.S. Club, Shimla-1.
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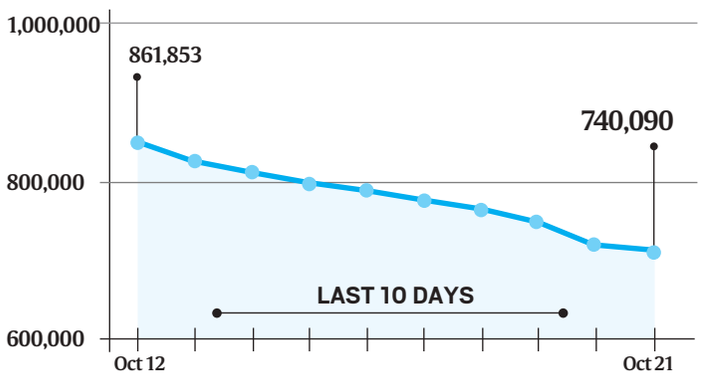
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

INDIA ACTIVE CASES **740,090**



Note: The Oct 21 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Oct 20

INDIA TOTAL CASES	WORLD TOTAL CASES
7,651,107	40,932,220
Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Oct 21	Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Oct 21

Quick Covid test from IIT Kharagpur: How it works, why it matters

COVIRAP does not require technical skills or lab setting. *IIT-KGP/YouTube*

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, OCTOBER 21

A NEW diagnostic test for Covid-19 from IIT Kharagpur, called COVIRAP, can be a potential game-changer in bringing high-end molecular diagnostics from the lab to the field. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has validated the efficacy of the method, IIT-KGP said Wednesday.

HOW IT WORKS: It has an automated pre-programmable temperature control unit, a special detection unit on genomic analysis, and a customised smartphone app for results. Three master mixes work as markers of different genes to confirm the presence of SARS-CoV-2, said Prof Suman Chakraborty, Dean, Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy, IIT Kharagpur. Samples collected react with these mixes. When paper strips are dipped into these reaction products, coloured lines indicate the presence of the virus. Dr Arindam Mondal, Assistant Professor, School of Bioscience, IIT-KGP, said the technology has been subjected to rigorous testing protocols as per ICMR guidelines.

WHY IT'S SPECIAL: Current tests include RT-PCR, which are highly accurate but require advanced lab infrastructure, and antigen tests that can give results in minutes but have a lower accuracy. Prof V K Tewari, Director, IIT Kharagpur, said the COVIRAP process is completed within an hour. The test is conducted in a ultra-low-cost portable unit that can be handled by unskilled operators outside the lab environment, and is an alternative to high-end RT-PCR machines. It can test samples even on open fields. The same unit can be used for a large number of tests on replacement of the paper cartridge after each test. The patented machine unit is also very generic, which means that it can perform tests beyond Covid-19 — for influenza, malaria, dengue, Japanese encephalitis, TB etc under the category of isothermal nucleic acid-based tests.

COVIRAP & FELUDA: FELUDA, named after Satyajit Ray's fictional detective as an acronym for FNCAS9 Editor-Limited Uniform Detection Assay, is a test developed by the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology. This too detects genes specific to SARS-CoV-2, but uses CRISPR-CAS technology. With FELUDA, too, the need for technical expertise is minimal. While the current FELUDA prototype requires a PCR machine for processing, COVIRAP uses its own detection technology, patented by IIT-KGP. "There are certain components of the method which are exclusive for us and different from CRISPR-CAS," Prof Chakraborty said.

WHY TESTING STILL MATTERS: India has tested 9.72 crore samples until October 20, and been meeting the WHO-suggested threshold of 140 tests per million population per day. While new cases have been declining daily, experts have said the focus should remain on ensuring access to tests in places in areas where fewer than 140/million tests are done per day. The IIT-KGP director said "the Institute is open for tie-ups" with corporates or start-ups for technology licensing and commercial production.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

US sues Google: what it means

US Justice Department, joined by 11 states, has filed a suit against Google for abusing dominant position in the market. What led to these charges, and what can the action mean for Google, in the US and elsewhere?

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE UNITED States Department of Justice (DoJ) sued Google on Tuesday, alleging that the company had abused its dominant position in a way that had harmed its competitors as well as customers. Eleven US states have joined the DoJ in the anti-trust lawsuit against Google "for unlawfully maintaining a monopoly in general search services and search advertising".

What is the lawsuit about?

In his statement announcing the initiation of the lawsuit, Deputy Attorney General of the DoJ Jeffrey A Rosen said the main concerns are business practices that may have led to "massive concentrations of economic power" in a few companies such as Google. The lawsuit will focus on Google as it "is the gateway to the Internet and a search advertising behemoth".

"Google achieved some success in its early years, and no one begrudges that, but, as the antitrust complaint filed today explains, it has maintained its monopoly power through exclusionary practices that harm competition. So the Justice Department has determined that an antitrust response is necessary to benefit consumers," Rosen said in his statement.

What led to the lawsuit?

Earlier this month, a US House of Representatives panel submitted the report of a bipartisan investigation into the working of Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook. The probe had started in July 2019. These companies have been on the radar of governments in many countries for being big spenders and trying to steamroll competition by either buying out their rivals or pushing vendors to avoid working with these rivals. The US Congress wanted to know, for example, if Apple had, in order to promote an app that enables parents to limit screen time for children, thrown out a rival app on the pretence that it was not safe.

The panel said each of these companies was now acting as a "gatekeeper" over a key channel of distribution, which meant that they had full control over what went on in their respective domains. The report called for the big technology companies to be broken up and for a "presumptive prohibition against future mergers and acquisitions by the dominant platform".

Google office building in California. Eleven US states have joined the Department of Justice in the lawsuit against the company. *Reuters*

Why is the lawsuit important?

The lawsuit marks the first time there has been a bipartisan effort — involving both the Democratic and the Republican parties — to look into the monopolistic powers of Google.

The challenge for Google, experts said, would be continued scrutiny into its biggest revenue generating segment, which is advertising gained from its search engine and affiliate websites. In the April-June quarter, the company had earned nearly $38 billion, mainly from advertisements.

Apart from increased federal scrutiny, big tech companies are also likely to face more questions and probes from states in the US, which have in the recent past hauled these firms up for not doing more to control their influence on day-to-day aspects of life.

The last time Google faced legal action for allegedly abusing its dominance in the search market was almost a decade ago — in 2011 — when the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was acting on a complaint filed by a Washington-based non-profit research agency, Electronic Privacy Information Center. Although the five commissioners eventually voted not to pursue a case against Google, the company had to, as a part of a settlement process, implement a strict user data security policy and agree to independent privacy audits for the next 20 years.

"Google is a global market player. This (lawsuit) would have a worldwide impact where Google's practices could potentially be looked at. But having said that, the CCI (Competition Commission of India) is already looking into such practices and has already fined Google previously. This is very much under the CCI radar to keep these practices under check," competition law expert and partner at L&L Partners Kanika Chaudhary Nayar said.

What are the allegations that Google faces in India?

Over the last three years, Google has had multiple run-ins with the CCI for alleged abuse of its dominant position in the search engine market, the Android smartphone and television market, as well as the Google Flights service.

In 2019, India's antitrust body had held Google guilty of misuse of its dominant position in the mobile Android market and said the company had imposed "unfair conditions" on device manufacturers to prevent them from using other operating systems.

And in February 2018, the CCI had fined Google Rs 136 crore for unfair business practices in the online search market. It said that Google had "allocated disproportionate real estate" for its affiliates, to the disadvantage of other companies that were trying to gain market access.

"Besides, it was also found that Google has provided a further link in such commercial units which leads users to its specialised search result page (Google Flight) resulting into unfair imposition upon the users of general search services as well," the CCI said.

Google has challenged the CCI findings in forums such as the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal and the Supreme Court.

What could the US Justice Department action mean for Google?

Although the lawsuit is the first of its kind, it is unlikely that there will be any swift action on the company in the near term, experts said.

"The lawsuit is just the beginning of something formal, after the House panel report. Going ahead, Google may argue before the courts that it is being singled out from amongst the other companies, or try to explain why it does not really abuse its dominance in any market segment," said a legal expert who had advised some companies against Google's 2018 case in CCI.

"Yes, there can be a spiralling effect but every country will have to conduct its own separate investigation if the same conduct has been done there. Regulators will definitely have a sense of looking into the practices of Google. But will they be guilty of the same issues all over the world? That will have to be assessed independently," Nayar said.

What it will take for Jet Airways to fly again

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

LAST WEEK, a group of lenders approved a bid by a consortium for revival of Jet Airways, which has been grounded since April 2018 for lack of funds. This could be the first step in a possible turnaround of India's oldest private airline.

So, who are Jet's new potential owners?

Jet Airways' creditors have approved a resolution plan submitted by a consortium of UK-based Kalrock Capital and UAE-based businessman Murari Lal Jalan. Jalan was initially a paper trader who later diversified into various sectors such as real estate, mining, construction, FMCG, dairy, travel and tourism, and industrial works. He currently has investments in the UAE, India, Russia and Uzbekistan.

It is important to note that neither of the parties in the consortium has experience in managing a passenger airline.

When is Jet expected to start operations?

The next step is for the lenders to get approval for the resolution plan from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Once the NCLT approval is in, the investors are ready to take the airline to the skies within six months, people in the know have said.

Lenders have approved a bid by consortium to revive the airline. *Express Archive*

However, things may not turn out to be quite as straightforward. The new investors are said to be looking at investing Rs 1,000 crore into Jet Airways, but it is unclear at this point whether the money would be used towards repaying the creditors, vendors, employees, etc, or towards getting the airline back on its feet.

What are the major concerns that have to be addressed?

To begin with, the new investors will have to renegotiate contracts with various vendors including fuel retailers, aircraft lessors, caterers etc, which will be crucial for flight operations.

Secondly, when Jet Airways was grounded in 2018, the slots that were under use by the airline were reallocated to other domestic airlines by the government, given the severe crunch of available slots at key airports such s Delhi and Mumbai. While it will be important for Jet Airways to regain some of its prime slots to ensure sustainable operations, it is unlikely that other domestic airlines will let go of the slots without a fight, given that they have invested in bringing in additional capacity to get those slots in the first place.

In what form is Jet expected to restart?

The investors have laid out a plan to resume Jet Airways as a small airline in the beginning, for which they have begun negotiating with aircraft lessors.

Currently, the airline has 12 aircraft on its books — nine wide-bodied planes and three narrow-bodied Boeing 737s. While Jet Airways is expected to retain its iconic brand identity and its business model of being a full-service carrier, it is likely that in the first year of its operations, the airline will operate only domestically.

This is unless the investors opt for aggressive expansion, something that market players have ruled out for the time being, given the global aviation industry scenario that has arisen as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

What happens to Jet employees?

While the news of a resolution plan being approved by the lenders has caused some cheer among the staff of Jet Airways — which, at its peak, had around 17,000 employees — the new investors are yet to take a call on who will be retained. In terms of human resources, it will be crucial for the investors to bring in a management with experience of running an airline in addition to people necessary for flight operations, such as crew etc.

Recalling a Pak misadventure: What happened on October 22, 1947?

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

KASHMIRIS HAVE traditionally observed October 27 as a Black Day to mark the first landing of Indian troops in the Valley in 1947 to push back Pakistan-backed tribal invaders. But this year, in what appears to be an effort by the government to change that narrative, the Ministry of Culture is marking October 22 — the day the Pakistani invasion began and set the stage for the first India-Pakistan war — with a string of events, including a symposium in Srinagar on the events of that day.

The lead-up to Oct 22

By October 1947, Kashmir was in high ferment. For months before the independence of India and the creation of Pakistan, Hari Singh, the Hindu ruler of Muslim-majority Kashmir, was facing a rebellion in Poonch by Muslim subjects who refused to pay taxes and launched an armed insurgency. Hari Singh deployed the Kashmir state forces to crack down. At the same time, with Partition nearing, Hindus and Sikhs had been crossing into Jammu, bringing with them stories of harrowing violence in Rawalpindi and other areas. Jammu had turned into a communal cauldron by the time anti-Muslim clashes broke out. There are varying versions of how many Muslims were killed, but most accounts speak of the riots as a massacre.

At Independence, Hari Singh decided that Kashmir would not accede to either India or Pakistan. Instead, he made an offer of a standstill agreement with both, but only Pakistan signed. Pakistan took charge of Kashmir's post and telegraphs and agreed to continue supplying essentials such as fuel and grains through West Punjab, now part of the new country. But as the clashes continued, the supplies from Pakistan dried up. Lack of petrol immobilised transport; Pakistan stopped the train service from Sialkot to Jammu; banking got disrupted.

