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Economy in mind, Govt eases curbs on visas

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

TAKING A significant step to ease visa curbs put in place to contain the Covid outbreak, the government on Thursday said that all foreigners, except those in the tourist category, will be allowed to enter the country.

The decision to open up will also cover all Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), it said. Since March, only certain categories of OCI card holders and foreigners were allowed to enter the country.

A senior official told *The Indian Express* that the latest move is aimed at fully opening the economy “eventually” so that international trade and commerce can be resumed “on a full scale”.

“The government has been gradually liberalising visas for foreigners and OCI card holders throughout the pandemic period. It is in keeping with the intent to fully open the economy eventually. If we intend to resume international trade and commerce on a full scale, we will have to allow foreigners to come in even as we maintain all Covid protocol,” the official said.

“The decision on restoring the visa regime to pre-pandemic time will be taken in due course, depending on the situation,” the official said.

In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that “this decision will enable foreign nationals to come to India for various purposes such as business,

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Dr Reddy's isolates data centre services after cyber attack

Comes days after company got approval for Russian vaccine trials

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DR REDDY'S Laboratories on Thursday said it had “isolated” its data centre services after a cyber attack. The Hyderabad-headquartered drug maker reported the data breach days after it received regulatory approvals to conduct human trials of a Covid-19 vaccine candidate developed by a Russian research institute.

“In the wake of a detected cyber-attack, we have isolated all data centre services to take required preventive actions,” Dr Reddy's told the Bombay Stock Exchange on Thursday.

“We are anticipating all services to be up within 24 hours and we do not foresee any major im-



DURGA PUJA, DISTANCED

Visitors outside a puja pandal in Kolkata on Thursday. The Calcutta High Court has declared all pandals 'no-entry zones' in view of Covid-19. Partha Paul

MAHARASHTRA DECISION TO WITHDRAW 'GENERAL CONSENT'

Took step to ensure CBI is not used for political purpose: Home Minister

MOHAMED THAYER
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

A DAY after Maharashtra withdrew “general consent” given to the CBI to probe cases in the state, Home Minister Anil Deshmukh Thursday described the agency as “professional” but said “there is a doubt in the minds of many that it may be used for political purposes”.

Deshmukh reiterated that the state withdrew consent to ensure that “the agency is not used for political purposes in Maharashtra”, adding that the CBI had earlier been referred to as a “caged parrot” by the Supreme Court.



Anil Deshmukh at a press conference in Mumbai on Thursday. Ganesh Shirsakar

“We all know that in the past CBI has done enquiries without taking approval from the Maharashtra government...even now, there is a TRP case that is being investigated by Mumbai Police...a similar case has been

registered in UP, and it is possible that due to political pressures the CBI could take up this case as well,” Deshmukh told reporters.

The Home Minister was referring to the ongoing investigation by Mumbai Police, which has alleged that three channels, including Republic TV, were prima facie involved in manipulating TRPs. On Tuesday, the CBI took over a case registered by UP Police against “unknown” channels and persons over alleged fudging of TRPs.

“Everybody knows that Mumbai Police and Maharashtra Police are responsible for ending gang wars and shootouts. Despite this, due to political reasons, cases

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Row in Nepal after R&AW chief meets Oli, party seeks details



K P Sharma Oli; Samant Kumar Goel

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 22

NEPAL'S EMBATTLED Prime Minister, K P Sharma Oli, came under fresh attack Thursday, including from three former Prime Ministers and his own party leaders, for meeting Indian R&AW chief Samant Kumar Goel without keeping them in the loop.

Calling it “improper” and “objectionable”, former Prime Ministers Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, who is also executive chairman of the ruling Nepal Communist Party, Jhala Nath Khanal and Madhav Kumar Nepal, former Deputy Prime Ministers Bhim Bahadur Rawal and Narayan Kaji Shrestha held separate group meetings, and some took to social media to criticise Oli. They asked him to provide details of the meeting with the R&AW chief that lasted more than two hours, almost till midnight Wednesday.

Goel and team had flown to Kathmandu on a special flight. They were said to have also met Leader of Opposition

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Pandemic, distress, a broken phone: How a family in Goa lost their 16-year-old son

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ANCHORSMITAN NAIR
SATTARI (GOA), OCTOBER 22

AT PAL village in Goa's Sattari taluka, a family is distraught. The pandemic and its aftereffects — reduced earnings, an uncertain future — had already put them through great hardship. A broken mobile phone was seemingly the last straw. On October 15, their 16-year-old son was found hanging in the house.

The father, who drives a private bus, says his son, a Class 10 student of a government school in the village, used a smartphone to attend his online classes. On October 11, the phone screen broke, but the boy kept it to himself, telling his mother only a couple of days later.

“We had been struggling for months so everyone was in a bad mood. When he told his mother about the phone, she said it can't be repaired immediately, and he threw a tantrum. When I came back from work, he got into an argument with me and I held him by his collar. He stopped me say-



The teenager's notebook; he was a Class 10 student

ing, 'I have only one nice shirt'. He removed his shirt, put it on a hanger and told me I could beat him. By then, I just couldn't,” says the father.

“I then told him I only have Rs 500 with me and need it to buy rice. I asked him to wait for four days for me to arrange the Rs 2,000 he needed to repair the screen,” he adds.

Since the pandemic began, money has been tight — the father used to earn up to Rs 700 a day, but the lockdown had left him with no income for four months. Since July, he is back at work, but only earns Rs 500, that

too on good days.

The mother, a beneficiary of the Griha Aadhar Scheme, a welfare scheme for homemakers, said she hadn't received any money since the lockdown, except for a one-time payment of Rs 1,500 during Ganesh Chaturthi. The grandmother, a beneficiary of the Dayanand Social Security Scheme for widows, too hadn't got any money for months.

A government officer confirmed the payment has been stalled due to the state's depleted coffers. On Tuesday, however,

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SOMEBODY HAS TO SUBSIDISE: JAVADEKAR

Manifesto 'Promise No. 1': BJP injects free Covid vaccine in Bihar elections

Under fire, BJP's defence: If parties can promise farm loan waiver, why not this

DIPANKARGHOSE & LIZ MATHEW
PATNA, NEW DELHI, OCT 22

THE BJP promised “residents of Bihar” free vaccination against Covid-19 in its Bihar assembly election manifesto released Thursday, drawing sharp reactions from Opposition parties, most of which said it was “appalling” that a vaccine to fight the pandemic was made being a poll agenda.

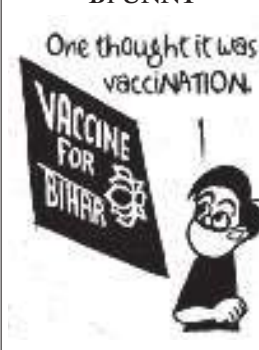
Defending its announcement, the BJP said it's a pledge on a public health issue. Releasing the party manifesto in Patna, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said: “After crossing all the stages, there are at least three vaccines that have reached the last stage, and are on the cusp of production. After this, if scientific people say this vaccine is fine, production can take place. Our production capacity, because of the government's intervention, is very large.”

“So when the clearance comes from scientists, our vaccine production will be at such a level that what we are promising, everyone in Bihar will get a

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Opp parties slam politics over pandemic, EC unlikely to object

MANOJ CG & RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE BJP'S promise to provide free Covid-19 vaccine to the people of Bihar, made in its election manifesto Thursday, triggered a political row with the RJD, Congress and other Opposition parties slamming the party, accusing it of politicising the pandemic and playing on the fears of the people.

Reacting sharply to the BJP promise, the RJD said, “Corona vaccine belongs to the country. It does not belong to the BJP. The political use of the vaccine shows that they have no option but to sell the fear of the disease and death. The people of Bihar have self-respect, they do not sell their children's future for a few pennies,” the RJD posted on its Twitter handle.

Its senior leader and Rajya
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TN, MP ANNOUNCE FREE VACCINE FOR ALL

To buy or not to buy: Why this comes as a surprise to states

KAUNAINSHERIFFM
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE BJP announcement promising free Covid-19 vaccination for all in Bihar as part of its election manifesto has taken several states by surprise.

Especially, since until now the

vaccine conversation between the Centre and the states was around identifying who should receive it on a priority basis.

So the announcement of a free vaccine as an election promise singling out one state adds a political twist

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to a subject — Covid management — that has so far been largely framed by cooperative rather than competitive federalism.

States are trying to figure out what the implications are. Many see this

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Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's press advisor, Suraj Thapa, said Goel had a "court meeting" with Oli. He said Goel had underlined smooth Nepal-India relations, resolving pending problems through dialogue, and continuation of mutual cooperation.

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TOTAL CASES	HOSPITAL BEDS	VENTILATORS	Total	Vacant
			17,339	10,559
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
			47	59,064
Oct 21	3,686	3,444	47	59,064
Oct 22	3,882	2,727	35	58,770
Total	25,237*	3,44,318	6,163	42,01,310

*Total active cases

Month on, schools in Gurgaon report better attendance



Students of classes IX-XII were permitted to visit schools to clarify doubts in September. Haryana govt is yet to announce a decision on resuming classes for these students. *Archive*

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, OCTOBER 21

A MONTH after students of classes IX to XII in Haryana were permitted to visit schools to seek guidance from teachers, officials from the education department and government schools in Gurgaon said attendance has seen a rise as a result of increase in "confidence of parents and students". However, they maintain that the "output" of students will increase only when physical classes resume.

The Haryana government is yet to announce a decision on resuming classes for students of classes IX-XII, which was permitted by the Centre from October 15.

At the Government Senior Secondary School in Chakkarpur, for instance, the number of students is up from 44 on day 1 to "around 200" as of now. The total strength of students in classes IX-XII at the school is 1,100.

"We had 44 students visiting the school on the first day, with the number increasing to 60 by the second week. It has been increasing every day. Most students coming are from the board classes. In class IX, barely 20 students come daily. Most of these students have doubts in science, maths and English. In class XII too, students from the science stream are coming more," said principal Anjana Dhingra.

"There has not been any situation yet of any teacher or student having to be sent back because of Covid symptoms. The confidence of parents and students is increasing daily; we expect the numbers will continue to rise in the coming days," she said.

At the Government Senior Secondary School in Nathupur, principal Manju Ahlawat said

"35-45" of the 650 students in the higher classes are coming to consult teachers daily: "The number is low but it is higher than what it was in the initial days... Our online classes are also continuing simultaneously."

According to data compiled by the education department, attendance on the first two days of schools reopening itself went up from 4 per cent on September 21 to 6 per cent on September 22.

The highest attendance was among students of class X on both days, with 6 per cent visiting schools on day 1 and 8 per cent on day 2. While 3 per cent of students of class IX sought guidance on both days, the figure increased from 4 per cent to 5 per cent for students of class XI and from 5 per cent to 8 per cent for students of class XII. Officials from the education department, however, said no data has been compiled of attendance in the days that have followed.

"Compared to before, the number of students who are coming has increased. We are continuing to make efforts from our end to encourage students to come forward. We have to step up efforts in this direction now as there is no guarantee when this pandemic will end, and there is very little time left for the academic year to finish and exams to commence," said Deputy District Education Officer, Kalpana Singh.

She said the real difference to the "output" of students will be made only when physical classes resume: "Children who were in the habit of learning in the classroom are having a problem keeping up in online classes. There are 10-15% who are doing well, but the others are facing issues. In a classroom, we can ensure the student focuses on the lesson and there is some growth."

Man held for 'raping' 3 women from UK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A 37-YEAR-OLD man who posed as a businessman and NGO owner was arrested for allegedly raping three foreign nationals in Jaipur and Delhi last month.

The women, aged 25-28, live in the UK and came to India in December. They said they met the accused, Rupak Chatterjee, on Facebook and were raped inside a hotel. Police said Chatterjee is involved in multiple cases of cheating and sexual assault.

Last month, the three women went to a police station in Delhi and filed complaints against Chatterjee. Two of the women alleged they were raped in Jaipur while the third claimed she was raped in a Karol Bagh hotel. Their complaints were transferred to Jaipur Police and Delhi Police.

In a complaint by one of the women to Karol Bagh police station on September 15, she claimed she wanted to work for

an NGO and thought the accused would help her. They met at her hotel in Karol Bagh and the accused allegedly raped her.

A senior police officer from Delhi said, "She had recently come to India and couldn't go back because of Covid. She was trying to find work here and met the accused."

Of the other two complaints transferred to Jaipur, one was registered in West district and another in South district. The women alleged they were raped last month in Jaipur. They said they have known Chatterjee for months and were working with him. On September 17, FIRs under sections of rape were registered by Jaipur Police.

Pradeep Mohan Sharma, DCP (West Jaipur), said, "The accused has cheated a lot of women. He told them he sold ethnic products. We found there are other cases registered against him in Jaipur and Delhi... We searched for him for weeks and found that he's hiding in Mumbai."

NORTHEAST DELHI RIOTS

Tahir denied bail, court says he was in 'powerful position'

Parts of NE Delhi gripped by communal frenzy, reminiscent of Partition: Court

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A DELHI court dismissed the bail application of former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain in three cases related to the Northeast Delhi riots, observing that he was a sitting AAP councillor at the time of the riots and "used his muscle power and political clout to act as a kingpin in planning, instigating and fanning the flames of communal conflagration".

The observations were made by Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav in an order on Thursday, in which he agreed with Special Public Prosecutor Manoj Choudhary's argument that Tahir claiming parity with co-accused who are enlarged on bail was "illogical because the role assigned to him in the matters is totally different and distinct from rest of the co-accused persons".