On the borders, bands of armed raiders were already launching hit-and-run attacks. The situation grew alarming for Hari Singh and his small army from about mid-October, and his cables to the Pakistan PM to put an end to the raids were rebuffed.

Oct 22 invasion & resistance

On October 22, thousands of tribal invaders crossed into Kashmir overrunning outposts of Hari Singh's state forces in Muzaffarabad, Domel and other places on the road to Srinagar. The Kashmir forces were too small in number. Plus, the Muslim soldiers, who were in equal numbers with the Dogras in the force, joined hands with the raiders.

According to the Ministry of Defence's official history of the war, "The plan of the invaders was tactfully sound and, in the beginning, brilliantly executed. The main attack had to be frontally launched along the motor road. Apart from the rifles, the standard weapon of the raiders, the main force had also a few light machine guns and travelled in about 300 civilian lorries."

Pakistan maintained it had nothing to do with this invasion, but evidence to the contrary has come up in several accounts including that by Major-General Akbar Khan of the Pakistan Army, in his book *Raiders of Kashmir*. Indian military histories say the invasion was planned two months ahead by the Pakistan Army, and codenamed Operation Gulmarg.

One of the most significant episodes was the attack on Baramulla on the night of October 26-27. The targeting of St Joseph's Convent and Hospital on October 27 and the killings on its premises are documented by British journalist Andrew Whitehead in *A Mission in Kashmir*.

Various accounts of the invasion have explained why the Pashtun tribesmen came to form the advance party of the Pakistan military. Whitehead writes that Pakistan did not want to trigger an open conflict with India, and found its best option in "turning the martial mood of the the Pathan hill tribes to [its] best interests". India's official account says the use of Pashtun tribesmen by Pakistan sought to divert the demands for Pashtunistan in the North-West Frontier Province.

Two Kashmiris are celebrated for their resistance that helped keep the invaders out of Srinagar for a few days, until Indian troops arrived on October 27, a day after Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to India.

One is Brigadier Rajinder Singh, who had just been appointed as the new Chief of Staff of the state forces. He had headed out of Srinagar with 200 troops, and his decision to blow up a bridge in Uri slowed the advance of the tribesmen, although it did not stop them. Singh was killed in action on October 25.

The other is Shahid Maqbool Sherwani, whose story has been immortalised by Mulk Raj Anand in *Death of a Hero*. Sherwani, a National Conference worker in Baramulla, gave the invaders wrong directions to Srinagar airport. He was crucified by them when they realised he had tricked them.

All accounts of the war also ascribe the tribesmen's failure to make progress towards Srinagar to their preoccupation with looting Baramulla, with some even returning to Pakistan with their loot. Sardar Qayum Khan, who served as president of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, is quoted by Whitehead as saying that the tribesmen were "uncontrollable people"; "they went on looting".

After the raid

After Hari Singh signed off on the accession, four Dakotas flew to Srinagar from Delhi through October 27 transporting troops. More troops followed over the next few days. The invaders were held off close to Srinagar, at a place called Shalteng, and there was a battle in Budgam, close to the airport. By November 8, the Indian Army had taken control of Srinagar; on November 9, of Baramulla; and by November 13, of Uri.

However, with Pakistani forces formally entering the battlefield in support of the tribesmen, the war would continue for over a year, until a ceasefire was declared on the night of December 31, 1948, and the terms of the ceasefire were accepted on January 5, 1949.

MEANWHILE

MEGHAN, HARRY DECRY 'CRISIS OF HATE' ONLINE

Britain's Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, spoke about their campaign against social media negativity, with Harry warning of a "global crisis of hate" that was affecting people's mental health. "This is a global crisis. A global crisis of hate, a global crisis of misinformation and a global health crisis," Harry said. Meghan said it was imperative to make online interactions healthier for everyone.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Prayuth Chan-ocha

THAILAND

Thai PM backs down on protest ban; protesters say he must go

THAI PRIME Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha backed down on Wednesday over emergency measures he imposed last week to stop three months of protests, but demonstrators said it was not enough and demanded he resign within three days. Tens of thousands of people marched to his offices at Government House. The protesters have been demonstrating for months against Prayuth and to demand curbs to King Maha Vajiralongkorn's powers. In a televised address, Prayuth said he was ready to lift measures banning political gatherings of five or more and publication of information deemed a security threat. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN

5 die in powerful explosion in Sindh building

A POWERFUL explosion ripped through a four-storey building in Pakistan's Sindh province, killing at least five people and injuring 20 others, police said. At least two floors of the building near Maskan Chowrangi in the Gulshan-e-Iqbal area in Karachi were severely damaged, leading authorities to fear that the toll may rise. Police chief Mushtaq Mahar said the bomb disposal squad and anti-terrorism officials are yet to determine the cause of the explosion. **PTI**

GERMANY

Several exhibits damaged at Berlin museums

A LARGE number of art works and artifacts at some of Berlin's best-known museums were smeared with a liquid by an unknown perpetrator or perpetrators earlier this month, police said Wednesday. The "numerous" works in several museums at the Museum Island complex, a UNESCO world heritage site in the heart of the German capital that is one of the city's main tourist attractions, were targeted between 10 am and 6 pm on Oct 3, police said. Police said in a statement that the resulting damage can't yet be quantified. It didn't give details of the liquid. **AP**

FRANCIS MAKES HISTORIC STATEMENT IN NEW DOCUMENTARY

Pope, in shift for Church, voices support for same-sex civil unions

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ROME, OCTOBER 21

Pope Francis arrives for the weekly general audience at the Vatican on Wednesday. *Reuters*

POPE FRANCIS endorsed same-sex civil unions for the first time as pontiff while being interviewed for the feature-length documentary "Francesco," which premiered Wednesday at the Rome Film Festival.

The papal thumbs-up came midway through the film that delves into issues Francis cares about most, including the environment, poverty, migration, racial and income inequality, and the people most affected by discrimination.

"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God," Francis said in one of his sit-down interviews for the film. "You can't kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered."

While serving as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis endorsed civil unions for gay couples as an alternative to same-sex marriages. However, he had never come out publicly in favor of civil unions as pope.

The Jesuit priest who has been at the forefront in seeking to build bridges with gays in the church, the Rev. James Martin, praised the pope's comments as "a major step forward in the church's support for LGBT people."

"The Pope's speaking positively about civil unions also sends a strong message to places where the church has opposed such laws," Martin said in a statement.

Catholic Church teaching holds that gays must be treated with dignity and respect but that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered".

One of the main characters in the documentary is Juan Carlos Cruz, the Chilean survivor of clergy sexual abuse whom Francis initially discredited during a 2018 visit to Chile.

Cruz, who is gay, said that during his first meetings with the pope in May 2018 after they patched things up, Francis assured him that God made Cruz gay. Cruz tells his own story in snippets throughout the film, chronicling both Francis' evolution on understanding sexual abuse as well as to document the pope's views on gay people.

Director Evgeny Afineevsky had remarkable access to cardinals, the Vatican television archives and the pope himself. He said he negotiated his way in through persistence, and deliveries of Argentine mate tea and Alfajores cookies that he got to the pope via some well-connected Argentines in Rome.

"Listen, when you are in the Vatican, the only way to achieve something is to break the rule and then to say, 'I'm sorry,'" Afineevsky said in an interview ahead of the premiere.

The director worked official and unofficial channels starting in early 2018, and ended up so close to Francis by the end of the project that he showed the pope the movie on his iPad in August. The two recently exchanged Yom Kippur greetings; Afineevsky is a Russian-born Jew now based in Los Angeles. On Wednesday, Afineevsky's 48th birthday, the director said Francis presented him with a birthday cake during a private meeting at the Vatican.

But "Francesco" is more than a biopic about the pope.

It is more a visual survey of the world's crises and tragedies, with audio from the pope providing possible ways to solve them.

Afineevsky travelled the world to film his pope movie: The settings include Cox's Bazaar in Bangladesh where Myanmar's Rohingya sought refuge; the US-Mexico border; and Francis' native Argentina. **AP**

Church's position on homosexuality

EXPLAINED

HISTORICALLY, THE Catholic Church has condemned homosexuality, and has even sought to punish gay people. The Church has also actively sought to oppose the gay rights movement. In 2003, the Vatican stated in a document that the Church's respect for homosexuals "cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behaviour or to legal recognition of homosexual unions". This document was signed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who would later become Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis' predecessor. In this context, Francis' endorsement of same-sex civil unions becomes a historic break from the Church's position.

Trump for the first time explicitly called on Barr to investigate the Bidens and even pointed to the nearing Nov 3 election as reason that Barr should not delay taking action. *AP file*

Trump ups pressure on A-G to probe Bidens as vote nears

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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 21

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday called on Attorney General William Barr to immediately launch an investigation into unverified claims about Democrat Joe Biden and his son Hunter, effectively demanding that the Justice Department muddy his political opponent and abandon its historic resistance to getting involved in elections.

With just two weeks to go before Election Day, Trump for the first time explicitly called on Barr to investigate the Bidens and even pointed to the nearing Nov 3 election as reason that Barr should not delay taking action. Trump has been levelling accusations of corruption against Biden without verified evidence for months, but is stepping up the pressure in the final days of the campaign.

"We've got to get the attorney general to act," Trump said in an interview on "Fox & Friends." "He's got to act, and he's got to act fast. He's got to appoint somebody. This is major corruption, and this has to be known about before the election."

Julian Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University, suggested that Trump's pressure campaign on Barr has moved into uncharted territory for presidential politics. "The question is, Does Barr erode the guidelines and reforms from the post-Watergate era and move forward with this?" Zelizer said. "We are seeing a total politicisation of the justice system in the final stages of an election." **AP**

People wait to collect tokens needed to apply for Pakistani visas, in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. *Reuters*

15 killed in stampede after Afghans crowd for visas near Pak consulate

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JALALABAD, OCTOBER 21

AT LEAST 15 people were killed in stampede among thousands of Afghans gathered near Pakistan's consulate on Tuesday as jostling broke out between people applying for visas, officials in the eastern city of Jalalabad said.

An estimated 3,000 Afghans had congregated on the open ground, usually used for sports or pubic gatherings, outside the consulate, waiting to collect tokens needed to apply for a visa, two provincial officials told Reuters a day after the tragedy.

An Afghan news channel transmitted images of them holding passports aloft to secure a token. Images taken after the stampede showed scores of passports strewn across the ground.

"The visa applicants jostled to secure their token from the consulate officials...the crowd got out of control, leading to a stampede," said an Afghan official.

Eleven of the 15 victims were women, and several senior citizens were among more than a dozen injured, Sohrab Qaderi, a provincial council member, said.

Tens of thousands of Afghans every year travel to neighbouring Pakistan to secure medical treatment, education and jobs. The two countries share a nearly 2,600-kilometre border. **REUTERS**

Pak unlikely to exit FATF's grey list, but avoids blacklist: report

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ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 21

PAKISTAN MAY remain on the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) as it has been unable to comply with six of the 27 points in the global terror financing and money laundering watchdog's action plan, a media report said on Wednesday.

The Paris-based global watchdog will hold its virtual plenary session from October 21 to 23. It will review Pakistan's progress on the 27-point action plan.

FATF had placed Pakistan on the grey list in June 2018 and asked Islamabad to implement a plan of action to curb money laundering and terror financing by the end of 2019, but the deadline was extended later on due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The country will succeed in exiting the FATF's grey list by June next year," the *Express Tribune* reported, quoting diplomatic sources.

The report said Pakistan is unlikely to exit the FATF grey list, but the country has managed to avert being blacklisted.

It said the country had completed legal formalities and informed the watchdog it had managed to comply with 21 of the points in the action plan. Pakistan succeeded in making 20 per cent progress in the remaining six points of the action plan, it said. **PTI**

AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine trial volunteer dies in Brazil

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SAO PAULO, OCTOBER 21

BRAZILIAN HEALTH authority Anvisa said on Wednesday that a volunteer in a clinical trial of the Covid-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University has died, stating it had received data from an investigation into the matter.

The regulator said testing of the vaccine would continue after the volunteer's death. It provided no further details, citing medical confidentiality of those involved in trials.

Brazilian health authorities said testing of the vaccine would continue despite the volunteer's death

The Federal University of Sao Paulo, which is helping coordinate phase 3 clinical trials in Brazil, separately said that the volunteer was Brazilian but did not say where the person lived.

AstraZeneca shares turned negative and were down 1.7%.

The federal government already has plans to purchase the UK vaccine and produce it at its biomedical research center FioCruz in Rio de Janeiro, while a competing vaccine from China's Sinovac is being tested by Sao Paulo state's research center Butantan Institute.

Brazil has the second deadliest outbreak of coronavirus, with more than 154,000 killed by Covid-19, following only the United States. It is the third worst outbreak in terms of cases, with more than 5.2 million infected, after the United States and India. **REUTERS**

Lagos locked down, Army under scrutiny after protesters fired on

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LAGOS, OCTOBER 21

Smoke rises from Lagos on Wednesday. *Reuters*

POLICE ENFORCED a round-the-clock curfew in Nigeria's biggest city on Wednesday a day after soldiers reportedly opened fire on civilians protesting against alleged police brutality.

Fires burned across Lagos and residents of Ebute Mette, Lagos Island and Okota districts reported hearing gunfire on Wednesday as President Muhammadu Buhari appealed for "understanding and calm".

Police — some armed, many in plain clothes — set up roadblocks in Lagos, witnesses said.

Tuesday night's incident at a toll gate in Lekki district was the most serious yet in nearly two weeks of nationwide protests fueled by anger at alleged systematic abuses by police, although details of what happened and the number of casualties remained unclear.

The Lagos state governor said 30 people were hurt in the shooting at the gate, a focal point of the protests. One man had died in hospital from a blow to the head, he said, but it was not known if he was a protester.

The UN secretary-general said there had been "multiple deaths" and he urged authorities to de-escalate the situation. **REUTERS**

IT TOOK SAMPLES FROM THE ASTEROID WHICH COULD AID OUR ABILITY TO DIVERT ONE THAT MIGHT SLAM INTO EARTH

Seeking solar system's secrets, NASA spacecraft briefly lands on asteroid

KENNETH CHANG
OCTOBER 21

A NASA robot pogo-sticked off an asteroid Tuesday and grabbed a sample of dirt and rocks, material that could give scientists new insights to the birth of the solar system.

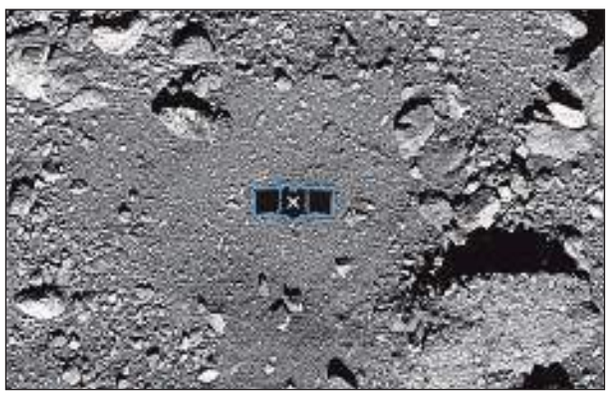
From first impressions recorded 200 millions away on Earth, the OSIRIS-REX spacecraft pulled off its collection of bits of asteroid, a carbon-rich rock known as Bennu, perfectly. It then backed away and headed back to orbit.

"Transcendental," Dante Lauretta, principal investigator of the mission, said moments later. "I mean, I can't believe we actually pulled this off."

It will take a few more days before scientists can completely declare success. At present, they can only say that the spacecraft executed its instructions exactly as programmed. What is not yet known is how much material was actually grabbed. Scientists are hoping for at least a couple of ounces, but the sampling mechanism can hold up to 4 pounds.

If it succeeded in its goal of sucking up some rocks and dirt from the asteroid's surface, it could potentially unlock secrets to what the solar system was like when it first formed 4.5 billion years ago.

"The asteroids are like time capsules, floating in space, that can provide a fossil record of the birth of our solar system," Lori Glaze, director of NASA's planetary science division, said during a news conference Monday.



The OSIRIS-REx spacecraft's primary sample collection site, named "Nightingale", on the asteroid Bennu. An outline of the OSIRIS-REx is placed at centre to illustrate the scale of the site. *NASA via AP*

Many asteroids — including Bennu — cross the orbit of Earth and could collide with our planet someday. A better understanding of these space rocks, which come in many types, could aid humanity's ability to divert one that might slam into Earth.

OSIRIS-REX is a shortening of Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer.

Lauretta came up with the name. He said that as he jotted down themes of the scientific objectives — origins, spectroscopy, resources and security — he had most of the letters of Osiris, the Egyptian god who was the lord of the underworld but who also represented the seeds of regeneration to new life. He then played around with the name until he got the abbreviation he wanted.

The robotic spacecraft launched in Sept 2016 and arrived at Bennu in December 2018. Since then, it has been making observations of the asteroid, even documenting that it was shooting debris from its surface into space.

Shortly before noon, mission controllers at Lockheed Martin Space in Littleton, Colorado, transmitted commands to the spacecraft that initiated its descent toward the asteroid. It moved at about a fifth of a mile per hour, steadily adjusting its orientation to help it safely reach the surface. It touched its extended arm against the space rock's surface for a few seconds before backing away to a safe orbit.

On Wednesday, the space agency is scheduled to hold a news conference to discuss how the sampling effort went and release close-up images of Bennu.

Bennu, discovered in 1999, is a carbon-rich asteroid that is almost black in color. It is about 1,600 feet wide. That compares to the Empire State Building, which is 1,454 feet tall including the antenna at the top. The materials are intriguing because asteroids like Bennu may have seeded Earth with the building blocks for life. **NYT**

Shooting in Houston club kills 3 people

REUTERS
OCTOBER 21

A LATE night shooting at a midtown club in the Texas city of Houston killed three men and injured a fourth critically, the police said, just hours after another incident in which a police officer was killed with shots to the head.

On Twitter, police said the injured man was taken to hospital after the nighttime attack, but they did not immediately release further details or respond to requests for comments. Media said a person with a gun entered the club and opened fire before 10 pm. A CBS news affiliate quoted authorities as saying there might have been multiple gunmen.

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International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
POWER

NCLAT: Discoms can't cancel PPA amid corporate insolvency process

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

IN A ruling that is likely to come as a breather for power companies undergoing liquidation or insolvency under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has said that power distribution companies, or discoms, cannot terminate, during the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP), the power purchase agreements (PPA) they had signed with power generation companies.

Upholding an order passed by the Hyderabad Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), the NCLAT agreed that the proposition that a power plant and its PPA "form one integrated economic asset" appeared to a rational one, and therefore the value of this asset must be protected by the moratorium rules under IBC.

"This asset (PPA) needs to be kept intact and preserved during the process of corporate resolution and liquidation so that the liabilities of creditors and other stakeholders can be taken care of," a two member Bench of the NCLAT, led by Justice Jarat Kumar Jain, said in its judgment on October 20.

The ruling by the NCLAT came in the CIRP process of Lanco Infratech, which is undergoing liquidation. The company had, on April 29, 2010, signed a power purchase agreement with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) for selling power generated from its 5 mega-watt solar photovoltaic plant situated at Bhadrada village of Patan district in Gujarat.

Having defaulted on payment of Rs 63 crore loan given by Yes Bank, Lanco Infratech was taken to insolvency but could not find a buyer. The company was subsequently ordered to be liquidated. During the CIRP process, however, GUVNL moved to terminate the PPA it had signed with Lanco Infratech, after giving the due notice of 30 days.

Yes Bank, the main financial creditor of the company, however, objected to GUVNL's PPA termination notice, arguing that it would lead to decimation of the value of the power plant even in liquidation. The Hyderabad Bench of NCLT, while agreeing with Yes Bank's submissions, said that power plants, such as the one present at Patan, and PPA signed by discoms with these companies, were to be considered "one integrated economic asset". An order of moratorium, would therefore be applicable even in the cases of a PPA, which therefore cannot be terminated midway into the corporate insolvency resolution process.

The ruling is likely to come as a breather for several power plants, including 15 coal-based thermal power plans with total PPA tie-up worth nearly 12,000 MW, which are currently undergoing insolvency. Of these 15, as many as six have signed PPA with discoms for their full capacity, while nine have inadequate or lesser than capacity PPAs signed.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

POWER PLANT, PPA 'FORM 1 ASSET'

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'INVESTOR PARTICIPATION HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE'

Market recovery broad-based: Tyagi

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

TWO MONTHS after Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said there was a clear disconnect between the sharp surge in the stock markets and the state of real economy, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairman Ajay Tyagi on Wednesday said the recovery in the market has been "broad-based" and the participation in the equity market is "higher now than ever before".

After the declaration of pandemic in March 2020, the lower circuit breaker was triggered on two occasions within a span of just two weeks—an occurrence which has never happened in the past. "The Volatility Index VIX went up to 84 in March from an average of 15 in the previous 3 months. SEBI took some timely surveillance measures with respect to exposures and margins to curb volatility. The markets have recovered well since then," Tyagi said.

During April-September 2020, 63 lakh new demat accounts were added as compared to 27.4 lakh accounts during the corresponding period last year, an increase by around 130 per cent, he said at the CII Financial Markets summit.

"It is not just the large cap but also the mid- and small-cap indices which have recovered since the lows hit in March 2020. While the large cap and mid cap indices have increased around 55 per cent, the small cap index has increased around 70 per cent," Tyagi said.

While statistically the indices could go up because of certain stocks that have relatively high weights, Sebi's analysis shows the recovery is not only in the heavyweight stocks, but is across the board in the index, he said.

The market recovery happened even as GDP contracted 23.9 per cent in the June quarter. The Sensex, which hit a low of 25,638.90 earlier this year, closed at 40,707.31, a rise of over 15,000 points, on Wednesday.

The domestic equity market received around $11 billion of net FPI investments to date in this financial year. "While most emerging markets including Brazil, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, South Africa and Malaysia saw FPI outflows in calendar year 2020 so far, India has witnessed net FPI inflows in the same period," he said.

SEBI TO EXPAND INVESTOR FUND

SEBI IS planning to expand the Investor Protection Fund (IPF) and working on the proposed T+1 settlement. Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi (*pictured*) said the IPF is woefully inadequate now and the regulator will work with exchanges to increase the fund size.

India-Germany flights under air bubble resume

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FOLLOWING A fallout with Germany over the number of flights being operated between India and the European country that led to the air-bubble between the two jurisdictions being suspended, flight services have recommenced under the bilateral arrangement with German flag-carrier Lufthansa and Air India operating 10 and seven flights per week, respectively.

The German carrier had on September 29 announced suspension of all its "planned flights" between India and Germany till October 20, citing "unexpected rejection" of its flight schedule by the Indian authorities.

"Flights between India & Germany recommence under air bubble arrangement. Lufthansa will operate from Delhi (4 days), Mumbai (3 days) & Bengaluru (3 days). @airindiain will operate 5 weekly flights from Delhi & 2 every week from Bengaluru to Frankfurt," Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said in a tweet.

The suspension of the air-bubble arrangement between India and Germany earlier this month was followed by at least two rounds of discussions between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the German Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

At the time of announcing cancellation of its air services from September 30, Lufthansa said it had applied for continuation of special flights it was allowed to operate until the end of September. The DGCA, however, had said: "As against Indian carriers operating 3-4 flights a week, Lufthansa operated 20 flights a week. In spite of this disparity we offered to clear 7 flights a week for Lufthansa which was not accepted by them".

Govt expands foreign flight ops to Bangladesh

Mumbai: The government on Wednesday expanded international flight operations under the bilateral air bubble arrangement to Bangladesh. The pact allows airlines of each country to operate 28 flights per week. **PTI**

'India at doorstep of revival process'

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. *File*

New Delhi: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said the country is at the doorstep of economic revival on the back of accommodative monetary and fiscal policies being pursued by the central bank and the government.

Das was speaking at launch of the book *Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside*, written by former bureaucrat and current chairman of the Finance Commission N K Singh.

"We are almost at the doorstep of revival process and it's very important that the financial entities have adequate capital (to support growth)," he said.

Many of them have already raised capital and others are planning, he said. **PTI**

COVID IMPACT

'57% working adults in India worried about losing jobs'

Over half of the working adults globally are concerned about losing their jobs in the next 12 months, including 57 per cent in India, the WEF-Ipsos global survey said

SILVER LINING:
Over two-thirds are hopeful that their employers will help them retrain for new employment opportunities

METHODOLOGY:
Over 12,000 working adults in 27 countries

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?
The coronavirus pandemic has led to a fall in demand across the world, thus hurting businesses. This has led to salary and job cuts across verticals

MOST WORRIED:

Russia	75%
Spain	73%
Malaysia	71%

Germany scored the best with 26 per cent, while it was 30 per cent in Sweden, and 36 per cent in the Netherlands and the US

Source: WEF-Ipsos global survey/PTI

Working on next stimulus: DEA Secy

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THE GOVERNMENT is working on the next stimulus package to provide a push to the economy that is needed now, Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said Wednesday. The government is also considering an extension of the Production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to 7-8 more sectors to promote domestic manufacturing, while a new public sector enterprises policy will be put up before the Cabinet soon.