ASJ Yadav, in his order, wrote, "It is noteworthy that at the time of eruption of communal riots in the area(s) of Northeast Delhi, the applicant has been in a powerful



Tahir Hussain

position (being sitting councillor of the area from the Aam Aadmi Party) and it is prima facie apparent that he used his muscle power and political clout to act as a kingpin in planning, instigating and fanning the flames of communal conflagration. Therefore, at this stage, I find that there is enough material on record to presume that the applicant was very well present at the spot of crime and was exhorting rioters of a particular community and as such, he did not use his hands and fists, but rioters as 'human weapons', who on his instigation

could have killed anybody."

Drawing parallels with the Partition and Delhi riots, the court said, "It is common knowledge that the dreary day of 24.02.2020 saw parts of Northeast Delhi gripped by a communal frenzy, reminiscent of carnage during the days of Partition. Soon, the riots spread like wildfire across the smoke-grey skyline of the Capital, engulfing new areas and snuffing out more and more innocent lives. The Delhi riots 2020 are a gaping wound in the conscience of a nation aspiring to be a major global power. The allegations against the applicant are extremely grave in nature."

Tahir's lawyer, senior advocate KK Manan, had argued that Tahir "has been caught in a political cross-fire and the allegations levelled against him are nothing but a political blame game to malign his image". Manan argued, "There is no evidence by way of even a single video or CCTV footage to prove the applicant had participated in the riots or caused damage to property."

The court, however, did not

agree with his submissions and said, "Even if there were no direct acts of violence attributable to the applicant, he cannot shy away from his liability under provisions of the sections invoked against him, particularly on account of the fact that his house/building became the hub/centre point for rioters and rabble-rousers to unleash the worst communal riots since Partition in Delhi. The spread of riots on such a big scale in such a short time is not possible without a premeditated conspiracy."

"At this stage, I am reminded of a famous English saying which says that 'when you choose to play with embers, you cannot blame the wind to have carried the spark a bit too far and spread the fire'. So, when the applicant is at the receiving end now, he cannot pass the buck by simply taking a plea that since he did not participate physically in the riots, he has no role to play in the riots. It is prima facie apparent that the applicant abused his muscle power and political clout to foment communal violence in the area," the order read.

'Protests in allotted areas against democracy'

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE IDEA of protest in designated spaces is antithetical to the idea of democracy, JNU professor Nivedita Menon said at a press conference to discuss the right to protest, Thursday.

Swaraj India's Yogendra Yadav, Magsaysay awardee and convener of the Safai Karmachari

Andolan Bezwada Wilson, co-founder of the United Against Hate group Nadeem Khan, and author Arundhati Roy were also present.

Speaking about the recent Supreme Court judgement, which directed authorities to act against indefinite protests such as the one at Shaheen Bagh against the Citizenship Amendment Act, and said public spaces cannot be occupied in-

definitely, Menon said, "To say protest in designated spaces is antithetical to the idea of democracy... That protests must be safely museumised is a parody of democracy and an extremely problematic interpretation by the Supreme Court of what protest means in a democracy and what the value of protest is."

The October 7 SC judgement had said: "Democracy and dissent go hand in hand, but then

the demonstrations expressing dissent have to be in designated places alone".

Yadav said that getting permission to protest at a site like Parliament Street was nearly impossible. "How can the judiciary be oblivious to how things work?" he asked. Wilson, meanwhile, said he had a right to raise his voice as a citizen and this voice "should not be equated with dissent, but a right".

Bihar: What is at stake in India's first Covid election?

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Political Scientist

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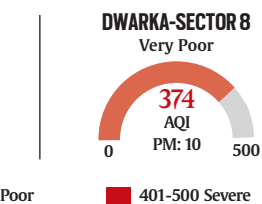
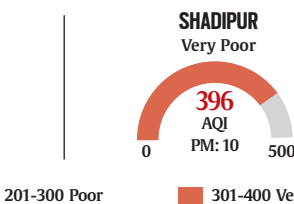
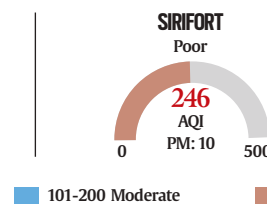
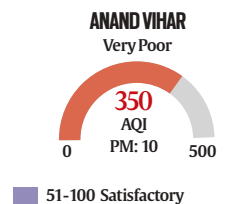
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DJB V-C seeks Puri's intervention to recover dues

New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice chairman Raghav Chadha Thursday sought Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri's intervention in recovering dues worth over Rs 216 crore from Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Central Public Works Department (CPWD). Chadha told Puri during a meeting that the DJB is planning to expand operations and bring technological advancements and that releasing dues owed to the DJB would help in taking these steps.

Defamation case: Warrant against Mishra

New Delhi: A Delhi court has issued bailable warrants against BJP leader Kapil Mishra for his non-appearance before the court in a defamation case filed by AAP MLA Imran Hussain. According to the complaint, the accused persons including BJP MLAs Vijender Gupta, Manjinder Singh Sirsa claimed Hussain had indulged in corruption and had given permission to cut trees in Delhi after taking an amount of Rs 23 crore.

Gurgaon collects Rs 17 L in GRAP fines

Gurgaon: In the first week since the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) came into force in Gurgaon, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has penalised over 80 violators, collecting a sum of more than Rs 17 lakh. Most penalties have been imposed on those indulging in activities that lead to flying of dust, with 52 people being cumulatively fined Rs 13 lakh.

Minor 'raped' by neighbour

New Delhi: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Southeast Delhi on Thursday. The accused is also suspected to be minor and his age is being verified. The accused and the victim have known each other for over three years. Police said the accused allegedly raped the girl near her house and thrashed her. The girl sustained injuries and was admitted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

HC order on hoardings

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Thursday held that immovable structures erected to hold and support hoardings would qualify as 'buildings' and would be liable to be subjected to property tax. **ENS**

OVER LAST 14 DAYS

Delhi AQI better than 10 NCR towns: Data

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

AIR QUALITY in Delhi over the past 14 days has been better than 10 NCR cities and towns in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan.

The daily average air quality index (AQI) data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), analysed by *The Indian Express*, shows the 14-day average AQI of Delhi was 256 as of Thursday. This was much lower than the average AQIs of UP's Baghpat, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Muzaffarnagar and Greater Noida, which were in the range of 271-305; Haryana's Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Jind and Panipat, in the range of 261-273; and Rajasthan's Bhiwadi, which was 300. At 242, only Gurgaon's 14-day average AQI was lower than Delhi's.

The number of 'very poor' air days — AQI between 300 and 400 — was also higher in 10 NCR towns as compared to Delhi, which had just 1 in the past 14 days. UP's Baghpat had seven 'very poor' air days, highest among 10 NCR towns analysed. Rajasthan's Bhiwadi was the second highest with six such days, followed by Panipat and Muzaffarnagar, with five each.

High levels of air pollution is witnessed every year in Delhi-NCR from October until around February, as a result of local



A view of Rajpath at noon on Thursday. Amit Mehra

sources of emissions, stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana, and unfavourable meteorological conditions such as low wind speed and low temperatures.

Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar had recently said the issue of air pollution is not of Delhi alone but that of an airshed that covers NCR areas of UP, Haryana and Rajasthan. An airshed can be described as a geographical region which shares a common flow of air.

Pollution control boards of Delhi, Haryana and UP have been taking several measures to control

air quality in their areas, including mechanised sweeping and frequent water sprinkling on roads, dust control measures at construction sites and night patrolling to check industrial emissions and waste burning. Fifty teams of the CPCB are also conducting regular inspections to keep a check on polluting activities in Delhi-NCR.

Haryana State Pollution Control Board member secretary S Narayanan said the reason behind higher AQI in Panipat and Ballabhgarh is local as road-side construction activities were happening near air quality monitor-

ing stations until recently. "There is no reason for air quality to be worse than Delhi... We have issued directions to the regional officer to take action and stop the activities; otherwise, monitoring stations provide a biased picture," he said.

Praveen Kumar, Noida regional officer of the UP Pollution Control Board, said teams of the board and district administration are keeping a strict vigil on ground to prevent polluting activities: "We are taking all measures to ensure local sources of emissions do not increase — ensuring industries use only permissible fuels, mech-

14-DAY AVERAGE AQI UNTIL OCT 22	
Delhi	256
UP	
Baghpat	305
Ghaziabad	272
Greater Noida	277
Meerut	271
Muzaffarnagar	283
HARYANA	
Ballabhgarh	261 (12 days)
Faridabad	273
Jind	272
Panipat	272
Gurgaon	242
RAJASTHAN	
Bhiwadi	300
■ 200-300: Poor	
■ 301-400: Very poor	

Source: CPCB daily 4pm avg AQI

anised sweeping and water sprinkling and not allowing any construction activity without anti-smog guns."

Delhi has largely been the focus of the annual winter-time fight against air pollution. But over the past few years, the city has been able to take measures which other NCR towns could not. This includes banning use of diesel generator sets for a third year in a row October 15 onwards, under directions from the

HC asks Google, FB to remove pics of woman posted without consent

SOFI AHSAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE DELHI High Court has directed Google and Facebook to remove "objectionable" images of a woman that was uploaded by multiple users on their social media platforms without her consent — including by a former schoolmate in Delhi who had travelled to the UK where she was studying and allegedly assaulted her a few years ago.

The court also ruled that it is necessary for social media sites to take all effective measures available to ensure that child pornographic content is not hosted on their platforms. It said that police will identify those re-uploading the offensive content in India and take action.

The woman, now 24, had approached the High Court seeking directions for removal of the "objectionable photographs" from various platforms. The platforms had allegedly failed to remove the URLs, more than 50 in number, forwarded to them by the woman, she told the court.

In her plea, the woman said she had become "very close

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friends" with a boy at her school in Delhi in 2012, when she was 16 years old. The plea described their relationship as "abusive" and stated that he compelled her to send intimate photographs to him, and later emotionally blackmailed her.

She stated in the plea that even after she ended the relationship, the accused continued to pursue her, even visiting the UK a few years ago, when he landed at her residence and physically assaulted her leading to a local police complaint.

The plea stated that the accused pleaded guilty before a Magistrate Court in the UK in 2017 and was restrained from contacting her by any means and barred from entering the city,

where she was living, for two years.

In October-November 2019, the plea stated, the woman became aware that the accused had posted her pictures on social media platforms following which an FIR was registered with Cyber Police in Delhi.

In July this year, Facebook, which owns Instagram, and Google, which owns YouTube, told the court the URLs have been removed, but the pictures continued to surface on the Internet through other multiple users. "This brought into sharp focus the problem of preventing circulation of identified objectionable material on the platforms operated on the net," Justice Vibhu Bakhru said in the order.

Observing that the platforms would be required to take down or remove unlawful content on receiving information about it, the court said the issue also was whether Instagram and Google are required to ensure that such child pornographic (CP) material is not hosted on their platforms. The court referred to Section 20 of the POCSO Act and Rule 11 of the POCSO Rules, 2020.

Woman, daughter held for assault on Faridabad head constable

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, OCTOBER 22

TWO DAYS after a head constable of Faridabad Police was allegedly stabbed and beaten with rods and sticks by a group of people while he was on beat duty, police have arrested a woman and her daughter for the crime.

According to police, the incident took place on Tuesday evening, when head constable Manoj had gone to Rajiv Colony to

investigate a complaint made by Ved Prakash, a resident of the area.

"He stopped in front of a shop to ask for directions and, while he was speaking to a person standing on the roadside, he saw that a woman at the shop was openly handing a bottle of illegal liquor to a customer," said Sube Singh, PRO of Faridabad Police, adding that the head constable also saw the woman's two sons illegally transferring gas from large cylinders into smaller ones. "The head constable man-

aged to click some pictures of all this and also made a call to the police station, but the woman's daughter alerted the others to this fact and screamed that he had taken their pictures," he said.

In the minutes that followed, police said "7 to 8 men" rushed to the spot and attacked the head constable with a knife as well as sticks and iron rods, and seized his phone. "Both women have been sent to judicial remand for 14 days. Probe is being conducted to nab others," said the PRO.

'Up to Centre, states to do their bit on crop burning'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DECLINING To pass any order in an application seeking immediate measures to prevent stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak, the Delhi High Court Thursday said the Supreme Court has taken cognizance of the matter and it was for the Centre and states to "do their bit" now.

The division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan took note of the pendency of the matter in the apex court and the recent SC order of constituting a committee of Justice (retd.) Madan B Lokur in the matter pertaining to issue stubble burning in neighbouring states, and disposed of the application pending before it.

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma pointed to a news item about the effect of Covid-19 on patients' lungs and said hundreds of people are going back to hospitals due to stubble burning.

Justice Jalan observed, "The Supreme Court has taken cognizance... now you all also persuade the Union to do what it has to do."

COURSE CORRECTION

Civil defence volunteers encourage commuters to participate in the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign launched by Delhi government to tackle air pollution, Thursday. Amit Mehra

Cash package for Delhi govt staff ahead of festive season

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 22

DELHI GOVERNMENT employees will get a "special cash package" in lieu of the Leave Travel Concession Fare for the 2018-21 block to boost consumption ahead of the festive season.

The government said employees entitled to business class airfare will get Rs 36,000, followed by Rs 20,000 for those who are entitled to economy class airfare, and Rs 6,000 as LTC for employees entitled to rail fare.

"In the view of Covid-19 and nationwide lockdown, which has created a disruption of the transport and hospitality sector, the Delhi government has observed that a number of its employees are not in a position to avail the leave

Employees entitled to business class airfare will get Rs 36,000, and those entitled to economy class airfare will get Rs 20,000

travel concession fare for travel in the current block of 2018-21. To compensate and incentivise consumption by the Delhi government employees, thereby giving a boost to consumption expenditure, the government has decided that cash equivalent of LTC will be given to its employees if an employee opts for it," a statement issued by the government said.

Employees will also be given a "special festival package" of Rs 10,000 as an advance on salary for

any festivals up to March 31, 2021.

Earlier this provision existed only for non-gazetted employees, but now it would be applicable to both gazetted and non-gazetted employees, officials said. Employees will get a pre-loaded RuPay card of the value.

"The one way to give a boost to expenditure and consumption is to give money to people. This, we hope, is going to give the city's economic activity, which has suffered more than the national average, a much needed boost. It will also help out employees, many of whom have seen other family members lose their jobs," a senior government official said.

Delhi's tax collection has taken a massive hit, and the government is banking upon a busy festive season to help improve the situation on the ground.

'WE WANT PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM'

Docs of MCD-run Hindu Rao, Kasturba hospitals protest at Jantar Mantar

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

RESIDENT DOCTORS of North MCD-run Hindu Rao and Kasturba Gandhi hospitals protested at Jantar Mantar Thursday, demanding payment of their salaries that have been stalled for over three months.

"Kasturba Gandhi hospital is one of the biggest maternity centres. We have been treating many non-Covid patients, and there is

such a backlog. As we aren't earning, we have had to borrow from people. We are doing our duty, and it is our right to be paid," said resident doctor Dr Uma (30).

Dr Neha Singh (27), a resident doctor from the same hospital, said, "This irregular payment of salaries is not new — it has been going on for years. How do they expect us to manage in Delhi without salaries? Even though we have got one month's salary, basic expenditures are so high. We want a permanent so-

lution to this problem."

Resident doctors at Hindu Rao hospital have been protesting since early September, while Kasturba Gandhi hospital doctors joined mid-October.

President of the Hindu Rao RDA, Abhimanyu Sardana, told *The Indian Express* that non-academic resident doctors, whose contracts are renewed every 44 days, are worried about losing their jobs. "The administration is threatening to not renew contracts of many such doctors —



around 50 — whose term expired during this period... It has also said salaries will be paid by December," he claimed.

North MCD Mayor Jai Prakash told *The Indian Express*, "We have met the doctors twice in the past 8-10 days. At first, they agreed to call off the strike once we paid them a month's salary, but they

went back on the promise. This is a funding crisis. The Delhi government refuses to give funds and is asking to take over the hospitals, which is not a solution... It will take us two-three months for us to find a solution but they must meet us halfway. We cannot have doctors forgo their duties."

On allegations made by doctors on receiving threats of contract termination, Prakash said, "There have been no such threats."

AAP's Sultana Abad, North MCD councillor from Jama

Masjid ward, who was at the protest, told *The Indian Express*: "The Delhi government is ready to take over hospitals from the MCDs. The MCDs say the Delhi government does not give funds but that is a lie; there is nothing but corruption in the MCD."

Delhi Congress chief Anil Chaudhary, also at the protest, said: "Doctors from various hospitals are on strike and have come to the streets. The situation is serious, and the Congress will join their fight."

Over 50 doctors protested at Jantar Mantar Thursday.

Amit Mehra



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RALLYING WITHIN NORMS

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's message of caution during the festive season seems to have poured water over the BJP's grand rally plans in poll-bound Bihar. With the massive crowd in Tejashwi Yadav's rallies becoming a talking point, the NDA had taken permission for huge rallies in Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur on Friday. However, following the Prime Minister's message to the nation on Tuesday, reminding people about the need for physical distancing and other Covid-related protocols, the organisers had to issue new guidelines. The crowd strength has now been reduced to 5,000-6,000 and people will not be allowed to stand at the venues. The central BJP, it is learnt, has given strict instructions that large crowds without physical distancing would "annoy" the Prime Minister.

HEAT ON COOLING OFF

FORMER BIHAR DGP Gupteshwar Pandey had caused a flutter a month ago with his decision to leave the IPS and join the JD(U) just before the Assembly elections. Although the move did not work out for Pandey, as he did not get a ticket to contest elections, the Election Commission is learnt to have taken note of the development. The poll watchdog may revive its proposal on cooling off period for civil servants keen on joining politics. This proposal was first made by the Commission in 2012, but it did not evoke a positive response from the government then. At that time, the EC wanted a two-year cooling off period. It's likely that the poll panel may write to the government again on the issue.

BUSY CANVASSING

WHEN THE Congress released its manifesto for Bihar elections on Wednesday, the party's state unit chief, Madan Mohan Jha, was missing. Also absent was CLP leader Sadanand Singh. It turned out that Jha, who is contesting the MLC election from Darbhanga teachers' constituency, for which voting took place on Thursday, was busy in some last-minute canvassing of votes. Singh's son Shubhanand Mukesh is the Congress candidate from his seat, Kahalgao, and he was busy campaigning there. Singh is not contesting this time and the party has fielded his son.

NDA CONSTITUENTS RELEASE MANIFESTOES

For JD(U), focus on technical education, financial aid for girls

DIPANKAR GHOSE
PATNA, OCTOBER 22

THE JANATA Dal (United) on Thursday also announced its election manifesto in Patna, separate from its alliance partner BJP, with a focus on entrepreneurship and technical education for the youths of Bihar, and financial assistance for girls who graduate school and college. Called 'Saat Nishchay 2', the manifesto came with a tagline that read, "Poore hote vaade, ab hai naye iraade."

While the BJP manifesto speaks of creating 19 lakh jobs, and the opposition's 10 lakh government jobs pitch has been generating attention, the JD(U) manifesto does not put a number of job opportunities but focuses on issues like better technical education. Under "Yuva Shakti" for instance, the manifesto says, "Arrangement for better technical education will be done which will help in better job opportunities..."

On the other big constituent that JD(U) has wooed over the years, the party has promised benefits for women entrepreneurs. "For women, to increase entrepreneurship, a special scheme will be brought where enterprises set up by them will get loans up to 5 lakh up to 50 percent, and up to 5 lakh interest free waived," the manifesto says.

The party has also announced cash assistance for unmarried girl students. "To encourage higher education, unmarried women who cross the 'inter' stage will get 25,000 rupees and those who graduate higher education will receive 50,000 rupees."



I-T seizes Rs 8 lakh outside Cong office, party says knows nothing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, OCTOBER 22

WITH LESS than a week to go for the first phase of polling in Bihar, police in Patna claimed to have arrested a man after the Income-Tax Department seized Rs 8 lakh from a vehicle on the premises of the state Congress headquarters on Thursday.

Congress in-charge of Bihar Shaktisinh Gohil denied there was an I-T raid on the party office. "Somebody was caught on the road leading to the office with Rs 2 lakh. There were three other persons carrying Rs 2 lakh each... Anyone can come to the Congress office. We don't know anything



I-T officials in Patna. PTI

about it," he told *The Indian Express*. Gohil said the I-T Department had asked for details of the money given to candidates of the Congress, and that the party would supply that information.

"The I-T Department has asked us to furnish how much money we are giving to each of our candidates. We are in the

BJP promises 19 lakh jobs in farm, education, health

DIPANKAR GHOSE
PATNA, OCTOBER 22

EVEN AS the Opposition has raised the pitch in Bihar over unemployment, with Chief Ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav promising 10 lakh government jobs in the first cabinet meeting if the alliance comes to power, the BJP manifesto also kept the focus on the issue, promising 19 lakh jobs over five years. At least four points of an 11-point 'sankalp patra' held the promise of job creation across sectors such as farming, education, and health.

The manifesto also says that it will take advantage of the booming IT business in India, and develop Bihar as an IT hub.

A large chunk — 10 lakh — of the 19 lakh job opportunity promise comes from the promise of developing farmer producer organisation supply chains.

In the farming sector, the BJP has also promised acquiring pulses, apart from paddy and wheat, on MSP.

The BJP has promised a big micro-financing push for women. "Through the NDA government 1.2 crore women have had light enter their lives from 10 lakh self-help groups. It is our commitment that through these groups and micro-finance institutions and 50,000 crore micro-finance, we will make 1 crore new women self-dependent," the manifesto says.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Bihar MLC elections see surge in turnout

New Delhi: Bihar MLC elections to four graduate and four teacher constituencies registered an increased voter turnout Thursday from 56.33 per cent in 2014 to 60.58 per cent, the Election Commission said after polling was over.

Total number of electors in the graduate's constituency was 4,06 lakh and the teacher's constituency was 40,631.

Thursday turnout is significant given that there have been apprehensions about the pandemic affecting the turnout for the upcoming Assembly elections. Bihar's first phase of voting will take place on October 28. ENS



Yogi Adityanath at a rally in Bulandshahr Thursday. At rallies ahead of the Nov 3 bypolls, he said that no one will dare to disrespect 'daughters and sisters of western UP'. *Gajendra Yadav*

Kept promises; no more riots, exodus: Adityanath at rally

AMIL BHATNAGAR & MAULSHREE SETH
BULANDSHAHR, UTTAR PRADESH, OCTOBER 22

REMINING PEOPLE of the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013 in his first public meeting in the state ahead of the Assembly by-elections, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said in Bulandshahr that he has kept his promise of improving law and order situation in the state, and no one will now dare disrespect "our sisters and daughters of western Uttar Pradesh".

Neither will there be a repeat of the exodus seen in Kairana and Kandhla following the riots, nor will youths such as Sachin and Gaurav have to "sacrifice themselves", he said.

Sachin and Gaurav's murders in August 2013 had allegedly sparked the riots in Muzaffarnagar.

Adityanath on Thursday addressed back-to-back public gatherings in Bulandshahr, Amroha, and Tundla, among the seats go-

ing to bypolls on November 3. Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi without naming him, Adityanath slammed the opposition party for its outreach to the family of Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan, who, along with three Campus Front of India (CFI) members, was arrested by UP police on way to meet the Hathras victim's family and has been booked under UAPA. Kappan's wife had met Rahul on Wednesday to hand over a memorandum seeking justice for her husband.

Adityanath said: "You must have seen that yesterday, a former Congress chief went to meet those associated with PFI, which has been consistent with its role in flaring tension. The Congress is sympathetic towards such people. Even the Samajwadi Party and other parties are sympathetic towards such people — these people want to divide the country on the basis of language, caste and religion, while we believe in 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas'."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Sushil Modi tests positive, admitted to AIIMS Patna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, OCTOBER 22

SENIOR BJP leader and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi Thursday said that he has tested positive for Covid-19 and has been admitted to AIIMS in Patna. The BJP leader said he intends to hit the campaign trail soon in poll-bound Bihar and all his parameters are "perfectly normal". "Tested positive for CORONA. All parameters perfectly normal. Started with mild temp. No temp. for last 2 days. Admitted to AIIMS Patna for better monitoring. CT scan of lungs normal. Will be back soon for campaigning," he tweeted.



Will be back soon: Bihar Deputy CM

Nearly 35 of Sushil Modi's staff have also been tested for the coronavirus and their reports are awaited.

The tweet comes a day before PM Narendra Modi enters the scene in the poll-bound state with back-to-back rallies in Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur districts. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, who had shared the dais with his deputy four days ago in Bhojpur, tested negative and will campaign with PM Modi in the three districts.

Nitish may do another volte face: Chirag to BJP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PATNA, OCTOBER 22



LJP chief Chirag Paswan

LJP PRESIDENT Chirag Paswan Thursday cautioned the BJP that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar might do a volte-face and re-align with Lalu Prasad's RJD which he had dumped a few years ago to return to the NDA.

Paswan also alleged that Kumar, who heads the JD(U), "conspired" to make the BJP fight on less than 15 seats, the number it had contested in 2015, and pointed out that Nitish had agreed to field his party's candidates in only 101 constituencies when he was contesting in alliance with Lalu, his "political guru".

"In the last assembly polls, re-

spected @NitishKumar became the Chief Minister with the blessings of respected @laluprasadrjd whom he ditched and again grabbed the chair with the blessings of the Prime Minister", he tweeted. "May he not again rush towards @laluprasadrjd, seeking refuge, after receiving the blessings of @narendramodi."

Paswan has vowed to ensure the defeat of the JD(U), but has been swearing by his loyalty towards Modi and the BJP.

Ahead of civic polls, KC(M) faction formally inducted into LDF

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22



Jose K Mani

A WEEK after it parted ways with the Congress-led United Democratic Front as a fallout of an intra-party power struggle, a faction of the Kerala Congress (M) led by Jose K Mani was formally inducted into the ruling Left Democratic Front on Thursday.

Jose K Mani is a Rajya Sabha member and had been engaged in a party feud with rival leader P J Joseph after the death of KC(M) veteran KM Mani in 2019.

The red carpet entry of the Mani-led faction of the regional Christian party, which has sway in central Kerala, demonstrates the high stakes ruling CPI(M) has in the upcoming elections to local bodies this year and Assembly elections next year. It may be recalled that Indian National League (INL), a splinter group of Congress ally Indian Union Muslim League, could become an LDF ally only in 2018 after waiting outside the political

front for 24 years.

After a meeting of the LDF, its convener A Vijayaraghavan told the media that the faction's entry into the LDF is a historical decision in the state's politics. "This would weaken UDF. The acceptance of LDF among voters would go up. Activists from other parties would also move to LDF. The decision has heightened the prospects of LDF retaining power in the next Assembly elections."

Vijayaraghavan said Jose is joining the LDF unconditionally. "All LDF constituents, including NCP, have supported Jose faction's entry into the LDF. The decision would help LDF make major gains in the coming civic body elections," he said.

The LDF has not initiated the seat-sharing exercise as it may trigger fresh troubles for the political front.