In order to attract capital into Indian financial markets, Prime Minister Narendra Modi would meet 15 leading investment houses from across the world soon to listen to their views, Bajaj said. The finance ministry and the Reserve Bank of India are also in advanced discussions to get an entry into global bond indices — a move that would provide further depth and liquidity to the government securities market. These steps are being taken to support economic activity, he said.

"I would only reiterate (on the industry suggestion) for an increase in the government expenditure. The Finance Minister (Nirmala Sitharaman has recently) mentioned that, she has told us to work on that (stimulus) and we are actually working on that. Based on various suggestions we have received from all of you, we will be working on that and trying to do something as well so that the push to the economy, which is very much needed in these stressful times, is provided," he said.

LIC launches pension scheme

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LIFE INSURANCE Corporation of India (LIC) has come out with New Jeevan Shanti plan, a non-linked, non-participating, individual, single premium, deferred annuity plan. The annuity rates are guaranteed at the inception of the policy and annuities are payable post deferment period throughout the life time of annuitant. This plan can be purchased offline as well as online from October 21, LIC said.

LIC said the minimum purchase price is Rs 1.50 lakh (subject to minimum annuity criterion). The modes of annuity available are yearly, half-yearly, quarterly and monthly. The minimum annuity is Rs 12,000 per annum. An incentive for purchase price of Rs 5 lakh and above is available by way of increase in the annuity rate. The plan is available for ages from 30 yrs to 79 years, it said in a statement.

Customers can expect a return of 5.5 per cent, according to experts. Two annuity options are available under the plan, LIC said.

The modes of annuity available are yearly, half-yearly, quarterly and monthly

BRIEFLY

Govt meet for compassionate use of drugs

New Delhi: The government plans to meet various pharmaceutical associations and patient groups on Thursday as it prepares to finalise amendments to allow, for compassionate use, the import or manufacturing of limited quantities of drugs still under testing. Consultations on incorporating these provisions for compassionate use will be held through a virtual meeting convened by Health Ministry joint secretary Dr Mandeep Bhandari, according to a meeting notice.

SBI offers up to 25-bp cut in home loan rates

Mumbai: State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has announced a 20-25 basis point (bp) reduction in home loan rates as part of the festive offer. **ENS**

Rajan cautions against import substitution

Mumbai: Former Reserve Bank Governor Raghuram Rajan on Wednesday cautioned against import substitution under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the government, saying the country has gone down this route earlier but could not succeed. **PTI**

Stricter ad policy for insurers

Irdai says ads can't illustrate future benefits on unrealistic assumptions

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 21

INSURANCE COMPANIES, which rely heavily on advertisements, will have to change the way they advertise their products. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has come out with a stringent advertisement policy for the insurance industry and widened the ambit of "unfair or misleading advertisement" with several dos and don'ts.

Irdai said all insurers will have to publish claims paid ratios, as per the instructions issued from time to time. The regulator said the advertisement can't illustrate future benefits on assumptions which are not realistic or realisable in the light of the insurer's current performance or deviates from the regulatory provisions. This is applicable in the case of benefits which are not guaranteed and the advertisement does not explicitly say so as prominently as the benefits are stated or says so in a manner or form that it could remain unnoticed, it said.

"The new policy will mean additional cost for insurers. Customers may benefit from the new policy," said a source.

The regulator has asked the insurers to issue a statutory warning, saying, "No person shall allow or offer to allow, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement to any person to take out or renew or continue an insurance in respect of any kind of risk relating to lives or property in India, any rebate of the whole or part of the commission payable or any rebate of the premium shown on the policy, nor shall any person taking out or renewing or continuing a policy accept any rebate, except such rebate as may be allowed in accordance with the published prospectus or tables of the insurer."

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Dukaan raises $6 mn from Matrix, Lightspeed, others

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DO-IT-YOURSELF ONLINE marketplace startup Dukaan has raised $6 million in seed funding from investors Matrix Partners and Lightspeed India Partners, in addition to as many as 13 angel investors. The funding comes at a time when is entangled in a legal battle with another startup over alleged intellectual property theft. As a result of the case, which is pending in the Karnataka High Court, Dukaan is unable to onboard new customers and operate on Play Store.

The app, which is run by Mumbai-based Growthpond Technology Pvt Ltd, enables shopkeepers or kirana store owners to set up and run their own online store.

"A typical Dukaandar now installs the Dukaan app, starts uploading inventory (as products), gets a unique store link, shares this link with his/her customers on WhatsApp and starts accepting online orders," Dukaan co-founder Subhash Choudhary said.

In the first two months of its operations, the platform was able to record 600,000 orders generating more than Rs 100 crore in sales for its sellers. Choudhary said that the company was aiming to onboard 70 million merchants on the platform.

In addition to the two marquee venture capital funds, the angel investors including Network18 founding CEO Haresh Chawla, Product Hunt Founder Ryan Hoover, Citrus Pay founder Jitendra Gupta, Razorpay founder Shashank Kumar and Cred founder Kunal Shah.

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Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Shimla invites EOI (Expression of Interest) for empanelment of manufacturers / authorized / distributors / dealers for supply of tarpaulins for the period of two years. The detailed EOI notice, EOI documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed on-line from the portal https://hptenders.gov.in. The last date of submission of on-line EOI, earnest money deposit, EOI document fee and processing fee shall be till 11.11.2020 upto 5.00 PM. The EOI shall be opened on 12.11.2020 at 11.00 AM.
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Tender Specification No.	MQP-158/2020-21/PR
Short Description	Procurement of Portable Secondary Injection Type CT & PT Test Equipments for Testing of LT/ HT/ EHT Current Transformers & Potential Transformer.
Start Date of Downloading of Tender Documents/Bid Submission	22.10.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.
Pre-bid Meeting Date	29.10.2020 at 11.00 Hrs. at Patiala
Last Date of Bid Submission	25.11.2020 at 11.30 Hrs.
Bid Opening (Part-I & II)	02.12.2020 at 11.30 Hrs.

Detailed NIT and set of specification/tender documents can only be downloaded from website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender ID is 2020_POWER_54932_1.
NOTE: Corrigendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on site and will not be published in newspapers.
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TENDER NOTICE
T.N.No.30/2020-21/HDO/Dated : 21.10.2020.
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 24.11.2020 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for the work of "Formation of bye pass Road to Illupur Town" pertaining Pudukkottai (H) (C&M) Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 23.10.2020 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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TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
The Controller of Administration, on behalf of the Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thycaud P.O., Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 014, Kerala, INDIA, invites ONLINE BIDS for the following requirement:-
Item: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning (SITC) and Validation of BIO-SAFETY LABORATORY LEVEL -3 AREA SUITABLE FOR BSL3 WITH BSL-3 PLUS PRACTICES.
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bids (Technical and Price Bids): 19th November, 2020, 15.00 Hrs.
Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids: 19th November, 2020, 15.30 Hrs.
Tender forms can be downloaded from our e-Tendering Portal (https://rgcb.euniwizarde.com). Interested Bidders shall enrol on the e-Procurement module of the portal https://rgcb.euniwizarde.com by clicking on the link "Bidder Enrolment". Enrolment Charges and Tender Processing Fee as applicable shall be payable to the Application Service Provider (ASP), M/S. ITI Ltd., Bangalore.
Sd/-,
Controller of Administration

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PERSONAL

I Arshi Riaz D/o Haroon Rasheed W/o Riazuddin R/o 7524, Gali Qabron Wali, Quresh Nagar, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 declares that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly written as Arshi Riyaz and Riyazuddin in my Passport No.G1594750.The actual name of mine and my husband are Arshi Riaz and Riazuddin, which may be amended accordingly.
0040552149-2

I, Bhoop Singh R/o H.No. Upper Ground Floor-I Plot No.5, Ganpati apartment, Shakti Enclave Burari, Delhi-110084have changed the my name Bhoop Singh Rishwa to Bhoop Singh. 0040552125-1

I Karamjeet Kaur Gill W/O Prithvi Pal Singh R/O R-21, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009 changed my nameto Karamjeet Kaur. 0040552107-1

I Ombir Rana S/o Sh. Dayanand Rana R/o Village Nizampur Kundal, Nizampur Khurd (238), Sonipat, Haryana-131402 have changed my name to Ombir Singh for all purposes.
0040552149-1

I, RANJNA RANI W/O-MANJEET SINGH R/O-B-72 MOTHER DAIRY PANDAV NAGAR DELHI-110092 CHANGED MY NAME TO RANJANA JASSAL FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.
0070717768-1

I, Ajay Prakash Goyal S/o Gyan Prakash Goyal R/o-A-182, F-1, Shalimar GardenExt-2,Sahibabad,Ghaziabad have changed my name to Ajay Prakash Goel. 0040552165-8

I, Aniruddha Singh Dev S/O Vikrant Thakur R/o C-2/306, Janak Puri, New Delhi-58 have changed my name to Anirudha Singh Dev. 0070717743-1

I, Anita Goyal W/o Ajay Prakash Goel R/o-A-182, F-1, Shalimar GardenExt-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Anita Goel.
0040552165-10

It is for general information that I,Arender Singh, S/o Anek Pal Singh, R/o C-30, Guru-Ram-Das-Nagar, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092, inform that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Arendra Singh in School-Record of my minor son Ekansh(Aged-15Years)School-Record. The actual-name of mine is Arender Singh which may be amended accordingly.
0040552111-7

It is for general information that I, Archana Adak, W/o-Brindaban Adak, R/o-4594, St.No.4, Ajit Nagar, Gandhi-Nagar, Delhi-110031,inform that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly-written as Archana and Brindaban in my minor son Pitam Adak(Aged-14Years)Birth-Certificate.The actual-name of mine and my husband are Archana Adak and Brindaban Adak which may be amended accordingly.
0040552111-6

I,Smt Retnamma,W/o Lt.Kunjayyappa Kurup, R/o-N-3,Eros Sampoornam,Sector-2,Greater-Noida West Bishrakh,Gautm Buddh Nagar,UP-201318,have changed my name to Smt. Retnamma Kurup for,all purposes. 0040552116-1

I,Rugbir Singh Sandhu,S/o-Sukhchan Singh R/o-Staff Qtr.C-19,Gurdwara Mata-Sundri,Minto-Road, Delhi-110002.have changed my name to Ragbir Singh
0040552165-1

I,Rajesh Kumar Sharma,S/o-Brij Kishore Sharma,R/o-Flat-No.88,Vidhyachal Apartment,Inder-Enclave,Paschim Vihar,N.Delhi-87,have changed my name to Ravindar Kishore Sharma.I, Anita Goyal W/o Ajay Prakash Goel R/o-A-182, F-1, Shalimar GardenExt-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Anita Goel. 0040552165-7

I,Shikha Devi and Sovita Bansal are both my names.In future,I should be known,as Sowita Bansal W/o.Nayak Late. Neeraj Kumar,Army-No.30001332Y,R/o-Kamrala Chakrasenpur,Dadri,District-Gautambudh,Nagar,U.P.
0040552148-1

I,Mohd.Shahid, S/o MD.Bahadur R/o-E-212, Pkt-4, JJ Colony Bindapur New-Delhi,inform that my name is wrongly-Written in my daughter school-Record. Shahid Khan instead of Mohd Shahid. the correct name is mohd Shahid. 0040552115-1

I,Manpreet Singh,S/O Jasvinder Singh R/O-203-D LAL QTRS.Punjabi Bagh Delhi-110026,have changed my name Manpreet Singh Gill permanently. 0040552165-4

I,GUROO NARAYAN MANI TRIPATHI,S/O LATE.BRINDA MANI TRIPATHI,R/O-SMQ NO.372/C-1,CAMERO-COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK,NEW DELHI-110010,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM GUROO NARAYAN MANI TRIPATHI TO GURU NARAYAN MANI TRIPATHI VIDE-AFFIDAVIT,DATED-21/10/2020,BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040552157-2

I,CHANDALURI BALA KRISHNA,S/O CH. CHANDRA SEKHARA RAO,R/O-362, TYPE-2,SECTOR-8,R.K.PURAM,NEW DELHI-110022,changed the name of my daughter,from CHANDALURI GIRISHA NAGA SAI SRI born on-14.07.2006 to GIRISHA CHANDALURI.
0040552165-3