SOME QUESTION VACCINE 'POLITICS', OTHERS FOLLOW SUIT

Following the BJP's promise of free Covid-19 vaccination in Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh swiftly announced the same for their residents. But some, including the Delhi and Maharashtra governments, questioned the "politicisation" of vaccine distribution, just days before polls in Bihar. A look at what state governments said:

TAMIL NADU: CM Edappadi K Palaniswami's announced free vaccine just seven months before state polls

"is quite unfortunate that the ruling party at the Centre" has chosen to make it "a political campaign issue"

has not discussed supply and distribution and it was not correct to assure the vaccine for a particular state

Madan Kaushik said, "A meeting will be held soon to take a decision on this"

MAHARASHTRA: While stressing that he wasn't against a free vaccine, Health Minister Rajesh Tope said no one should "politicise the pandemic situation"

MADHYA PRADESH: CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that all people of the state will be given free vaccine once it is available

KARNATAKA: The government has scheduled a meeting in the last week of October to discuss measures related to vaccine, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said

TELANGANA: Health Minister Etela Rajender said take a decision will be taken after Centre announces date of launch of vaccine

DELHI: The ruling AAP said it

CHHATTISGARH: Congress government said the Centre

UTTARAKHAND: Minister

ODISHA: Health Minister Naba Kishore Das said consultations will be held

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2+2 DIALOGUE

Pompeo, Esper to meet Modi during India visit next week

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

US SECRETARY of State Michael R Pompeo and Secretary of Defense Mark T Esper will jointly call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their visit to India on October 26 and 27.

They will also have separate bilateral meetings with External Affairs minister S Jaishankar and Defence minister Rajnath Singh, apart from holding the Indo-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue.

“The 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue will entail a comprehensive discussion on cross cutting bilateral issues of mutual interest. In addition, both sides will also exchange views on



PM Narendra Modi

salient regional and global issues,” MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said Thursday.

He said the discussions in the previous two dialogues—held in New Delhi in September 2018 and Washington DC in December 2019—have enabled both sides to progress the bilateral relationship and strengthen the institutional framework for cooperation across all sectors.

“India and US have a comprehensive global strategic partnership which includes political, security and defence, economic, commercial, technology and

people to people contacts. We have regular dialogue for various levels to discuss ongoing bilateral cooperation and to exchange views on developments in the region,” the spokesperson said.

In his second Asia trip in less than a month, Pompeo will also visit 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 Defence Secretary Mark Esper and our Indian counterparts,” Pompeo told reporters at a news conference in Washington DC on Wednesday. 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.”

Kashmir parties work to give alliance formal shape, Farooq could be head

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 22

LEADERS OF the seven-party People’s Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration in Jammu and Kashmir are working to give the group a formal structure ahead of their “constitutional battle” for restoring to people “the rights they had before 5th of August 2019”.

The alliance will likely have an executive council consisting of the chairperson, a vice-chairperson, general secretaries, a chief coordinator, a chief spokesperson, spokespersons from individual parties, and an office-bearer from each party.

Several sources told *The Indian Express* that there is broad consensus that National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah, the most senior leader in Jammu and Kashmir, should head the alliance structure, and People’s Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti and People’s Conference leader Sajad Lone



Mehbooba Mufti, Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah at the all-party meeting on October 15. ANI file

should have important roles. NC vice-president Omar Abdullah will likely be part of the core group of the alliance.

At the first meeting of the alliance on October 15, leaders of the NC, PDP, People’s Conference, CPI(M), and Awami National Conference reiterated their commitment to the Gupkar Declaration of August 4, 2019, and discussed giving their grouping formal shape. The Congress and

CPI were not present, but have extended their support to the alliance.

The meeting was attended by Farooq and Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, Sajad Lone, MY Tarigami of CPI(M), and Muzaffar Shah of the ANC among other mainstream leaders. The meeting resolved to seek the restoration of the special status of J&K as it existed before the constitutional changes of August 5 last year took

EXPLAINED
A first step; challenges lie ahead

THE MOVE towards putting in place a formal structure in the People’s Alliance of regional parties in Jammu and Kashmir marks a step towards building a platform to mount a political challenge against the constitutional changes of August 5, 2019. However the biggest challenge before the political parties in the new alliance would be to reach a consensus on their joint strategy. The two biggest parties in the alliance had always been political rivals in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

sion document for the alliance is also in the making, for which all parties have been asked to submit their inputs.

“The previous meetings where different parties came together were in the absence of Mehbooba ji, so as soon as her detention was revoked (late on October 13 evening), we all came together. However, what shape the alliance takes will be deliberated in the next meeting,” the NC MP from Anantnag, Hasnain Masoodi, told *The Indian Express*.

The CPI(M)’s Tarigami said “discussion are taking place and details of how the alliance fights the constitutional changes of August 5 will be thrashed out in the next meeting”.

The alliance will likely have a common headquarters for its office-bearers. On August 4 last year, the signatories to the Gupkar Declaration – so named because they met at the residence of Farooq Abdullah at Gupkar Road in Srinagar – had vowed to “defend identity, autonomy and special status” of J&K.

effect, and the erstwhile state was split into two Union Territories. A charter that will serve as a vi-

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER THROUGH E-TENDERING 2020
NIT NO. 17LWS-OPN-AB-2020
On behalf of the President of India, Dy. CME/Works Ajmer, North Western Railway, invites the following Tender: 1. **Name of work:** WORK OF DISMOUNTING, TRANSPORTATION AND MOUNTING OF AIR BRAKE SYSTEM AND ITS COMPONENTS ON WAGONS AT DIESEL LOCO AND WAGON WORKSHOP AJMER FOR 02 YEARS (AS PER SCOPE OF WORK). 2. **Estimated cost of work:** Rs. 36,06,842.40/-, 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 72200/- (Only through net banking or payment gateway on IREPS portal), 4. **Last Date and time for submission and opening of E-tender:** 17.11.2020 up to 15.00 Pm E-tender will be opened at 15.15 PM on same day. Due to indispensable reasons bid opening schedule may change, 5. **Website particular where complete details of e-tender can be seen and participated:** www.ireps.gov.in 808-SR-20
Please join us on NW/Railways

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER
NIT No.: ST-CON-KGP-20-EL-SELADL dated.: 21.10.2020. Dy. CSE/Con, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-Tenders for the following work: **Name of work:** Provision of New Electronics Interlocking at Sankral and Andul in connection with Sankral-Santargachi in Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway. **Advertised value of tender:** ₹ 21,20,51,904.24/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 12,10,300/-, **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 0/-, **e-Tender closing date and time:** 21.11.2020 at 12:00 hrs. **Validity offer:** 90 days. Details of above Tender Notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in (PR-326)

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:
1. Name of the work with its location : Removal of over head infringements 33/11KV, provision of 11KV incoming feeder with transformer at stations, electrification of signal buildings, PF lightings, circulating area lightings, street lighting at stations between Kakarghatti to Shisho Halt in connection with new bypass line of Darbanga Yard. e-Tender No. EL/CON/MHX/ETEN/76/20-21. 2. Approx. Cost of the work : ₹ 2,05,95,564.5, 3. Earnest money and tender Document cost to be deposited : ₹ 2,53,000/- and Rs. Nil respectively, 4. Date and time for closing of tender : 10.11.2020 upto 12:00Hrs. 5. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Tender can be down loaded from IREPS website : www.ireps.gov.in and detailed can be seen from the notice board at CEE/CON/ Mahendrughat office, CA/ CON/ ECR/ office Complex, Patna-04. Dy. CEE/Con/North/ ECR/Samastipur PR/0812/CON/Elec/T/20-21/44
Stay protected from Corona
Wear your mask properly
Frequently wash your hands with soap
Maintain safe distance
NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
DRM (Electrically) ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for execution of the following works. e-Tender No.: EL/11/OPEN/2020-21. 1. Name of work with location and Completion of work : DHN-DIVN: Comprehensive maintenance contract of DG sets of 'GREAVES' make of different model and capacity over DHN-DIVN (05 nos) for three years. (Completion period : 36 Months). 2. Approx. cost of the work ₹ 79,43,850/-, 3. Earnest money to be deposited. : ₹ 1,58,900/-, 4. Date & Time for submission of closing and opening of e-Tender : Closing of e-Tender : On 13.11.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender : On 13.11.2020 after 11:00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars. WEBSITE : www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against e-Tender. Divisional Railway Manager (Elect.)/ ECR/Dhanbad PR/0820/DHN/EGEN/T/20-21/40
Stay protected from Corona
Wear your mask properly
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J&K govt employees can now be retired after 22 years of service, 48 years of age

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 22

THE J&K government has amended Article 226 (2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations for a provision to retire at any time any government servant in the public interest after he has completed 22 years of service or attained 48 years of age.

To identify deadwood in the administration, a notification issued by the government has also provided a time schedule, saying an exercise to review performance will be initiated for each government servant after

completion of 22 years of service or attaining 48 years of age and any time subsequently as may be required.

The changes follow directions from Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, sources said, adding that this has been done as earlier provisions empowering the government to prematurely retire an employee on the basis of non-performance, misbehaviour and bad conduct were “very vague”. As a result, all those who were retired prematurely managed to rejoin service following court orders, they added. Following the amendment, the UT service regulations have now been brought at

par with those followed at the Centre, they said.

The appropriate authority will now have to give either three months prior notice or three months of allowance to retire any employee, according to a notification issued by Financial Commissioner Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

It clarified that the order will not be applicable to those working on posts included in Schedule II of these Rules.

The Administrative Department has to maintain a register of staff who are due to attain 48 years age or complete 22 years of service, the notification said, adding the register

should be scrutinised at the beginning of every year by nominated officers and review the performance of employees.

To ensure a review, the amended regulations provide for the formation of an internal committee in each department comprising the administrative secretary, concerned head of department, and two senior officers to be nominated by the administrative secretary.

The broad criteria to be followed by the review committee while reviewing the performance of employees should be their fitness/competence and their utility for the purpose for which they are employed.



Polling officials during the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council elections, in Leh on Thursday. PTI

65% voting in Leh hill development council elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 22

ELECTIONS TO the Leh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) recorded just over 65 per cent voting in its first poll since the Union territory of Ladakh was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The elections were conducted amid tensions with China in the Ladakh region.

Of the 30 seats in the LAHDC, 26 members are directly elected while four are nominated. There were 94 candidates, including 26 each from the BJP and Congress, 19 from the AAP and 23 independents. The AAP is contesting polls in Ladakh for the first time.

Constituted in accordance with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Act, 1995, this was the sixth election

to the council. A public holiday was declared within the Leh district to facilitate voting, results for which will be declared on October 26.

Leh Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar told *The Indian Express* that the polling process was conducted smoothly in all 294 polling booths of the district.

The highest voting — 83 per cent — was witnessed in the Sku-Markha area with only 719 registered voters, and the lowest voting percentage was recorded in lower Leh where 48 per cent of over 11,000 voters cast their ballot. The Ladakh Parliamentary constituency is currently represented by BJP MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. In the last council, BJP held a majority with 18 councillors representing the party, while the Congress held five and two seats were represented by the National Conference.

NTI Aayog panel for reforms in urban planning education

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A PANEL constituted by the NTI Aayog Thursday will look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system.

The 14-member advisory committee, headed by NTI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar, will review the urban planning education system in India and examine the availability, demand and supply of qualified urban plan-

ners in the country.

NTI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant and secretaries of three ministries—Housing and Urban Affairs, Higher Education and Panchayati Raj—are among the members of the committee.

An order said the committee will “review the current urban planning education system in India in terms of multi-disciplinary, curriculum and related issues at graduate and post graduate levels in the context of the challenges posed by rapid urbanization...”

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
Zonal Office, Patna, Ph: 0612-2508237, Email: zopatna@indianbank.co.in
Invitation of Application for Empanelment of Seizure and Disposal Agents (SADA) for Recovery in NPA Accounts and Search of Personal Assets Respectively Indian Bank (A Govt. of India undertaking) having its Zonal Office at Patna invites Application for empanelment of Seizure and Disposal Agents (SADA) for seizure of vehicles (cars, trucks, buses, tractor, earth movers and others), total solution on seizure and disposal of charged assets and recovery in NPA accounts under this category. The eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and Application format may be collected by the interested parties from our Zonal Office at Budh Marg, Near Kotwali Police Station, Patna. Individuals persons, a firm, LLP, a company or a group of Individuals having adequate infrastructure expertise, skill storage space/garages and having good past experience in the field of seizure and sale of vehicles are eligible for empanelment as SADA. SADA should have secured parking yard either owned or on rent at the time of empanelment. The Application along with experience certificate, Biodata, Certificate of 100 hours training for the Debt and Recovery Agent" from IIBF And other requisites documents and two passport size photographs in sealed cover super scribed with EMPANELMENT for Seizure and Disposal Agents (SADA) must reach our office latest by 31.10.2020 through speed post/courier. Place: Patna Zonal Manager Indian Bank Date: 22.10.2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)
NIT No. 09 (A, B, C)/ 20-21 dated 22.10.2020
1 Name of Work with its location A) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable condition in loco colony DEE in the S/o SSE/W/DKZ I under ADEN/E/IV B) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions at Anand vihar, Tilak Bridge colony & BH office for one year in the S/o SSE/W/B.H under ADEN/E-I C) Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions in Rail Bhawan for two years in the S/o SSE/W/RB under ADEN/E-III
2 Approx. Cost of work A) Rs. 603225.30 B) Rs. 13588708.57 C) 17716522.56
3 Earnest Money (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE-I/C/5/1/1 dated 31.08.2016) A) Rs. 120700.00 B) 218000.00 C) 238600.00
4 Completion period of the work A) 350 Days B) 365 Days C) 730 Days
5 Cost of tender on cash/by post (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no. 2015/CE-I/C/5/1/1 dated 31.08.2016) A) 5900 B) 5900 C) 5900
6 Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs on 17.11.2020 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs on 17.11.2020
6 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
No. 128-W/269/OET/20-21/WE/NIT 09 (A, B, C) Dated : 22.10.2020 2327/20
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR TOMO RIBA INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES (TRIHMS) (SOCIETY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH)
Naharlagun - 791110: Arunachal Pradesh
Phone: 0360-2350331 FAX: 0360-2350791 Email: trihmsap@gmail.com
Roll Advt. No. TRIHMS-67/2017(Vol-II) Dated Naharlagun the 14th Oct, 2020
Interview will be held in the office of the Director (TRIHMS), Naharlagun on 19th & 20th November, 2020 at 10:00 hours onwards for recruitment of the following posts.
I. Dean-cum-Principal - 1 (one) post.
II. Faculty and SR/JR:

SI. No.	Department	No. of posts
		Professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor Senior Resident Junior Resident
(1)	(2)	(3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
1	General Medicine	1 2 - - -
2	Orthopaedics	1 - - - -
3	Anaesthesiology	1 2 - - -
4	Paediatrics	1 - - - -
5	Pathology	- 1 - - -
6	Psychiatry	- 1 - - -
7	Dermatology	- 1 - - -
8	Dentistry	- 1 - - -
9	Obst & Gynae	- 1 - - -
10	Physiology	- - - 1 -
11	Community Medicine	- - - 1 -
12	Chest & Respiratory	- - - 1 1
13	Radio-diagnosis	- - - 1 -
	Total	4 9 2 2 1

III. Pay scale

(i) Dean	: Rs. 1,44,200- 2,18,200 (EP level-14) plus special pay of Rs. 5000	+ NPA per month and other allowances as admissible + free furnished accommodation
(ii) Professor	: (a) Rs. 1,44,200- 2,18,200 (EP level-14) for appointment on regular basis (b) Consolidated pay of Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand) only for appointment on contract basis in respect of persons who are above 65 years	
(iii) Associate Professor	: Rs. 1,23,100- 2,14,100 (EP- level-13)	
(iv) Assistant Professor	: Rs. 78,800- 2,09,200 (EP level-12) + NPA per month and other allowances	
(v) Senior Resident	: Rs. 91,000/- per month fixed and 5% increment in subsequent year and other allowances	
(vi) Junior Resident	: Rs. 79,180/- fixed.	
* (Non medical faculty - No NPA)		

1. Eligibility criteria as per NMC norms.
2. All interested candidates need to send the CV and copies of relevant documents to trihmsap@gmail.com or hard copies of application alongwith documents may be submitted to the OSD (HR) TRIHMS on or before 16th November, 2020.
3. All candidates have to bring their original documents and a set of extra copies of the same at the time of the interview.
4. Any variation in the number of vacancy, if any shall be notified in the institute's website latest by 16/ 11/ 2020
For further details please visit www.trihms.org or contact Dr. B.V.S Murthy, OSD (HR) at Mobile No. 9612484018. Email ID: trihmsap@gmail.com
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Director (TRIHMS)

Ajit Pawar unwell, doctors advise rest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, OCTOBER 22

MAHARASHTRA DEPUTY Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who has been unwell since a few days, has been advised rest by doctors. While he has tested negative for Covid-19, he will remain in home quarantine as a precautionary measure, said family members.

The Deputy CM will attend official meetings, including those of the state cabinet, via video-conferencing for the next few days.

Pawar, who recently visited rain-affected areas in Pune and Solapur districts, had complained of weakness. He consulted doctors at a Mumbai-based super-specialty hospital, said sources.

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N N Reddy

TELANGANA

Former home minister dead after infection

Hyderabad: Senior TRS leader and former Home Minister of Telangana Nayani Narasimha Reddy died here on Thursday. He was 76. Reddy, who served as the first Home Minister of Telangana after its formation in 2014, had been undergoing treatment at a private super-speciality hospital here for post-Covid complications with lung damage and the end came at 12.25 am, hospital sources said. Reddy, a senior trade union leader in Hyderabad, had played an active role in the separate Telangana agitation. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in undivided Andhra Pradesh for three terms in 1978, 1985 and 2004. Reddy had served as a minister in the government of late Y S Rajasekhara Reddy when TRS, then an ally of Congress, joined the government in 2004. **PTI**

UTTAR PRADESH

Illegal arms factory busted, 1 held in Hathras

Hathras: The police on Thursday claimed to have busted an illegal arms-manufacturing factory in Hathras following the arrest of a man and seizure of over a dozen firearms along with ammunition. The police have seized 14 pistols of .315 bore, three rifles, including two of .315 bore, and three unfinished pistols of varying capacities from the unit besides equipment and raw material, police said. Kanchan, a local, who has been booked earlier in over half a dozen cases, has been arrested, Hathras SP Vineet Jaiswal said. **PTI**

MADHYA PRADESH

Claiming to be 'goddess', woman axes son

Panna: In a suspected case of human sacrifice, a woman allegedly axed her 24-year-old son to death, claiming that she felt like a goddess, at Kohni village in Panna district on Thursday, police said. The incident took place around 4.30 am, when Suniabai Lodhi, who is in her 50s and claimed that she felt like a goddess at times, felt the same way and attacked her son with an axe, said Arun Soni, in-charge of Panna Kotwali police station. The police have arrested the woman. **PTI**

MAHARASHTRA

25 injured as lightning strikes village in Thane

Thane: At least 25 people were injured when lightning struck a residential area at Umbarnali village in Maharashtra's Thane district, an official said on Thursday. During heavy rains in Thane on Wednesday evening, a house in the locality was completely destroyed while some adjoining houses also suffered damages, regional disaster management cell chief Santosh Kadam said. **PTI**

PM addresses Bengal on Puja: Respect women of India like you respect Durga

SANTANU CHOWDHURY
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 22

SHARING DURGA Puja greetings in Bengali on the occasion of the first day of the puja – Shasthi – Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted that the Centre's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) will grow in strength from West Bengal and said that women in the country must be given the same respect people have for the Goddess..

In a virtual address to the people, live-streamed in all 294 Assembly constituencies of the state, Modi made an appeal to the people to adhere to physical distancing norms and wear face masks while taking part in the festivities in an effort to keep up the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said: "In the 21st century, our vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat – or self-reliant India – will strengthen from the land of Bengal. We have to take Bengal's culture, pride, progress to newer heights. We are ensuring speedy development for the people of Bengal through various schemes. We are doing everything to reduce problems of the people of the state and improve their lifestyle."

"We have adopted the vision of Purbaday to develop eastern India. West Bengal has to play an



BJP workers at a Durga Puja, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated virtually, in Kolkata on Thursday. Partha Paul

important role to make our vision a success," the PM said in his 23-minute address.

The event was held at Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre in Salt Lake, where a Durga Puja is organised by the BJP. The Prime Minister, who was addressing from the national capital, virtually inaugurated the Puja.

BJP leaders Kailash Vijayvargiya, Mukul Roy and Union minister Babul Supriyo were among present at the venue. The address was preceded by cultural programmes and a rendition of a Rabindranath Tagore song by Supriyo, who is also a singer.

Noting that Durga is worshipped as a symbol of 'Shakti' (strength), Modi said his government is consistently working for the empowerment of women.

He cited decisions such as opening Jan Dhan accounts for 22 crore women, giving soft loans to them under the Mudra Yojana, launching Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao initiative, granting permanent commission to women in the armed forces, and extending maternity leave from 12 to 26 weeks and said, "we have taken a number of steps for their empowerment".

The Prime Minister said al-

though Durga Puja this year is being celebrated on a limited scale due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the "enthusiasm is still unlimited".

He said: "Bengal's Puja gives India a new colour. We are celebrating Durga Puja in times of Covid-19 (and) devotees have shown exemplary restraint. The number of people might be less but the grandeur and devotion are the same; the happiness and joy are still boundless. This is the real Bengal."

"There is such power in devotion there it seems that I am not in Delhi but today I am present among all of you in Bengal."

WEST BENGAL

After HC order, giant screens and mobile apps for devotees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 22

AFTER THE Calcutta High Court order banned visitors' entry to Durga Puja pandals, organisers made last-minute changes. Giant screens were installed outside the pandals for "darshan" (glimpse) and virtual "pushpanjali" (ritual of offering flowers to god) will be arranged for devotees to take part from home.

Puja organisers also installed loud speakers in the vicinity of the pandals to play mantras for the local residents.

"We will organise virtual pushpanjali through Zoom. This will also help us to connect with people staying in foreign countries, including the US and the UK. Also, we will play the mantras on loudspeakers, so that people can offer pushpanjali at home," said Subir Das, a member of Bhawanipore 75 Pally Puja Committee.

Even before court restrictions were in place, Kolkata's Santosh Mitra Square Puja committee had decided to livestream all rituals. "Keeping the pandemic in mind, we had decided to restrict visitors' entry and made all arrangements accordingly. We couldn't have risked anyone's life," said Sajal Ghosh, committee secretary.

Organisers of Jodhpur Park Sarbojanin have cut down on their budget and installed the idols inside a community hall. All their events will be livestreamed on giant screens across a stretch of one kilometre.

FATF REVIEW OF SPOT ON GREY LIST

MEA: Pak has not completed action items

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

INDIA ON Thursday pushed for Pakistan to remain on Paris-based global watchdog Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) Grey List saying Islamabad had addressed only 21 of the 27 action items on terror financing and money laundering issued to it by the agency.

Pakistan's spot on the list and its progress with respect to the action items is being reviewed at a plenary session of the FATF, which began on October 21 and is scheduled to end on October 23.

Responding to questions, MEA official spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said on Thursday, "FATF has well laid out standards and procedures... After a country is put on a list, an action plan is given to it and the country concerned is expected to fully complete the action plan within the stipulated time. Those found wanting in implementing their obligations are held accountable and subjected to appropriate action."

"It is understood that Pakistan has addressed only 21 action items so far out of the total 27 point FATF Action Plan... As is well known, Pakistan continues to provide safe havens to terrorist entities and individuals and has also not yet taken any action against several terrorist entities and indi-

EXPLAINED

Spot on list means more pressure

PAKISTAN HAS been under the FATF's scrutiny for the last two years. With half a dozen commitments left unfulfilled under the agency's action plan, it would hope to get out of the list soon. Delhi, however, would want Islamabad to stay on the Grey List – that would pressure on Pakistan to take more action against terror groups.

viduals including those proscribed by the UNSC such as Masood Azhar, Dawood Ibrahim, Zakir-ur-Rahman Lakhvi," Srivastava added. The FATF had placed Pakistan on the grey list in June 2018 and issued the plan.

In August, seeking to wriggle out of the grey list, Pakistan imposed financial sanctions on 88 banned terror groups and their leaders, including 26/11 Mumbai attack mastermind and Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed, JeM chief Masood Azhar and underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

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Kerala Bishops council: No change in Church stand, Pope didn't justify same-sex marriage

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

A DAY after Pope Francis was featured in a documentary, purportedly endorsing same-sex civil unions, Kerala Catholic Bishops Council (KCBC) on Thursday said there is no change in the Church's stand on same-sex. It also said that "reports that the Pope had justified the same-sex marriage are baseless and misleading".

While being interviewed for a documentary, which premiered at the Rome Film Festival on Wednesday, the Pope had purportedly stated that "homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God." He reportedly said in one of his sit-down interviews for the film, "What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered."

The Pope's comments have evoked mixed response from the Catholic Church, but the Vatican has not denied his endorsement of the same-sex civil unions.

The KCBC is an organisation of Catholic bishops in Kerala belonging to rites of Syro-Malabar, Latin and Syro-Malankara Churches. Syro-Malabar Church head Cardinal George Alencherry is the president of KCBC.

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Bishop Joseph Pamplani, chairman of KCBC's media commission, said, "Pope Francis has not adopted any stance that denies the Church teachings on sexual morality."

KCBC spokesperson Fr Jacob Palakkappalli said, "The Catholic Church has not diluted its stand on family life and homosexuality. The Church does not make exhortations about marriage and family life through documentaries. The Pope had taught in the past also that those in the LGBT category are children of God and they deserve special care and love. The Church is of the stand that same-sex inclinations should be differentiated from same-sex acts."

The Catholic Church does not recognise living together of same-sex persons as marriage. Some countries had accepted such relations as civil union. The Church has taken a serious note about the pastoral work among people living in that manner, KCBC stated.

MEA: Over 3,800 ceasefire violations by Pak this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

PAKISTAN'S TROOPS have resorted to more than 3,800 incidents of unprovoked ceasefire violations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir this year and even supported smuggling of arms and narcotic substances, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Thursday.

MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said Pakistan's forces have continued to engage in unprovoked ceasefire violations, often in civilian areas, to support infiltration of terrorists across the LoC.

"This is a clear violation of the 2003 ceasefire understanding between the two sides. This year, till date, Pakistani forces have carried out more than 3,800 unprovoked ceasefire violations," Srivastava said at a media briefing.

Srivastava added that there have also been attempts to drop arms and ammunition close to the LoC under the garb of civilian activity.

"We have also witnessed that Pakistan's aid and abetment to cross-border terrorism, smuggling of arms and narcotic substances have spilled over to the International Boundary including, through usage of drones and quadcopters," he said.

Srivastava said such violations are regularly highlighted to Pakistan through diplomatic channels and at the regular DCGMO- (Director General of Military Operations) level talks.

GUJARAT

Court extends remand of four accused in BJP leader 'murder'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, OCTOBER 22

A LOCAL court in Jhalod has extended by four days the police remand of four accused in the alleged contract killing of Jhalod councillor and BJP leader Hiren Patel, in a staged "hit-and-run" incident on September 27.