I,ANIL VERMA,S/O OM PRAKASH VERMA,R/o-18, NEAR SHIV-MANDIR, KALLAR HERI, SAHARANPUR, U.P-247341,changed my name to ANIL KUMAR VERMA.
0040552165-9

I, hitherto known as Priyanka, D/o Shri.Ramesh Chand Spouse of Shri.Vipin Chand, Residing at, 1449/1-D-3, Gali.No-10, Shiv-Marg, Durgapuri, Shahdara, Delhi-110093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Priyanka Chand.
0040552116-6

I, Susanta Bhal S/o Shri Nathuram Bhal R/o B-12/166A, Udaigiri Apartment-1, Sector-34, Noida, have changed my name to Susanta Kumar Bhal for all future purposes.
0040552102-1

I, Sunita Kaul,W/o Amit Kaul R/o-2414, 24th-Floor, ST1-Studio Paras Tierea, Sector-137, Expressway Noida, G.B.Nagar, have changed name to Sunita Shukla.
0040552116-3

I, Sahib Ali S/o Jakir Ali R/o V/P - Bagrain Teh- Bisauli, Dist-Budapur U.P. Pin-202525 have changed my name to Suhan for all future purposes.
0040552109-1

I, SUBASH YADAV,S/O Virender Singh Yadav, R/O A44 Laxmi Vihar, Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to SUBHASH CHANDRA
0070717760-1

I, SHUBHRANI CHANDRA S/O SURESH CHANDRA R/O B-12, VISHAL ENCLAVE, DELHI-110027. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHUBHRANT CHANDRA. 0040552111-2

I, SARABPREET, S/O SUKHDEV SINGH, R/O-WZ-117, PLOT NO-141, VISHNU-GARDEN, TILAK-NAGAR, NEW-DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO SARAB PREET SINGH.
0040552111-3

I, Rinki W/o Rohit Pahwa R/o L-387, 2nd Floor, Rishi Nagar, Shakur Basti, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ravinder Pahwa
0070717761-1

I, Renu W/o Sandeepan Khosla, R/o-RZ-A-9, Gali.No.5, Raghu Nagar, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Lovely Khosla permanently.
0040552116-4

I, Ravinder Singh Chawla,S/o Surjan Singh R/o 8/46-A, 2nd-Floor, West-Punjabi Bagh,N.Delhi-26 have changed my name to Ravinder Singh.
0040552165-5

I, Varsha kumari w/o-Arun Raghav H.no-290, village bhondsi Gurgaon-122102 have changed my name to Varsha Raghav. 0040552116-2

I, RAVINDER JAMWAL S/O GAJINDER SINGH JAMWAL ADD-F-201, DWARKADHAM, APARTMENT PLOT NO.13 SEC-23, DWARKA,DELHI-110075, changed my name to RAVINDER SINGH JAMWAL permanently.
0040552107-3

I, Prithvi Pal Singh Gill S/O Teja Singh R/O R-21, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009 changed my nameto Prithvi Pal Singh.
0040552107-2

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Parma Nand, R/o House No-509, Nai Basti, Kishan Ganj, Delhi-110007, declare that name of mine and my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Parveen Bhagwat and Khanak Bhagwat in my minor daughter Gargi Bhagwat aged 13 years in her Birth Record and my name wrongly written as Praveen Bhagwat in her School Record. The actual name of mine and my daughter are Parveen Kumar and Gargi Bhagwat respectively.
0070717752-1

I, Naveen S/o Satbir Singh R/o VPO Neemri Wali, Anganwaari, Bhiwani, Haryana-127021, have changed my name to Armaan Singh and I have changed only my name not my Religion.
0070717764-1

I, NIHAL SINGH S/O BADRI SINGH R/O K-3/85-D, MOHAN GARDEN,UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059. CHANGED MY NAME TO NAHAR SINGH.
0040552111-1

I, NADEEM S/O-SH.MUKHTAR AHMAD, H.NO-J-5B, J-EXTN, PART-2, GALI.NO-12, LAXMI-NAGAR, DELHI-110092, HAVE changed my minor daughter name, from MARIYAM FATIMA to ARAISH.
0040552116-5

I, Manjeet S/o Rajender R/o.H.No.600-A, Near Post-Office, Devli, New Delhi-110080.have changed my name to Manjeet Bhure permanently.
0040552165-6

I, Kamal Kumar Saxena, S/o Late Sh.P.S.Saxena R/o S-223A, Pandav Nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Kamal Saxena, for all, future purposes & records.
0040552111-5

I, Jasmeen Kaur D/o Amrik Singh Malhota R/o-69, Sri Nagar Colony, Delhi-110052 changed my name to Jasmeen Kaur Malhotra. 0040552111-4

I, Hitherto known as Sushil Kumar Sharma alias Sushil Kumar, S/o R.S.Sharma, R/o-X/1719, Gali No.17, Rajgarh-Colony, Gandhi-Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name shall hereafter be known as Sushil Kumar.
0040552111-8

I, Hitherto known as Gursharan Kaur, Wife of Shri.Mohinder Singh, Residing at, B1,139, Banga Road, Nawanshahr Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144514, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurcharan Kaur.
0040552111-9

I, Farheen Ansari,W/o-Farheen Hassan R/o-G-52/2, Muradi-Road,Batla-House,Jamia-Nagar,New-Delhi-110025.have changed my name to Farheen Hassan. 0040552165-2

I, Debabrata Chaudhuri R/o K-2015, Stilt Floor, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-110019), have changed the name of my minor son born on (08/11/2006) from Udayan Chaudhuri to Udayan Bhattacharjee Chaudhuri for all future purposes vide affidavit dated (12/10/2020) at (New Delhi). 0040552161-1

I Bhudeb Bhattacharjee F/O Dishita Bhattacharjee born on 06 March 2005 R/O D-1 3rd Floor Hill View Apartment Plot No 608 Dera New Delhi 110074 have changed her name from Dishita Bhattacharjee to Felisha Bhattacharjee Vide affidavit IN-DL94822083319123S dated 19 Oct 2020 Delhi. 0050170516-1

I, Sunita W/o Shri. Chetan Mahor R/o-D-2/4, Budh-Vihar, Phase-I,New Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Suman, after-marriage w.e.f.19.02.2006 for all future. 0040552044-7

LOST & FOUND

Lost my original certificate/Marksheet of class 10th Roll.No. 8707210, Year-2015 and 12th Roll. No.9697716, Year-2017 from CBSE, Aadhar.No.697267479206 and SBI Passbook.Finder contact:Bipasha D/o Sh.Arvind Kumar R/o D-221, J.J.Colony, Camp.No.2, Nangloi, Delhi-110041. 0040552116-10

Lost Original-Sale Deed of Property Khasra.No.109 Min, Khewat.No.1, Khata.No.861/910, Village-Chandrawal Alias Shahdara,Delhi-110032 executed on-24/05/1965. Founder may inform Mukesh B Panchal,S/o Late Balbir Dayal,R/o-1/2766,Main-Mandoli Road,Ram-Nagar, Shahdara,Delhi-110032 Mob#9910896708.
0040552157-3

It is notified for the information that my 10th class Original Qualifying Examination certificates of Main Senior Secondary Examination of the year 2017 and Roll No.8233173 Passing Marksheet & Certificate issued by CBSE have been lost. Name of the candidate Anjali D/o Suresh Vidhate R/o 236/4, Himachal Niwas, Faizabad Cantt, UP-224001, Ph.: 8447889569
0040552096-1

It is informed that original Lease Deed, Allotment Letter and Possession Letter belonging to Property No. 8/88, Sector-3, Rajinder Nagar, Ghaziabad-201005, Uttar Pradesh have been lost. Finder may return to Rashmi Gupta W/o Sh. Narender Mohan Gupta, A-115, Lok Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.
0040552164-1

I, Santosh D/o Sh. Shiv Kumar , R/o 118 A Gali No-13 Balbir Nagar Ext. Shahdara Delhi-32, Have Lost my Original Property Document of Plot no A-47 Khasra no-42 Panchsheel Enclave, Village Brahmpur(Bhopura) Loni, Ghaziabad, U.P. (Area:-83.61SQR MTR).Founder may Cont:- 9891401700.
0040552122-1

I Jasbir Kaur Sethi, R/O 24/64 West Punjabi bagh, New Delhi-26 have lost my Original Allotment letter of Plot no.90, Block B Greenwood City (Unitech Ltd) Village Kanhai & Jharsa Tehsil Distt. Gurgaon and FIR have been lodged vide LR no.672721/2020 dt.20-10-20.Return if found Mobile 9999690770. 0040552118-1

Lost Original-Registry (All-Chain) Reference ID-No.102878019810 Area-336.63, Sq.Yards Property. No.C-488, 3rd.Floor,Yojna-Vihar, Delhi-110095, founder may inform at above address-Murti Devi Goyal, W/o Late.Ishwari Prasad.#9810084129 Rajeev Goyal.
0040552111-10

I Ashutosh Vohra S/o sh. Vijay Kumar Vohra Lost the Original Possession Letter of my below mentioned property. MIG flat no. 96, Pocket C/8,Sector 8,Rohini, Delhi-85. Finder contact Ashutosh Vohra at 9810144060.
0040552121-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Shri Abhishek Dangwal S/o Shri Hari Om Dangwal being Purchase Flat No. 39, Situated in the layout Plan of the Man Power Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. Plot No. 69, Known as Kamayani Kunj Apartments. I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi - 110092 from its owner Shri Kalyan Bose S/o Shri K. B. Bose. If anyone has any objection, claim, rights, title, interest, ownership, possession, lien, encumbrances, mortgage, gift, agreement or any nature whatsoever in the above said property or any sort of dispute / litigation or otherwise has any objection for its sale /transfer to my client then such Person/ bank/NBFC/F.I. or entity should forthwith contact or notify the undersigned in respect of the same alongwith valid documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be presumed that the above said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges, claim. dispute etc. of any nature whatsoever the above named owners are vested with absolutely clean, clear and marketable title of the property and is fully empower to sell the said property to my client, the same shall proceed further to complete the sale transaction.

Sd./-
Rakesh N.D. (Advocate)
Enrolment No.3498/2010
107, F.F. M.S. Chamber,
C-1/A, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar,
Delhi - 110092
Date: 22.10.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general that Mr. Sunil Sharma was the owner of Ground Floor, LHS, without roof rights, "said floor", built on Property bearing No. 90/88, area measuring 171 Sq. Yds., out of total land area measuring 342 Sq. Yds., situated at Malviya Nagar, New Delhi vide Deed of Partition dated 21.04.2014 and the same was duly registered with the Sub-Registrar-V A, Delhi, as Document No. 3165, in Addl. Book No. 1, Volume No. 681, Page No. 123 to 137, on 29.05.2014. Now, Mr. Sunil Sharma sold the above said Ground Floor (LHS) of the said Property. Now the said property mortgage with Shri Ram Housing Finance Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 15 days of this publication to Mr. Sachin Kaushik (Advocate) at M-52A, Basement, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, or contact at 9858150000 / 9911363700 (M).

Sd/- **SACHIN KAUSHIK** (Advocate)
Office at M-52-A, Basement, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENT NAMELY RAJ KUMAR S/O SOHAN LAL, R/O WZ-423, RAJ NAGAR-I, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110045, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT MY CLIENT HAS NEVER ANY EXECUTE ANY GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY, WILL, AGREEMENT TO SELL, RECEIPT OF ANY KIND, AFFIDAVIT, POSSESSION LETTER AND WILL TO ANYBODY WHATSOEVER BEARING PROPERTY NO. B-562/1, AREA MEASURING 12.5 SQ. YARDS WITH ROOF RIGHTS SITUATED AT PANDAV NAGAR, JJ COLONY, DELHI. ANYBODY WHO HAS MADE THESE DOCUMENTS QUA THE SAID PROPERTY, ARE FORGED, FABRICATED, MANIPULATED AND DID NOT BEAR MY TESTIMONY. ANY BODY DEAL QUA THE SAID PROPERTY SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AT HIS/THEIR OWN COSTS AND RISKS.