Earlier, they were remanded to seven days in police custody on October 15.

The district police produced the four accused – Irfan Pada, Ajay Kalal, Sajjansinh Chauhan and Mohammed Samir Mujawar – before the local court via video conference on Thursday, seeking extension of remand on the grounds that the accused were "uncooperative" in the probe and police are yet to trace the vehicle that was used to mow down Patel.

The police remand application also cited that the remand was needed as two absconding accused – Imran Gudala and Irfan Basti – were yet to be apprehended.

On Thursday, 15 councillors of Jhalod Municipality submitted a memorandum to Dahod SP Hitesh Joyar, seeking security, citing a "threat to their life". They had handed the memorandum to Deputy SP Paresh Solanki on Wednesday evening.

Indigenous stealth corvette INS Kavaratti commissioned into Navy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

CHIEF OF Army Staff General M M Naravane on Thursday commissioned the Anti-Submarine Warfare stealth corvette, INS Kavaratti, into the Indian Navy. INS Kavaratti is the last in the series of four Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes built for the Navy by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, a leading shipyard, under Project 28.

The timeline of the P28 class of ships built by GRSE was synchronised to factor in the unique indigenisation efforts, according to a release.

Special high strength warship-grade steel type DMR 249



General MM Naravane with other senior officers at the commissioning ceremony. Express

A, was indigenously developed for these ships' construction. INS Kavaratti and INS Kiltan are the first two major warships in the country to have the unique feature of superstructure made of Carbon Fiber Composite Material.

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

AFTER 52 years of feeding India's lawmakers, the Indian Railways is set to exit the canteens and kitchens of Parliament complex by next month to make way for a new agency to feed Parliamentarians.

Northern Railway, which provides the catering arrangement in all food-serving facilities in Parliament House Estate – the canteens, annexe, library building, various pantries – has received a communication from the Lok Sabha Secretariat, asking it to vacate the premises and hand over all equipment, such as computers, printers, furniture and the like, and recall all its staff



More than 100 Northern Railway staff are posted in Parliament. Renuka Puri/file

by November 15.

Officials in Parliament and Railways confirmed the development and said that as per the

latest proposal, Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), which runs the Ashoka Hotel, is set to take over the

catering job. Food served in Parliament has been highly subsidised to keep the tariff low for the MPs, House staff, and visitors.

Usually a committee of MPs oversees the catering arrangements in Parliament. However, the committee for the current Lok Sabha has not yet been constituted. Officials said the decision has been finalised at the level of the Secretariat administration.

More than 100 Northern Railway staff – cooks, servers, kitchen staff and others – are posted in Parliament. During House sessions, around 75 additional personnel from Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) are deployed as reinforcement. The Railways had a sanctioned

strength of 417 catering staff for deployment in Parliament.

Usually the committee of MPs, along with the Parliament administration, decides the rates and items of food served in Parliament canteens of various categories. However, Northern Railway is paid whatever cost it incurs from the Ministry of Finance through Parliament. Officials said the annual revenue from Parliament catering is to the tune of Rs 15 to Rs 18 crore.

Officials maintained that the move to get an alternative to Railways for catering for MPs had been contemplated even during the UPA tenure, when Meira Kumar was the Speaker. "There have often been quality issues with the railway food," a Parliament official said.

EXPRESS NETWORK

Akbar defamation case against Priya Ramani sent back to same judge

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A DELHI court has sent back the criminal defamation case filed by former Minister of State for External Affairs M J Akbar against journalist Priya Ramani to a special MP/MLA court that has been hearing the matter for two years.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vishal Pahuja had said on October 13: "There has been directions from the Supreme Court... This case has to be placed before the District and Sessions Judge for further directions. This court will deal with cases against MP/MLAs."

District and Sessions Judge Sujata Kohli passed the order on whether the case could continue before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vishal Pahuja. On November 2, the next date of hearing, Akbar's counsel, senior advocate Geeta Luthra, will make her rebuttal to Ramani's final arguments.

Hearing in the case began in October 2018 under ACMM Samar Vishal, who presided over the proceedings until October 25, 2019, when examination-in-chief of defence witnesses were underway. He was later transferred, and ACMM Pahuja began hearing the matter from November 21, 2019, when Ramani's cross-examina-



Priya Ramani and M J Akbar

tion had come to an end.

He heard the final arguments of both sides.

After two years of hearing, the case was in its last stages when ACMM Pahuja—of the special MP/MLA court at Rouse Avenue District Court—said that he can no longer hear the matter. He said this was not a case against an MP or MLA—it was a case filed by an MP—and must be transferred.

This, he said, would be in line with the direction of the Supreme Court, and a February 2018 administrative order of the High Court.

On October 14, DSJ Kohli, hearing arguments of the two sides, cautioned that consequences of the trial continuing without jurisdiction can be "very dangerous" because the entire proceedings can be construed vitiated and the trial de novo (anew).

Ramani had levelled allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment against Akbar, who sued her. He resigned as a Union minister in October 2018.

Allahabad HC grants bail to journalist held over his tweets

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JOURNALIST PRASHANT Kanojia, arrested in August for "promoting enmity" through his tweets, was released Thursday after the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court granted him bail.

The bench of Justice Attau Rahman Masoodi, while granting bail to Kanojia, said he should file an undertaking that he won't seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for presenting evidence. "The applicant (Kanojia) shall remain present before the trial court on each date fixed, either personally or through counsel, and that the applicant shall remain present in person on the dates fixed for the opening of the case, framing of charge and recording of statement," the court's order stated.

On August 17, an FIR was registered against Kanojia at Lucknow's Hazratganj police station on a complaint filed by Sub-Inspector Dinesh Kumar Shukla.

As per the FIR registered by the police, Kanojia had tweeted a post on Hindu Army's Sushil



Prashant Kanojia

Tiwari that was morphed and with intention to malign the fame of Tiwari".

After Kanojia was granted bail, his lawyer said there was another FIR registered against him in May at Ashiyana police station in Lucknow for another tweet. "Though the court has granted bail in both the cases, the order for the Ashiyana one has not yet been uploaded. On August 19... he was taken on remand for both the cases," she said.

The court order issued on Wednesday mentioned that the counsel for the accused applicant has said that chargesheet in the present case has already been filed and there is no possibility of the applicant tampering with the evidence or influencing the investigation in any manner.

Also, that the applicant has assured that he shall not indulge in the act of posting tweets that may hurt the sentiments of people or any specific group.

Nurse dies by suicide, note accuses seniors of harassment

Surat: A 28-year-old nurse serving in the Covid ward in Navsari civil hospital allegedly died by suicide after leaving a five-page note accusing her seniors of harassment, police said.

Megha Acharya was found hanging at her house in Navsari where she was living with her parents on Wednesday night. She was married and has a one-year-old son.

The deceased's sister Tanvika Hingrajiya said: "She was mentally harassed by her seniors and it was becoming unbearable for her. This forced her to take the drastic step. We want police to carry out a free and fair investigation and find out the culprits responsible for her death."

Vejalpur police sub-inspector SF Goswami said: "In her note, she accused two of her seniors of not giving her an off for medical check-up. She has claimed that she was discriminated and was not even given scheduled off from duty." **ENS**

LAXMI VILAS SALE CASE

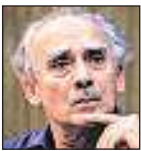
HC stays trial against Shourie, others

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 22

THE RAJASTHAN High Court has stayed proceedings by a CBI court against former Union minister Arun Shourie and others in a case pertaining to the sale of Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel in Udaipur in 2002.

Hearing the case, Justice Vijay Bishnoi ordered "that the trial court should not proceed against the petitioners pursuant to the impugned order till further orders". The High Court also called for records of the case from the trial court and listed the matter for hearing after three weeks.

Appearing through video



Arun Shourie

conferencing, Shourie said the process of disinvestment of Laxmi Vilas Hotel had been challenged twice by the same person before the Division Bench of the Rajasthan High Court, but was dismissed both times—in 2002 and 2006.

He said that while dismissing the petitions, the High Court made "specific observations that no material has been placed that fixation of reserve price of shares was arbitrary".

After I-T dept searches, Surat BJP leader protests outside his residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 22

RETIRED INCOME tax official and vice-president of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Surat unit, PVS Sarma, on Thursday sat in protest on the road outside his house in Pipold area of Surat after the income tax (I-T) department conducted searches on his premises as well as premises linked to him in Surat, Thane and Mumbai.

The searches were held three



Vice-president of BJP Surat unit PVS Sarma. *Express*

days after he tweeted about transactions by a jewellery brand on the night when demonetisation was announced in

2016, allegedly evading tax. I-T officials said they conducted the searches after Sarma did not give satisfactory replies to a summons issued to him on October 1 over his "disproportionate assets".

Sarma, 57, who was senior income tax officer for 18 years since 1990 had taken VRS from in 2007 to join the BJP is also in charge of the party's information technology (IT) cell.

Sarma who sat in protest for a few hours on Thursday told *The Indian Express*: "I dug out a scam and now I am being victimised..."



TAKING STOCK

Maharashtra minister Eknath Shinde (left) assesses crop damage caused by rain in Thane district on Thursday. *Deepak Joshi*

Mumbai Police to transfer salary accounts of all personnel from Axis to HDFC Bank

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

THE MUMBAI Police have informed its personnel and staff that their salary accounts are being transferred from Axis Bank to HDFC Bank. With 50,000 salary accounts, Mumbai Police was a high-value customer of Axis Bank since 2003. The annual police salary bill in the state runs up to Rs 3,000 crore.

In 2015, the Opposition took



The annual police salary bill in the state runs up to Rs 3,000 crore. *File*

on the then chief minister Devendra Fadnavis for renewing a five-year contract with Axis Bank as his wife Amruta held a senior position in the bank. When contacted, Joint Commissioner of Police (admin) Rajkumar Vhatkar said, "The decision was made purely on merit."

According to police sources, personnel were informed about the shift to HDFC and asked to co-operate with bank employees who would visit them individually to effect the transfer.

"We have been asked to submit our document to bank officials in order to open an account; however, we have not been told when they will start depositing our salaries into our new bank accounts," a police official said.

Sources in the department said the contract of handling salary accounts of Mumbai Police as well as home department staff working for the police force was with Axis Bank in 2003. In 2015, the agreement was renewed and extended to July 31, 2020.

IAVI, Merck, Serum Institute to jointly develop Covid antibodies

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THE INTERNATIONAL AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), a non-profit scientific research organisation dedicated to addressing urgent global health challenges, and Serum Institute of India on Thursday announced an agreement with Merck, a science and technology company, to develop SARS-CoV-2 neutralising monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), co-invented by IAVI and Scripps Research, as innovative interventions to address the Covid-19 pandemic.

The agreement builds on the advanced antibody discovery and optimisation expertise of IAVI and Scripps Research, gained from years of experience in HIV, neutralising antibody research and development, and on Merck's and Serum Institute's significant capabilities in design and scale-up of accelerated manufacturing processes for mAb production. The global de-

velopment plan is being led by the three organisations in partnership.

If the potent and broadly cross-reactive SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody candidates being advanced through this partnership are shown to be efficacious in clinical trials, either as a single antibody or a potential combination of both candidates, Merck will lead commercialisation of the effort in developed countries.

The Serum Institute has a track record of more than 50 years in developing affordable medicines and is the world's largest producer of vaccines. Serum Institute will lead global manufacturing as well as commercialisation in low and middle-low-income countries, including India.

"We are acutely aware of the tremendous potential for monoclonal antibodies to be used in Covid-19 response. By combining the scientific achievements of IAVI and Scripps Research with our partners' development,

manufacturing, and distribution expertise, we are hopeful that this partnership will result in globally accessible antibodies that are available to all who can benefit from them," said Mark Feinberg, president and CEO of IAVI, in a statement released on Thursday.

Belén Garijo, vice-chair of the executive board and Deputy CEO, Merck, as well as CEO Healthcare, said, "Together with IAVI and Serum Institute, we look forward to demonstrating the potential application of these monoclonal antibodies in the management of Covid-19."

"I am extremely pleased that we have joined forces with IAVI and Merck in the fight against Covid-19 with the aim of developing monoclonal antibodies for global access... I am confident that we and our partners are on a productive path that will lead to a much-needed, globally available tool for Covid-19 treatment and possibly prevention," said Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute.

Yet, the trial "court, without considering the said reasons in right perspective, has illegally passed the impugned order."

In an order on September 15, Special CBI Court Judge Pooran Kumar Sharma had rejected the CBI's application to file a closure report in the investigation into the sale of Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel. Rejecting the CBI's plea that it had not found any evidence to launch prosecution, Judge Sharma said that prima facie it had been proved that the accused had abused their posts to cause a loss of Rs 244 crore to the government of India in the sale of the hotel. The CBI court had also directed the district administration to take possession of the property.

Days after Dalits took up Buddhism, they face FIR for conversion 'rumours'

AMIL BHATNAGAR & SOMYA LAKHANI
GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 22

DAYS AFTER over 230 residents of a Ghaziabad village, who are Valmiki, said that they converted to Buddhism, UP Police on Thursday filed an FIR against "unknown persons" for allegedly "spreading false rumours about religious conversion".

Members of the Valmiki community in Karera village said that they converted to Buddhism in the presence of Rajratan Ambedkar, great-grandnephew of Dr B R Ambedkar, on October 14. On Thursday, an FIR was filed at Sahibabad police station after a complaint was received from a 22-year-old "social worker", Montu Chandel. The FIR has been filed under IPC Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc) and 505 (whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement, rumour or report).