Sd/- **Ashwani Kumar (Advocate)**
H-111, First Floor, Shivaji Park, West Punjab Bagh, New Delhi- 110026

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE
Date: 20.10.2020

E-tender is invited from reputed and experienced contractors by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General), DRM's Office, West Central Railway, Bhopal [Near Railway Crossing (Naka), Habibganj], for and on behalf of the President of India, for the following:- Tender No.: ELECT-GEN-T-25-2020. Name of work: BHOPAL DIVISION:- Air-conditioning of Nishatpura running room and guard Running room (New) at Itarsi. Completion Period: 2 Months. Estimated Cost: ₹ 13,26,095.68. EMD: ₹ 26,600/-. Cost of tender form: ₹ 2,000/-. Date and Time for closing of tender: 12.11.2020 at 11.00 Hrs. Validity of offer: 45 days. The details of complete tender documents and its related information may be seen at https://www.ireps.gov.in and notice board of this office. Manual offer for above said tender is not acceptable and if any manual offer submitted will not be considered. Corrigendum/Updating, if required, will be uploaded on website. It may be seen at above said URL and notice board of this office till the date of closing of tender.

पेंशन यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुझाव हेतु 182 पर संपर्क करें।

Office of the General Manager, Construction Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam, Saharanpur
NIT. No. 2306/203/265
Date 19-10-2020

Short Term E-Tender Notice

Online percentage rate e-tenders on Two bid system in different villages of different blocks it Distt Muzaffarnagar for Pipeline Extension/ Replacement of existing defunct pipline of various sizes and Functional House Tap Connections (FHTC) works in New/Existing W/S pipelines with all materials, labour, T&P etc Complete under JJM with 12 Months defect liability period, are hereby invited on behalf of chairman, UP. Jal a Nigam from reputed firms/Contractors having requisite work experience and financial capabilities. Tender document shall be available at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in. interested contractors may view and download tender documents on e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in. from date 23-10-2020 (15:00 Hrs.) to 02-11-2020 upto 17:00 hrs. Upload duly filled online Dt. 02.11.2020 (upto 17:00.Hrs). Bid opening Date 03.11.2020 (at 15:00.hrs) at Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division U.P. Jal Nigam, Muzaffarnagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Entire First Floor of Freehold Property bearing No. M-36, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi-110019 from its alleged lawful owner Mr. Joy Prokash Banerjee S/o Mr. Jyotsna Kumar Banerjee. That in course of the investigation of title it has transpired that the Original Sale Deed dated 19th February 2004 qua the above said Property in sale and other related documents are lost/ missing and not traceable. That our client has already paid a part payment to the owner and further agreed to conclude the sale/purchase subject to a good and marketable title of the same. General Public is hereby informed that any other person(s) having any interest, right, dispute, lien or charge in the above said Property in sale and/or otherwise objection for the above said Sale/purchase, should contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice failing which it will be construed that the said property in sale is free from all encumbrances and our client may proceed as per the Agreement.

Perfect Legal Group
Advocates & Solicitors
R-278, Greater Kailash-I
New Delhi-110048 #011-79600984

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public at large that my client Smt. Rajni w/o late Sh. Jagdish Lal r/o A-79, Jain Park, Gali No. 6, Matiala Road, New Delhi-110059, have disinherited, disowned and debarred her son namely Mr. Manish Kumar aged 30 years and his wife Ms. Sangeeta, who are residing separately, from all her movable and immovable properties and have severed all social ties with them. They do not have any kind of right, title or interest in any of my properties.

Sd/-
Rajesh Kumar Sharma
(Advocate)
CHAMBER No. 435,
Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform the GENERAL PUBLIC on behalf of my client Smt. **PHOOLWATI** W/O late Sh. **BABU LAL R/o H.No. NO. 5-B/2 KAILASH VIHAR, KIRARI, SULEMAN NAGAR, DELHI-110086** sever all relations and now debarred her daughter **DARSHNA W/O SH. ARUN KUMAR** as far as from all her inherited and occupied movable and immovable properties due to improper dealings, misbehave, disobedience. If any person deal with her and her husband, he/she shall do so at own risk and cost. My client will not be responsible for their any act/ deed in future.

Sd/- **SANJAY MANDAWAT**
Advocate
En. No. D/3832/2015
Ch. No. 419-A, Lawyer's Chamber Block, Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi-110085

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients Smt. Narinder Kaur W/o Sh. Kulbir Singh R/o J3/147, 1st Floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, have severed all relations with his son namely Simranjeet Singh S/o Sh. Kulbir Singh have disowned & disinherited them from all their movable and immovable property due to unruly behaviour and out of control of my clients. Whatsoever deals with them in any manner, shall to do so at her own risk and consequences and my clients shall not be held liable for that.

Praveen Rastogi (Adv.)
D-214/96

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public at large that our clients namely Sh. Manoranjan Das & his wife Smt. Meena Das both R/o H/019/3 K-390 Ratiya Marg Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. have disown their son namely Mahesh Ranjan Das and his wife Smt. Vandana Das from their all movable and immovable properties with immediate effect and further have broken all kind of relationship with them and our clients shall not be responsible for their any kind of acts of said Mahesh Ranjan Das and Vandana Das if anybody does any kind of dealing with them.

NARENDRA NAAGAR (Advocate)
Ch. No. 104, Lawyers Chamber, Saket Courts, N.D.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that **I, MANISH KUMAR S/O LATE RAM KUMAR MISHRA**, resident of L-921-922, L-Block, Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083, India, declare that name of my father has been written as **RAM KUMAR MISHRA** in my Aadhar Card & Pan Card and **RAM KUMAR** in my Service Record. The actual name of my father is **RAM KUMAR MISHRA**, respectively which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirement in this connection.

MANISH KUMAR
(Signature)

COURT NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)
CS(COMM) 557/2019

Hindalco Industries Ltd. Plaintiff/s..
Vs.
Sharad Kumar Jindal & Anr Defendant/s..

To
DEFENDANT NO. 2
Mr. Parveen Mittal, Proprietor, M/s Hare Krishna Foils, Plot No. 624, M.I.E., Part- A, Near City Hospital, District Jhajjar, Bahadurgarh-124507, Haryana, Email: info@krishnafoilds.com

WHEREAS the plaintiff above mentioned has instituted a **SUIT FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION RESTRAINING INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARK, COPYRIGHT, PASSING OFF, UNFAIR COMPETITION, DAMAGES, DELIVERY UP ETC.** against you, the above named defendant and whereas the Hon'ble Court issued summons in Suit and injunction in I.A. No. 13739/2019 on 30.09.2020 and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of this Court that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by publication directing you, the above named defendant to make appearance before the **Joint Registrar (Judicial) of this Court** on **23.11.2020** at 11:00 AM.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit & IAs will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on this the 01st day of October, 2020.

(seal) Sd/- **Assistant Registrar (O) for REGISTRAR GENERAL**

CSIR- NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY
Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg, Pusa
New Delhi-110012

Press brief (04/0171/2019-W&S)

Item rate tenders **in two cover (stage) system,** are hereby invited, online through e-tendering portal **https://etenders.gov.in** for the below mentioned work.

Name of work	Estimated Cost (In lacs)	EMD/Tender Fee as per NIT	Time of Completion
Replacement of existing precision AC plant in HRXRD & SIMS labs at Nano building at NPL campus.	Rs 20.145	Rs. 40,500/- Rs. 500/-	3 Months

Date of submission/opening of tenders: 28.10.2020/29.10.2020, 2:00PM/ 2:30 PM. For details please log on website **https://etenders.gov.in & www.nplindia.org**. Corrigendum addendum if any will be on website only.

davp 36209/11/0007/2021 **Sr. S.E. & Head, W&S**

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand.
Ph No.: +91-651-2225878; e-mail Id-; pdt.juidco@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

(Open Competitive bidding – National)
Tender Notice

NIT No.: JUIDCO/NITE-Gov/2020/350 Date: 21.10.2020

1.	Name of the work	**Appointment of Project Management Unit for Consultancy, Design, Development & Implementation of E- Governance Applications and GIS Mapping**
2.	Mode of Bid Submission	e-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
3.	Tender Fee and Bid Security	Tender document fee : - Rs 25,000/- (Twenty-Five Thousand) only- Non-Refundable Bid Security: Rs 40,00,000/- Lakhs (Rupees Forty Lakh) only
4.	Date &Time of Publication of Tender on Website	22.10.2020 & 11:00 Hrs
5.	Date & Time of submission of bids	19.11.2020 & 17:00 Hrs
6.	Last Date &Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD	19.11.2020 & 17:00 Hrs
7.	Date & Time of Bid Opening	19.10.2020 & 17:30 Hrs
8.	Bid Submission Address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi – 834001
9.	Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell	+91 651 2225878

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

PR 234713 (Urban Development and Housing)20-21#D

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Technical Services Division
North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-

NIT No. BARC/TSD/175/2020-21, Name of work – Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 50 MVA, 110/22/11KV Oil Filled Transformer and associated works at BARC, Trombay, Mumbai 400 085. ; **Estimated cost -** ₹10,60,00,000/- ; **Earnest Money -** ₹20,60,000/-; **Period of completion –** 24 months; **Last date and time of submission of bid –** 13.12.2020 (15:00 Hrs.).

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in**

Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only in the website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.**

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ **9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com**

Chief Engineer

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION-IV, PAMPORE KASHMIR-192121
Fax: 01933222600, E-mail: xentlmd4@gmail.com.

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Due to technical reason, the below mentioned e-Nit is hereby cancelled.

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work
1.	NIT No: TLMD-IV/ e-NIT/07 of 2020-21	Design, engineering, manufacture, assembly of 3Phase, 132, 33KV50 MVA, Power Transformer complete with all fittings and accessories required for efficient and trouble free operations of the transformer, testing at manufacturer's works and customer's premises, supply, loading at factory, delivery at site, unloading, handling, dragging at site on the plinth of transformer, erection and commissioning as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules thereto of this tender document. Refer BOQ for full details, other items. for Gird station Chadoora.

No: TLMD-IV/1483-86
Date: 21-10-2020
DIPK-NB-3201

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
TLMD-IV, Pampore.

GUJARAT STATE BOARD OF SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS
"VIDHYAYAN" SECTOR-10/A, GANDHINAGAR – 382010

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 03/PULPING/2020-21/Short Tender

Online E-Tender of Pulping of Text Books for the year 2020-21.

- The details and terms & conditions are given in the tender.
- Director reserves the *right* to reject the online tenders without mentioning any reason.
- More details regarding the tender are available on the web site www.nprocure.com. The tender downloading and submitting facility are available on www.nprocure.com only.
- Kindly contact in person this office for further details regarding the tender during office hours.

NO.	PARTICULARS	DATE
1	Bid Documents Download Start Date & Time	**22-10-2020 12-00 Hrs.**
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	**26-10-2020 12-30 Hrs.**
3	Bid Documents Download End Date	**03-11-2020 16-00 Hrs.**
4	Last Date and Time receipt of Bids Submission of EMD, Tender Fees & other Documents	**03-11-2020 17-00 Hrs.**
5	Technical Bid Opening Date	**04-11-2020 12-30 Hrs.**
6	Commercial Bid Opening date will be Notified to participant bidders Separately.	

Director

PRESS NOTICE INVITING
e-TENDER NO: e-PT-20/ EE/RDAD/2020-21
Dt. 16/10/2020

(PH & FAX-(0381)-2325988, email id: eerd.agartala-tr@gov.in)

On behalf of the Governor of Tripura' the Executive Engineer, R D Agartala Division, R D Department, Agartala, West Tripura invites percentage rate e-tender in PWD Form No. 7 in two bid system from the Central & State public sector Undertaking/Enterprise and eligible Contractors/Firms/Agencies of appropriate class registered with PWD/TTAADC/MES/CPWD/Railway/ Other State PWD up to 3.00 P.M. of 05/11/2020 for the following work: 1. "Construction of Multi-storied Market Stall at Mohanpur Market area under Mohanpur R D Block during financial year 2020-21 [Ground floor with 3 (three) storey foundation)". Estimated Contract Value: 2,42,73,412.00 (Rupees Two crore forty two lakh seventy three thousand four hundred & twelve) only Earnest Money Rs. 2,42,734.00 (Rupees Two Lacs Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty Four) only, Tender fee: 5000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand) only. Time of Completion-18 (Eighteen) months, Last Date of online bidding: 05/11/2020 up to 3.00 PM. **Pre-Bid Conference:- Date: 28/10/2020, Time: 12.00 Noon at the office chamber of the EE R.D. Agartala Division, Agartala, Tripura in presence of the SE, RD 1" Circle, Agartala**. Bid shall be uploaded in two-bid system - (i) Technical bid and (ii) Financial bid. Technical bids shall be opened first and after completion of technical evaluation, price/financial bids in respect of technically acceptable offers only shall be opened. For details, visit website **https://tripuratenders.gov.in** and contact at 03812325988. Any subsequent corrigendum/ Memorandum will be available in the website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
RD Agartala Division
Gurkhabasti, Agartala

ICA-C/1901/20

कार्यालय उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन

विज्ञप्ति क्रं./ 2091/Workshop/E-tender/2020 **छत्रपति शिवाजी भवन, आगर रोड़, उज्जैन (म.प्र.)** उज्जैन, दिनांक : 19/10/2020

(Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नांकित कार्य के लिए प्रपत्र "अ" (फार्म ए) में दर कम या अधिक के आधार पर प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग म.प्र. शासन भोपाल के कार्यालय में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से उक्त विभाग में पंजीयन प्रमाण पत्र की प्रमाणित प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, तथा ठेकेदार की (श्रेणी सी) एम.पी.गर्वमेंट व **सिरियल क्रं.1 का टेण्डर फार्म का मूल्य** 12,500/– **रहेगा।**

सिरियल क्र. 1 ऑनलाईन ई– निविदा क्रं. 2020_UAD_101146_2 क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक 31.10.2020 समय 17:30 ऑनलाईन ई.एम.डी. राशि एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 31.10.2020 समय 17:30 रहेगी।

विस्तृत निविदा आंमत्रण सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट **www.mptenders.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है। यदि उपरोक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन होता है तो इसकी सूचना ऑन लाईन दी जावेगी। पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नही की जावेगी।

क्रं.	टेण्डर फार्म का मूल्य	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत	नगरीय प्रशासन एवं विकास विभाग म.प्र. भोपाल	अर्नेस्टमनी रू.	समय अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	12,500/–	Supply Commissioning And Operation & Maintenance Of 04 Nos. Skid Steer Loader Vehical With Specified Attachments	1,36,60,000.00	Non-SOR	1,36,600/-	15 दिवस

कार्यपालन यंत्री
नगर पालिक निगम , उज्जैन

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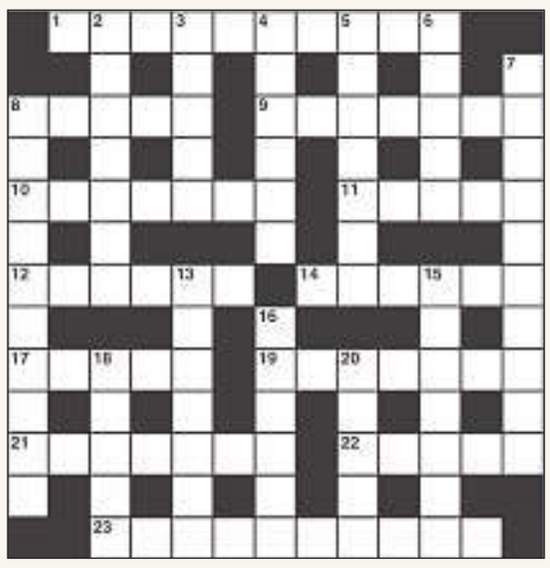

ACROSS
1 Show initiative and come in force (10)
8 Acute embarrassment in North African port (5)
9 Glance shows a number in fault (7)
10 It's disturbing having the wrong spirit in work (7)
11 Alan's wrong to be nosy (5)
12 He's not treated in a fair way (6)
14 My sets are arranged methodically (6)
17 Do impressive work as a huntsman? (5)
19 Make the most of an adventure (7)
21 Sign of a poisonous insect (7)
22 Drops many tears (5)
23 Excellent start at school? (5-5)

DOWN
2 Turn one out though it's free of charge (7)
3 Are up to providing inspiration for poets (5)
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16 Sharp answer about a wrong (6)
18 A fool disposed to be distant (5)
20 Plead for one trodden underfoot (5)

Solutions Crossword 4255: Across: 1 Flight, 4 Piffle, 9 Stealth, 10 Yearn, 11 Inlay, 12 Rallies, 13 Mountaineer, 18 Chablis, 20 Ensue, 22 Ruing, 23 Enlarge, 24 Donate, 25 Esther. **Down:** 1 Fossil, 2 Ideal, 3 Halcyon, 5 Idyll, 6 Fragile, 7 Ernest, 8 Sharp answer, 14 Oration, 15 Needles, 16 Scared, 17 Meteor, 19 Legit, 21 Sarah.

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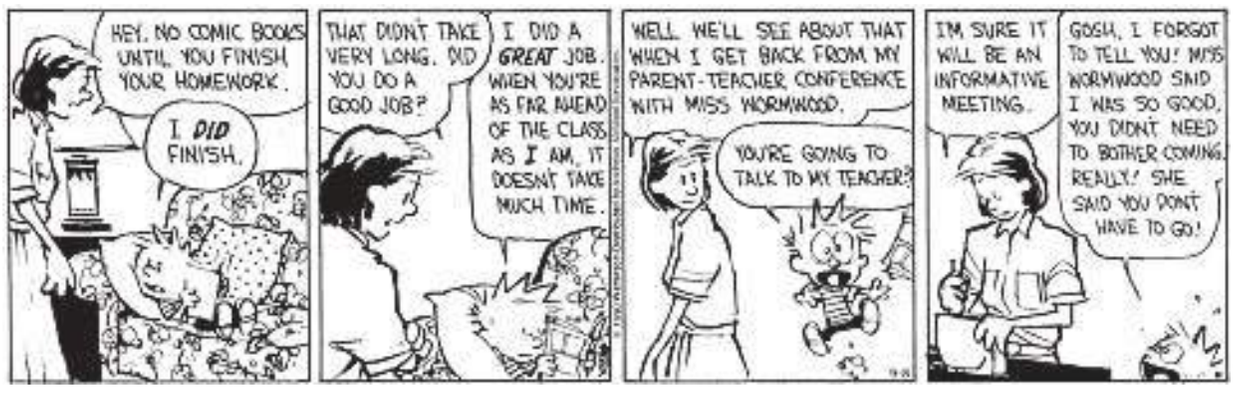

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
As the hours pass you may become more and more convinced that something mysterious is going on. At the very least you will realise that there is more to a certain situation than once seemed possible. You may well be ready to tackle awkward issues head on — and good for you.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
From now on, and for the rest of the week, you can afford to be a little more laid back. Wherever possible, introduce a touch of the manyana spirit, and put off as much as you can until tomorrow. Even that might be a little too hurried for some of you.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The fact that conditions at work are changing is confusing, but home affairs are still most important. Press ahead with all major schemes; the more outrageous and grandiose they are, the better, at least in theory. Perhaps you should get friends on your side before you really set out to shock.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There is a great deal to be gained from talking to as many people as possible as much as you can. At the moment, you have no way of judging who is going to come up with the best advice, so go fishing. If you talk to enough people about all your plans, then you might find out who really thinks like you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Certain events associated with recent Saturn patterns suggest that you might imagine you are trapped in circumstances not of your making. However, if you do feel 'stuck' emotionally, it may be through a situation which you have engineered, albeit unconsciously. In that case, the solution lies in your hands.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You're approaching an important moment of the year, with a turning point in your personal affairs. If you spend as much time as possible on routine matters now, you'll be able to deal with partnerships later on. That's no more than loyal companions deserve.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Life could become busier as the day progresses. This may be because other people are expecting you to clear up after them. Just watch out that you don't stretch yourself so much that you end up flat on your back. You'll be no use to anyone if your energy reserves plummet.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
If there are any outstanding matters at home, or concerning family relationships, be sure to sort them out as soon as you can, otherwise events may move out of your control. Spare some time for sheer pleasure, though, remembering you were put on this planet to enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
If you're wondering how home and professional affairs can be reconciled, you're already on the right track. The point is that only when you have asked the right questions, will you be able to find the answers. Besides, it's important that you realise that you don't know it all.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
A change of mood should reassure you about financial questions, even if you don't receive any final answers. There is also much to be said for bringing people together who have been apart for too long. You could play the peace-maker or the match-maker, to great applause.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Quite simply, if you want to get the best out of a financial deal, you've got to get your facts straight. There's no point in rushing ahead if you've overlooked certain fundamental details. In matters of the heart there is a continuing need to get in touch with loved ones overseas.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon restores some of your lost confidence. You are bound to be a little more emotional by the time night falls, but then this is a normal state for you. Your long-term business cycle, by the way, is still looking relatively positive. Take advantage of it.

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 quip.

____is the ultimate weapon of power. - Charles de Gaulle (7)

BGTEE

GIIPLN

DDTIS

AMUUVC

SOLUTION: BEGET, DIDST, PILING, VACUUM
Answer: **Silence** is the ultimate weapon of power. - Charles de Gaulle

SUDOKU 4270

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4269

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To be honest, I haven't had one conversation up here around (Black Lives Matter). Sometimes it seems it has gone unnoticed, which is a sad thing. Cricket West Indies has done an excellent job in continuing awareness of it."

JASON HOLDER, WEST INDIES AND SUNRISERS HYDERABAD PLAYER BELIEVES THE 'BLM' MOVEMENT HAS GONE UNNOTICED IN THE IPL

BRIEFLY

Italian swimming team reports 10 more positive cases

Rome: The Italian swim team's preparations for the Tokyo Olympics were put on hold after 10 more athletes tested positive for the coronavirus. World champions Simona Quadarella and Gabriele Detti are among those who contracted COVID-19 at a high-altitude training camp in Livigno, the Italian Swimming Federation said on Tuesday. Located near the Swiss border, Livigno is in the Lombardy region which is putting in place a nightly curfew beginning Thursday because of a rising number of cases in an area already hard hit during the first wave of infections earlier this year. "It's a sign of the times. It's happening throughout Europe and all over the world," Paolo Barelli, the president of the Italian and European Swimming Federations, told *The Associated Press*. Also on Wednesday, defender Achraf Hakimi has become the seventh Inter Milan player to test positive and will miss the Champions League tie at Borussia Moenchengladbach. Inter signed the 21-year-old Morocco international from Real Madrid earlier this year.Roberto Gagliardini, Radja Nainggolan, Alessandro Bastoni, Milan Skriniar, Ashley Young and Ionut Radu have also tested positive. **AP**

Portugal limits crowd at F1 race to 27,500

Lisbon: Sunday's Portuguese Formula One Grand Prix will be limited to 27,500 spectators per day due to a rise in COVID-19 cases in the country, the government said on Wednesday. The race, at the Algarve International Circuit near the southern city of Portimao, will be the first grand prix held in Portugal since 1996. "Since the total capacity is around 90,000 seats, and given the current epidemiological situation, the authorized capacity for this specific event is 27,500 seats," a government statement said. It added that this would be "distributed by separated stands, with a variable occupancy capacity and divided into sectors of about 800 people". There would be seating only, with safe spacing and no movement between sectors or stands. **REUTERS**

USA pulls out of wrestling worlds

Washington: The United States won't send a team to the world wrestling championships because of health and safety concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The executive committee of USA Wrestling, the national governing body for wrestling, unanimously approved the proposal not to send a team to Belgrade, Serbia, for the Dec. 12-20 event. In making the decision USA Wrestling noted that world wrestling's governing body, the United World Wrestling (UWW) had already canceled the 2020 junior world championships, also scheduled for December in Belgrade and that the senior worlds were the only world championships event left on the 2020 calendar that had not been canceled. United World Wrestling, the international federation for wrestling, announced Monday that its executive committee approved existing plans to host the event. **AP**

RCB brook no challenge

Siraj's spell of 4-2-8-3, the most economical this season, proves decisive in eight-wicket win over KKR

SYNOPSIS
RCB pacer swings and stings before Chahal spins and skins as KKR drop like nine pins

SANDIP G
OCTOBER 21

ROYAL CHALLENGERS Bangalore read the surface accurately, made suitable changes and orchestrated an emphatic victory over Kolkata Knight Riders. Mohammed Siraj might not sting on flat decks, but on a surface that offered early assistance, he swung and stung, his three-wicket haul reducing Kolkata to 84/8, a target Bangalore overhauled without fuss.

Siraj swings and stings

For much of Kolkata Knight Riders' innings, it was hard to fathom that a T20 match was underway. This was everything T20 cricket was not imagined to be — swing, maiden overs, spin, short-leg, wickets, referrals. It seemed five-day cricket camouflaged in bright attire.

At the heart of this most unusual evening was Siraj, whose existence in this edition, or in the league, was little more than a comma, or at best a semicolon; to be paused over briefly before being leaped over and forgotten. Until Wednesday. In three overs of immaculate control and precision for Royal Challengers Bangalore, Siraj made a strong statement of his prowess, which is to seam and swing the ball. He might not have the gift of pace or the dint of fancy variations. But provided a hint of assistance, he could deal painful blows.