The FIR states, "Some unknown persons and organisations spread false rumours about religious conversion of 230 people. The certificates issued in its connection bear no name and address and there is no date of issuance, nor is there a registration number. Anyone's name can be written on it. There has been an

attempt to flare caste-based tensions as per a criminal conspiracy..."

Rajratan Ambedkar said certificates were issued to 236 people by The Buddhist Society of India, founded in 1955 by Dr Ambedkar. The certificates bear the signature of Rajratan, who is the organisation's trustee-manager, and Bhadant Arya Nagarjuna Surai Sasai, chairman of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Committee.

He said, "How can they say religious conversion in Karera on October 14 is a rumour? I was present there. There is a Facebook Live video of the event; there are photographs of the event. What is the basis of this FIR?"

Sahibabad circle officer Keshav Kumar said, "We are investigating the allegations. The certificates only bear the date of conversion. The allegation that the documents are not authentic will be investigated. No arrests have been made in the matter so far."

Pawan, a resident of Karera village, who used to work as a housekeeping supervisor at an apartment complex until March, had coordinated the October 14 event. Denying allegations made by Chandel, he said that religious conversion did take place on October 14. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

In UP, sub-inspector is suspended over beard

AMIT SHARMA
MEERUT, OCTOBER 22

A SUB-INSPECTOR (S-I) posted at a police station in Bagpat has been suspended for "keeping a beard without permission from the authorities concerned," a senior officer said. An inquiry has also been initiated against Intesar Ali for allegedly "not paying heed to notices served thrice for flouting the state police uniform norms," the officer added.

Ali has been serving in Bagpat for the past three years and was at present posted at Ramala police station. "My requests for keeping a beard are pending in the offices of the SP and the IC (Meerut zone) for the

ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

Spl court rejects Stan Swamy's bail plea

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

A SPECIAL court Thursday rejected the interim bail plea of 83-year-old Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist Stan Swamy, arrested this month in the Elgaar Parishad case. Swamy had filed the interim bail application on medical grounds, citing his age and health condition.

Swamy was arrested on October 8 by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) from Ranchi, Jharkhand, and brought to Mumbai the next day. The agency did not seek his custody and filed a supplementary chargesheet against him and seven others. Swamy has been in jail since.

Lawyer Sharif Shaikh, representing Swamy, submitted to the special court that Swamy is suffering from Parkinson's disease and was not able to even sign the *vakalnama* due to it at the time of his production before the court by the NIA.

Opposing his bail plea, the NIA had submitted that he was "trying to take an undue benefit" of the ongoing pandemic.

The chargesheet against Swamy claims that he was a member of the CPI (Maoist) and received funds for its activities. It had also referred to his work as part of the Persecuted Prisoners Solidarity Committee. Swamy, in his statement, had said that his work challenging indiscriminate arrests of thousands of young Adivasis labelled as "Naxals" was the reason he was being implicated.

The NIA has also submitted that while the committee's guidelines recommend considering the grant of interim bail to undertrials above 60 years of age, it cannot be granted mechanically.

The court rejected the plea, the detailed order of which is yet to be made available.



Stan Swamy

BALLIA FIRING

Karni Sena members 'backing' accused stopped in Azamgarh

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MORE THAN 30 members of the Karni Sena were stopped and taken into custody by the police in Azamgarh while on their way to Ballia to participate in a programme organised in support of Dharendra Pratap Singh, main accused in the Ballia firing case, on Wednesday.

According to the police, the group, led by Karni Sena's state unit president Sandeep Singh, had planned to gather outside the Ballia District Magistrate's (DM) office in support of Dharendra Pratap and also local BJP MLA Surendra Singh, who had backed the main accused, claiming that the latter had "opened fire in self-defence" as it was a "kill or get

killed" situation then.

Surendra Singh was earlier summoned by the BJP state leadership that disapproved of his remarks defending the main accused in the case. While the party has sought an explanation from the MLA, sources say BJP national president JP Nadda has also warned the party's UP chief over the conduct of Surendra Singh. The Karni Sena has now warned that if the BJP takes any action against MLA Surendra Singh, they would boycott the BJP.

"The step was taken with the law and order situation in mind and preventive arrests were made. They had come from different districts. We arrested 33 persons under Section 151 of CrPC. They were later released by a magistrate after filing a bond," said Azamgarh SP (Rural) Siddhartha.



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THE WRONG DOSE

By making vaccine a manifesto promise, BJP in Bihar gives a self-serving response to a grave public health emergency

ELECTION MANIFESTOES ARE not usually known for prudence or their measured use of language. Yet, even in times when political parties play to sentiments and raise false expectations without compunction in the run-up to polls, the BJP's manifesto promise for the Bihar assembly elections is remarkable. Its promise of free vaccine against COVID-19 to every "Biharwasi" is not just another instance of poll populism — it's an attempt to manipulate the anxieties caused by the most lethal pandemic to have ravaged the world in more than a century. Union minister of finance, and senior party leader, Nirmala Sitharaman's announcement — "the people of Bihar will get vaccination for free once the production in India is on a large scale. This is our first poll promise as mentioned in the manifesto" — reeks of desperation, and shows the BJP to be cavalier to the demands of science or requirements of administrative protocols, and to the need to respond to the stress suffered by society in the past 10 months in large and compassionate ways.

So far, the Centre and states have done a good job in pulling together for COVID management and have largely insulated the process from politics, while sharing best practices. In the past month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his cabinet colleagues and the government's medical research agencies have indicated that a policy to deliver the vaccine is in the works. Negotiations are on with vaccine manufacturers; price discovery is weeks, if not months, away, given that no candidate has cleared the final hurdle yet. Given India's population, the government needs to secure a reasonable price for maximum public safety; it is expected to be free for vulnerable sections, subsidised for others and the private sector is also being roped in. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has, rightly, cautioned that the first lot may not be available to everyone and hinted at the rudiments of a prioritising strategy focusing on health workers and people with co-morbidities. Conversations over other critical issues like the cost of a cold-chain infrastructure to transport, store and distribute the vaccine are at an incipient stage — early reports indicate that COVID-19 vaccines will need to be stored at temperatures lower than those of MMR and other traditional vaccines such as the BCG. How will resources be mobilised? Will it involve the private sector, and in what capacity? Such questions are inextricable from those of equity and transparency in vaccine distribution and require discussion. To throw the complex matter into the hustle and bustle of electioneering, making the vaccine a poll sop, is a rude rupture in a conversation that has only just begun.

BJP leaders' argument that this is the equivalent of a "loan-waiver" announcement is specious, at best. Unlike a targeted poll sop, a COVID vaccine affects the entire population, not just a section; it is critical to the health of individuals and the community. Singling out one state as a beneficiary just because it is going to vote is bad science, bad politics — and plain wrong.

PUSHING THE BOUNDARY

Pope's remarks on same-sex civil unions illustrate how work of tolerance can sometimes proceed without confrontation

POPE FRANCIS HAS become the first pontiff to endorse same-sex civil unions. Even if enormously significant, this may not be a radical break — the Roman Catholic church's positions on homosexuality as "deviant" behaviour and marriage as a sacramental union possible only between "a man and a woman" remain unchanged. But for millions of homosexual Catholics, who the pope acknowledged "have a right to be in a family", his remarks in a new documentary film open up a breathing space. For the church, it is a nudge to bend the arc of its practice to a more expansive and accommodating view of gay life.

Pope Francis's tenure as pontiff has been near-revolutionary, and equally polarising. He has sought to claim divine grace for everyone, including atheists; he has offered private succour to a trans-couple and called for mercy for women who chose to have abortions; he has pitched the church into the debate over climate change, and called pollution a sin. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, too, he had advocated a legal shield for same-sex couples, even while being opposed to homosexual marriage. Sometimes, it is laws that push societies towards disruptive change; sometimes, institutions have to catch up and acknowledge shifts that have already taken place. While homosexuality, with its defiant critique of the heterosexual "norm", unsettles all shades of conservative attitudes, the idea of the individual's inviolable right to determine their desires is no longer possible to vilify in the modern world. The pope's remarks are a pragmatic acceptance of that. They also illustrate how the work of tolerance can sometimes proceed without abrasive confrontation — simply acknowledging people, with all their differences, as "children of god" can open doors.

Despite a low-guilt pre-colonial history of sexual desire, India has only just about taken the first steps in this battle for acceptance. A decades-long movement culminated two years ago in a landmark Supreme Court decision that decriminalised homosexuality. There are petitions in the Delhi High Court that seek to expand the Special Marriage Act to include marriages of same-sex couples. If the courts have been hard to win over, the struggle for acceptance in religious institutions and families is going to be stiffer. For India, with a sizeable Christian population, the pope's words will send out a much-needed message and blunt the edge of prejudice for many more. For that alone, it is immensely welcome.

FASTER IN IPL

Pace has been all the rage this season, changing games, mocking patterns and predictions

DELIVERY THAT South Africa pacer Anrich Nortje bowled clocked 156.22 kmph, the fastest across 13 editions of the Indian Premier League. At that speed, a batsman has around 0.4 seconds to react, the time it takes to blink. In the same spell, against Rajasthan Royals, he touched 155.21 kmph and 154.74 kmph, the second and third fastest in IPL history. The strapping South African is not alone in the pace race. His compatriot, Kagiso Rabada, and England bowler Jofra Archer have been bowling in excess of 150 kmph. Jasprit Bumrah and Lockie Ferguson, too, have revved up their pace and hostility quotients.

The numbers, though, are inadequate to capture the essence of fast bowling. Few thrills in cricket can compare to the sight of a tearaway fast bowler running in to bowl. But T20 had hitherto never truly appreciated genuine pace. Bowlers who were masters of taking the pace off the ball were considered superheroes. For pace, even extreme pace, needs some guile to be effective. There is only a fine margin for error. The IPL patch of 2020 have married pace with discipline and smarts.

Pace can induce terror, collapse, indecision, even fear for life. Even batsmen like Virat Kohli and Steve Smith, who usually seem to have so much time to work in, are suddenly so short of time that they are induced into making last-minute defensive adjustments or mistakes. It can change games in an instant — last Sunday, Kolkata Knight Riders' Ferguson demolished Sunrisers in a single spell of sustained hostility. Fast bowlers were expected to struggle, considering the heat and slow nature of the surface. But that's what pure pace can do. It makes a mockery of predictions and patterns.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

WHAT DOES INDIA'S political economy look like in the aftermath of a series of high-profile economic reforms that the Narendra Modi government has undertaken? The economic effects of these reforms will play out over the long run. This piece is not an economic assessment of these policies. It is a reflection on the political economy of the Modi model, which is now acquiring systematic contours.

First, broadly speaking, macro-economic stability matters. But, politically, the government remains convinced that inflation carries serious political risks. This is going to remain a cornerstone of macro political economy.

Second, the relative bargaining power of capital in relation to labour will continue to radically favour capital. This has been the trend for the last two decades. In emerging economies, there will be a race to the bottom as far as sensible protections for labour go. Indonesia has, like India, gutted labour protections. The previous regime of labour laws was deeply broken and it served neither the cause of capital efficiency nor labour protection. So, it is politically pointless to defend the status quo. Politically, it was easy to portray the small section of the economy that has protected labour as an aristocracy impeding the progress of other excluded labour rather than as a bulwark against capital. But the migrant labour crisis throws up another puzzle. The degree of hardship inflicted on migrant labour is still not showing up in any serious political backlash. One explanation is the politics of faith — like demonetisation, this punishment has not deeply broken faith in Modi. But there may be something deeper: That migrant labour has been always so radically disenfranchised in political terms that they have little faith that any alternative dispensation would have done better for them. So no political strike against Modi.

Third, in agriculture, the problem is similar to labour — any position that simply involves defending the status quo loses political support. Whether or not these bills will result in greater prosperity for farmers is an open question. It depends on the follow-up. The political consequences of the agriculture bills are far-reaching in a state like Punjab where MSP is very significant. But the political effects will be largely concentrated in a few states like Punjab and

Opposition must think harder about political economy of protest to counter new political economy of reform

State and capital relations will remain very politically cosy. In significant sections of Indian capital, there is a deep commitment to the Hindutva project. The government understands that control of the information order requires control of capital; so it will superintend it. Corruption will be more structural rather than transactional. This has the advantage of being able to mobilise all the necessary funds, and yet at the same time giving the impression that transactional corruption has come down

Haryana. In fact, for those not in agriculture, the bills strengthen the government's reformist credentials. Ideologically, it is not easy for the Congress to mount an opposition to the bills, because their policies were headed in the same direction, even if they might have been more nuanced. Also, nothing in the bills precludes the state from continuing with MSP. So, the whole argument will turn on convincing affected farmers of the government's intentions. The events in Punjab could yet spiral into a crisis if not handled well. But there is little evidence of a national opposition to the bills.

Fourth, state-capital relations. State and capital relations will remain very politically cosy. In significant sections of Indian capital, there is a deep commitment to the Hindutva project. The government understands that control of the information order requires control of capital; so it will superintend it. Corruption will be more structural rather than transactional. This has the advantage of being able to mobilise all the necessary funds, and yet at the same time giving the impression that transactional corruption has come down. There are three areas of discretion that will continue to be the subject of state-capital negotiations. First, there is no evidence to suggest that the channelling of credit will not, at the margins, continue to be directed to the favourite players. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was a good legislation. But, as Ujjit Patel argued in *Overdraft*, the government undermined its own legislation, largely it seems so that it could still exercise discretion. So the political economy suggests that we are not going to see major financial sector reforms soon. With Atmanirbhar Bharat, there is more scope for negotiation on tariffs in different sectors. It will be interesting to see if these negotiations are governed by an economic or a political economy logic.