In those overs that broke the back of Kolkata Knight Riders — which included two maidens, two runs and three wickets — Siraj furnished a masterful account of how to harness the modest assistance that the surface offered. He began with the wicket of Rahul Tripathi, who has the tendency to play away from the body. Siraj sucked him into a loose dab outside the off-stump, before making the ball move a trifle away after pitching. It was again the length, short-of-good length, that sowed doubts in Tripathi's mind. He was neither on the front foot nor back. Siraj is not express pace but fast enough to prevent batsmen from propping forward with impunity.

The next ball, he fooled Nitish Rana with inward movement. Right-handed bowlers who could swing the ball into left-handers are a precious commodity. It's more difficult for the batsman if the bowler could welcome him with such a delivery. Siraj did exactly that, the ball ducking into Rana after landing. This time, the ball was fuller. He alternated his lengths between good and back-of-length, but did not overdo either.

Not every ball swung, making decision-making all the more difficult and foot-movement tentative. Tom Banton's dismissal would attest. The dashing England batsman, who had settled in nicely with a six and four, hung back expecting a short-of-length ball. But it turned out to be fuller delivery, which he tried to drive. But his front foot was so far away from the ball that he outside-edged to the keeper. From 3-2 and 3-3 after Navdeep Saini had nabbed the scratchy Shubman Gill, Kolkata shrunk to 4-14 in 3.3 overs. There was no escape route from that precarious position. Siraj returned to finish his fourth over, in which he conceded six, but his spell of 4-2-8-3 is the most economical this year.

Mohammed Siraj's first spell included two maidens, two runs and three wickets. *BCCI*

Chahal spins and skins

Planning against Dinesh Karthik these days seems as simple as introducing your leg-spinner as soon as he strides out. Karthik's head, it seems, goes spinning the moment he sees them. Before this match, leggies had dismissed him four times in eight outings this edition. He made it fifth, when Yuzvendra Chahal pinged him in front.

He spun one ball away from him, and the next into him. Karthik was clueless — he just thrust his bat forward, hoping that it was the leg-break. Instead, it was Chahal's wrong'un that beat the inside edge and struck the back pad. Karthik thought he was safe when the umpire repelled the appeal, only for a last-ditch referral to overturn the decision. Karthik looked sheepish, like a self-aware man who knows he is terribly out of depth.

BRIEF SCORES: KKR 84/8 (E Morgan 30; Md Siraj 3/8, Y Chahal 2/15) lost to RCB 85/2 (D Padikkal 25; L Ferguson 1/17) by 8 wkts

LIVE: RR vs SRH from 7:30pm, Star Sports Network

POINTS TABLE

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Points
DC	10	7	3	0	14
RCB	10	7	3	0	14
MI	9	6	3	0	12
KKR	10	5	5	0	10
KXIP	10	4	6	0	8
RR	10	4	6	0	8
SRH	9	3	6	0	6
CSK	10	3	7	0	6

Groin injury rules Bravo out of IPL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
OCTOBER 21

WEST INDIES all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has been ruled out of the remainder of this year's Indian Premier League due to a groin injury, his team Chennai Super Kings said on Wednesday.

Led by former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Chennai reached the playoffs in every edition they have played in the Twenty20 tournament but are currently languishing at the bottom of the table this season with just three wins in 10 matches.

Bravo, 37, missed the start of this year's tournament, which is being held in the United Arab Emirates due to the COVID-19 pandemic, due to a knee injury he sustained during the Caribbean Premier League.

He then hurt his groin on Saturday in the match against the Delhi Capitals and was unable to bowl his full quota of overs which had a bearing on Chennai's final over defeat.

"He is ruled out with a right groin injury and is flying back home," CSK Chief Executive Kasi Viswanathan said in a text message.

"It's sad news, it's sad to be leaving my team CSK," Bravo said in a video posted by the Super Kings on Twitter. "To all our CSK fans, I want you all to keep encouraging the team, keep supporting, all the true die-hard CSK fans.

"This wasn't a season we expected or our fans wanted, but we gave it our best. Sometimes, despite giving our best, the results don't show," Bravo said. "Keep supporting us and I can guarantee you we're going to come back stronger and better like champions.

Chennai, who have lifted the IPL trophy three times and reached the final on five other occasions, did not have an ideal pre-season when many people from their touring party tested positive for the novel coronavirus upon arriving in the UAE. Before the start of the tournament they lost experienced players like batsman Suresh Raina and spinner Harbhajan Singh.

Tuanzebe – Manchester United's unlikely hero in Paris

SHASHANK NAIR
OCTOBER 21

FOR LONG-TIME Manchester United supporters, Axel Tuanzebe is a well-known name – a name instantly associated with pools of potential but also with a career interrupted by multiple injuries. On Tuesday, Tuanzebe returned after a 10-month gap and shut out Kylian Mbappe and Neymar, arguably two of the best attacking talents in the world, in a 2-1 Champions League group stage win for Manchester United at Paris Saint-Germain.

What Tuanzebe did

There were a couple of moments in United's away trip to the Parc des Princes where all Mbappe could do was scratch his head and look wide-eyed at the referee. On one occasion, Mbappe was through on goal with acres of space and just goalkeeper David de Gea to beat. But Tuanzebe displayed speed – a rare commodity in a recent Manchester United defence. He caught up with the French star and managed to push him off as De Gea collected the ball and averted the danger.

There was another instance where Tuanzebe and Mbappe collided. This time, the forward cut inside to his left and was millimetres away from pulling the trigger. But the United defender used his upper body strength to hold him off and get the ball, ensuring that the shot never came about. Mbappe, the youngest player to ever score in a World Cup final since Pele, was thwarted again.

Tuanzebe kept PSG superstars Kylian Mbappe and Neymar quiet. *Reuters file*

What did the stats say

Tuanzebe ended the game with a 92 per cent pass completion rate. He won 100 per cent of the aerial duels he contested. He made a vital block to keep United in the game during a period where PSG were looking to score. The defender also managed seven clearances in the victory and only conceded two fouls.

While the statistics by themselves aren't extraordinary, Tuanzebe had returned from injury when he took his spot against Colchester United in a Carabao Cup tie in December 2019. He had to be taken off in that game after 65 minutes and it seemed like yet another 'what if' moment for him.

To go from playing his last match against a League Two team and a 10-month layoff to then facing the Champions League runners-up might have seemed like a challenge too stiff, but Tuanzebe jumped and landed perfectly.

What he said

An aspect of the defender recognised by manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is his ability to be a leader on the pitch. In the post-match presser, Tuanzebe once again showed why he is rated so highly by United when he said, "We showed PSG respect, but ultimately we're the bigger team and we want to dominate and get the three points."

The 22-year old also spoke about his injury layoff. "I'm feeling okay. You train hard for this [big Champions League games]. I've been with the rehab team and they've been getting me in every day and working me hard for these kinds of moments, and it's finally paid off."

Messi scores in Barca rout, Juventus win

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS, OCTOBER 21

LIONEL MESSI'S Barcelona and Cristiano Ronaldo's Juventus are up and running already. Messi scored a penalty to set Barca on its way to a 5-1 win over Hungarian outsider Ferencváros as the Spanish team began the rebuild of its reputation in Europe's elite competition, two months after an embarrassing 8-2 loss to Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals last season.

Ronaldo was missing for Juventus after testing positive for the coronavirus last week, but the Italian champion had a worthy replacement in Alvaro Morata as the striker scored twice in a 2-0 win at Dynamo Kyiv. There were wins for Lazio, Leipzig and Club Brugge, while Chelsea and Sevilla drew 0-0 and two group-stage newcomers — Rennes and Krasnodar — drew 1-1.

There were no fans at the Parc des Princes, one of three stadiums — along with Barcelona's Camp Nou and Chelsea's Stamford Bridge — to be without spectators for the return of the Champions League because of the coronavirus.

Other games were sparsely attended, with nearly 16,700 spectators watching Zenit St. Petersburg lose 2-1 to Brugge, 14,850 seeing Juventus win in Kyiv, and 5,000 attending the Rennes-Krasnodar game. In the other game in Group H, Leipzig — a surprise semifinalist last season — beat Istanbul Basaksehir 2-0 in front of just under 1,000 fans thanks to two first-half goals by Spanish defender Angeliño.

Messi now has 116 goals in the Champions League, and extended his run of scoring at least one goal in the competition in 16 consecutive seasons. It was also a special night for two players nearly half his age, with 17-year-olds Ansu Fati and Pedri also scoring for Barcelona against Ferencváros. Philippe Coutinho and Ousmane Dembélé were the other scorers for Barcelona, which lost defender Gerard Piqué to a straight red card with about 20 minutes left. Ihor Kharatin scored Ferencváros' lone goal from the resulting penalty.

Messi and Ronaldo are in the same Champions League group for the first time and are set to meet next week when Juventus hosts Barca.

THREAT ASSESSMENT

Why USA, Britain believe Russia is planning a cyber-attack on Tokyo Olympics

MIHIR VASAVDA
OCTOBER 21

MOMENTS BEFORE the opening ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, the Games' official website went offline. As the ceremony began, the WiFi and televisions inside the main Olympic stadium stopped working. Back then, the organising committee confirmed a cyber-attack but did not say where it originated from. In a joint operation, the American and British government agencies claimed Russia was behind the cyber-attack that hit Pyeongchang 2018 and had planned something similar for the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics, as a part of a 'worldwide hacking campaign' that included the French presidential elections and Ukraine's electricity grid, according to reports.

Russia has denied any wrongdoing whereas the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has not yet responded to the allegations made against the country.

What are the allegations?

On Monday, the US justice department charged six Russian hackers, aged between 27 and 35, for allegedly carrying out a series of cyberattacks across the globe, including the 2018 Winter Olympics. The indictment coincided with the British government declaring that Russian hackers were attempting a similar attack on the Tokyo Olympics, which were to be held this year but got postponed to July 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

How did the hackers conduct the cyber attack?

According to American prosecutors and British intelligence officers, Russia's military intelligence agency – that goes by the name GRU – camouflaged itself as North Korean and Chinese hackers to disrupt the 2018 Winter Games. They allegedly first sent emails to the members of the IOC, athletes and other companies, as per the court documents obtained by the *New York Times*. In those emails, the hackers posed as 'Olympic or South Korean government officials to trick the recipients into giving them access to key Olympic infrastructure,' the *NYT* reported. The GRU also used VPNFilter malware, according to a British government media release, to erase data and disable computers and networks. The Winter Games IT systems and 'multiple entities' across South Korea were targetted.

Did this impact the Winter Olympics?

The hackers took down the official website, which meant thousands of spectators could not print their tickets or get access to information related to the Games. It also allowed them to disrupt the internet and television service inside the main Olympic stadium during the opening ceremony and helped them ground the drones. The part of the ceremony where drones were to be used was visible only for the TV audience after the broadcasters used pre-recorded footage. The British government said in its release: 'The disruption to the Winter Olympics could have been greater if it had not been for administrators who worked to isolate the malware and replace affected computers.'

EXPLAINED

Who in Russia carried out these alleged attacks?

This exercise was carried out by the GRU unit 74455, the UK government said in its statement. Unit 74455, known as 'Sandworm' and 'VoodooBear' among other names, is GRU's Main Centre of Special Technologies and has also been accused of targeting USA's presidential elections in 2016.

What is the motive behind the cyber-attacks on the Olympics?

John Hultquist, the director of threat intelligence at FireEye, a cybersecurity firm, told the *NYT* this was a 'vindictive attack'. It has been suggested by the prosecutors and government officials in the US and UK that Russia did this because the IOC banned them from competing in 2018 Winter Olympics as well as the Tokyo Olympics because of state-sponsored doping. *The Guardian* said this is the 'first indication that Russia was prepared to go as far as to disrupt the summer Games, from which all Russian competitors had been excluded because of persistent state-sponsored doping offences.'

Why is it in news now?

Sky News reported that the timing of the UK government's revelations was 'in part' to alert about the threat posed to the Tokyo Olympics. The targets at Tokyo included the Games' organisers, logistics services and sponsors, the UK government said. Katsunobu Kato, Japan's chief cabinet secretary, said that Japan would increase efforts to protect the Games and were in contact with agencies in the US and UK. "We cannot turn a blind eye to malicious cyberattacks that threaten democracy," Kato was quoted as saying by the Japanese media.

Have Russia hackers targeted sports earlier?

This isn't the first time Russia has been accused of targeting a sports body. In 2016, Russian hackers were accused of breaking into World Anti-Doping Agency's database and fished out information about some of the top American athletes, including gymnast Simone Biles and tennis player Venus Williams.

How has Russia responded?

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov rejected the allegations and described them as 'Russophobia'. "Russia has never carried out any hacking activities against the Olympics," he said.

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