Finally, this government is comfortable with greater concentration of capital. The argument that there is a need to create national champions who can leverage scale will be used to justify the dominance of the Ambanis over the Indian economy to a point that is unhealthy. But can this nexus be converted into a political narrative of corruption? This is going to be difficult. In the previous anti-corruption movement, the media was complicit in the campaign and it acquired plausibility

because of existing high-profile transactional corruption. Structural corruption will be harder to convert into a political narrative.

Fifth, there is a deepening of the new welfare state. Interestingly, the Modi government's focus here is on six of the new indicators that the Oxford Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index uses to supplement traditional indicators of health and education. Cooking fuel, water, sanitation, electricity, housing and assets. These schemes have several political advantages. These are vital initiatives. They target women, and are visible. The real question is whether outcomes are translating into results. For instance, the Ujjwala Yojana was quite successful in reaching its target of the number of new connections. But, according to government data, per capita cylinder use under the scheme in 2019 was 3.28 refills, suggesting that the gap between the number of connections and the usage you would expect based on those connections was very wide. But these are the six schemes to monitor closely. We need more objective scrutiny of these schemes of the kind MGNREGA was subject to under UPA. But a lot will depend upon whether the government narrative on these schemes can be countered with some real evidence that these schemes are not delivering. From a political point of view, the challenge will be that while some of the government's claims may turn out to be inflated, will the shortfall be sufficient to demonstrate government failure?

Finally, there is the political economy of federalism that has come under immense strain because of GST and the government's encroaching on the state's rights in recent legislation. But the blunt truth is that, in the final analysis, the potency of this fault line depends on the states. If the BJP wins Bihar and Bengal, the potential of significant revolt on federalism issues will diminish.

Despite economic headwinds, it has not been easy to use the economy as a point with which to attack the Modi government. It has still positioned itself as a breaker of the status quo. The opposition will have to think more intelligently about the political economy of protest to counter the new political economy of reform.

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ARPANA CAUR

IN A RECENT newspaper article, I read how architectural plans for the "other buildings" under the Central Vista Redevelopment project — after the Parliament — are being readied, which includes the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum.

Since March, I have been reaching out to the government to express concerns of the artist community on the relocation of the two cultural centres that have played such a crucial role in the promotion of art in independent India. Their central location attracts hundreds of art lovers, who can just saunter in after a walk in the India Gate lawns. I call them the *mai-baap* of Indian artists and moving them would snatch these away from us.

My own relationship with these two institutions goes back several years, when I was around eight and used to stay on Curzon Road. I would look forward to weekend outings when my mother (Ajeet Cour) would take me boating at India Gate, followed by a children's film at Sapru House or a visit to the National Museum to view artefacts that introduced us to the rich heritage of India. This was the 1960s, when Delhi was still uncongested and innocent. As a child, I was fascinated by the sheer magnificence of the National Museum, its round building with pillars, circular corridors and sculptures. You entered like you

NOT MERE PLOT NUMBERS

By relocating National Museum and IGNCA, we are letting go of our history, heritage

were entering a temple of art. The charm of its magical courtyard, with life-size sculptures and high-ceiling galleries, has not worn off with time. I have seen visitors offering flowers to the lying Vishnu in the corridor, others marvelling at the life-sized Kali and Kubera sculptures near the entrance.

I have been there thousands of times, but I still enter with a sense of wonder. I will never forget the busloads of school students I interacted with when I was exhibiting my Nanaks in digital form early this year. Its collection has also inspired much of my own work — from the Chola bronzes to the starving Buddha sculpture from Taxila. I have turned to the miniatures in its famed galleries so often, as have so many other artists. For me, it is the Kohinoor of museums in India.

It is the same with IGNCA, which was Kapila Vatsyayan's vision, who recently passed away. She had conceived of Mati Char with so much affection, and I am sure it would have hurt her to see what is being planned now. I have participated in several exhibitions of women artists here, including one dedicated to Nirbhaya in 2014. The majestic venue has hosted so many literary festivals — memorable exhibitions like "Kaal" (1991) and Satish Gujral's retrospective (2017).

The idea of using the space for office buildings is preposterous. There are more than 600 trees at the IGNCA — including Delhi's oldest

Molshree tree — and we don't know how many of them will be razed. The architect in-charge of the project has stated that many of these trees have outlived their lives — that's the first time I am hearing of something like that. We know of trees that have lived for hundreds of years — look at the Bodhi tree in Anuradhapura (Sri Lanka) and Bodhgaya.

Under the new plan, the IGNCA will be shifted to another location, while the National Museum will move to North and South Block, which is a high-security area and so intimidating. Our attempt should be to bring art closer to people, not take it further away from them. The footfalls are bound to be negatively affected. As artists, we are also concerned that most of the collection is not documented and, therefore, there is no guarantee that everything will be shifted safely.

In March, just after the lockdown, the land use laws were changed from public and recreational to "office". It's important to acknowledge this is also a cultural land with two major art institutions. During one of the meetings of architects I attended in March, I was rather appalled that these buildings were mentioned as mere plot numbers. These mean much more to us. They belong to the artists and by letting them go, we are letting go of our art history and heritage.

Caur is a leading contemporary artist



OCTOBER 23, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

ENCOUNTERS IN AP AFTER A FAIRLY long spell, news of bloody "encounters" between the police and extremists have started emanating from Telangana districts of Andhra Pradesh. The police headquarters in Nalgonda confirmed two encounters in the district, resulting in the death of five Naxalites, in the last fortnight. The two encounters occurred within an interval of a week — the first at Matchineella Bavi 10 km from Nalgonda on October 5 and the second at Suryapet on October 13. Three persons died in the first encounter and two students in the second. An attempt was made by Express News Service to find out the facts behind these

instant "face-to-face clashes" and discover the reasons behind the re-emergence of the encounter phenomena. But the effort met the same end, figuratively speaking, as the Bhargava Commission that inconclusively wound up its enquiry into police excesses in the state two years ago.

HOSTAGE RELEASE

A MEMBER OF the parliamentary commission in Tehran, which is proposing the conditions for the release of the American hostages, said it would probably announce its terms on Sunday and if the US met them, the captives could be freed on Monday. The prediction, which was greeted with cau-

tion by diplomats here, came from Hojatoleslam Moussavi Kho'ini, one of seven members of the special commission set up by the Majlis (parliament) three weeks ago. "Probably in the Majlis session on Sunday," Hojatoleslam told Reuters.

IRAQ CONSOLIDATES

IRAQI INVADERS BATTLING against snipers and dug-in machine-gunners consolidated their grip on the war-ravaged Iranian cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr. Iran admitted for the first time that Iraqi units had seized locations within Khorramshahr, capturing the city's prison and a city bridge.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Go well, hero of heroes

Priscilla Jana famously represented Nelson and Winnie Mandela, the Sisulus, Mbekis and other prominent political families. But many of the people she acted for were struggling and destitute



ELINOR SISULU

“TELL MY PEOPLE that I love them. They must continue the fight. My blood will nourish the tree that bears the fruits of freedom.” These were the last words of South African freedom fighter Solomon Mahlangu, recorded by his lawyer Priscilla Jana, before he was hanged on April 6, 1979.

Mahlangu’s words, which became a rallying cry in South Africa’s freedom struggle, are the opening words of Jana’s biography, *Fighting for Mandela* (2016). In the introduction of the book, she describes her utter despair that despite worldwide protests and petitions from the United Nations and international leaders, the apartheid regime went on to execute the young man. Priscilla spent the night before the execution, praying and weeping with Mahlangu’s family.

When we received news of Priscilla’s death on October 10, I thought of Mahlangu’s words and how they could be adapted to describe Priscilla’s life.

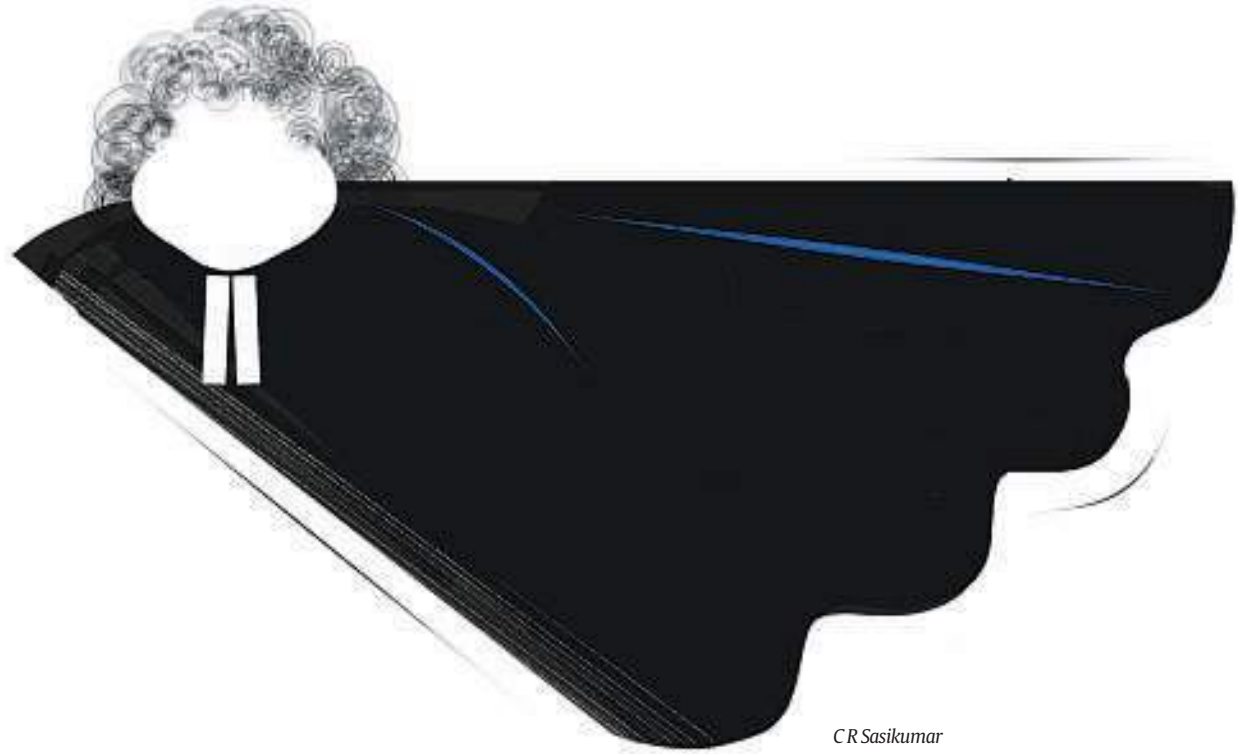
Priscilla was a larger-than-life character in South Africa’s anti-apartheid struggle. Best known as a human rights lawyer, she was also an underground operative for the African National Congress (ANC), a member of South Africa’s first democratic parliament, South African ambassador to the Netherlands and Ireland, Deputy Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission and an activist for children’s rights.

I loved Priscilla as a family friend and admired her as a courageous human rights activist. She transcended ethnic, religious and political boundaries and carved a unique place in South Africa’s pantheon of anti-apartheid heroes.

Priscilla was born Devikarani Priscilla Sewpal in the Westville suburb of Durban on December 5, 1943. After she completed high school in Durban, Priscilla’s father, Hansraj Sewpal, wanted her to study medicine in Scotland, but Priscilla’s independent, some would say stubborn, temperament was already evident. She demanded to go to India. Her father was in regular correspondence with Indira Gandhi after meeting her on a passing visit to Durban in 1942. He sent a telegram to her asking for help. In Priscilla’s words: “My education was thus arranged personally by India’s future prime minister.”

In 1963, Priscilla travelled to India to study at Sophia College for Women in Breach Candy, Mumbai. She confesses to feeling like an alien: “I hadn’t come to my roots after all. I wasn’t going to fit in and be accepted here any more than I had been in South Africa. I was neither from the West nor the East.” Despite feelings of displacement, she made good friends in India and led an active social life. She met and fell in love with a fellow South African student, Reg Jana, and married him soon after their return home in 1965. The newly married couple made their home in Johannesburg suburb, Lenasia, designated for Indians.

The 1970s saw the rise of the Black Consciousness Movement and Priscilla was one of the many young South Africans drawn into its orbit. She attended a meeting ad-



CR Sasikumar

dressed by the charismatic Steve Biko, a rising political star who preached unity among black people. “I listened to his definitions and was amazed. All of us there in that hall were oppressed and suffering. There was no need to fumble with our identities. Indians like me could totally be a part of this.”

Priscilla was always conscious of the injustice of apartheid, but it hit her in a deeply personal way when the beloved home that had been in their family for three generations was bulldozed after Westcliff was declared a White area under the notorious Group Areas Act. They later realised that a precious family heirloom — a photograph of her great-grandfather with Mahatma Gandhi — was lost somewhere in the rubble of the destroyed home.

Priscilla saw her mother’s spirit destroyed by the loss of their home and it strengthened her resolve to study law rather than medicine. “As a lawyer I would not just be representing people treated badly. I would feel it all alongside them.”

“This is my lawyer Priscilla Jana. She is also my daughter.” This is how my mother-in-law Albertina Sisulu introduced me to Priscilla during my visit to my future in-laws in March 1986. From the time Walter Sisulu was incarcerated on Robben Island in July 1963 until the release of Jongumzi Sisulu in March 1990, there was always at least one member of the Sisulu family in prison or detention throughout the tumultuous 1980s. Priscilla represented them all.

I took issue with the title of Priscilla’s biography because although she famously represented Nelson and Winnie Mandela, the Sisulus, Mbekis and other prominent political families, many of the people she acted for were struggling and destitute. Priscilla fought ferociously for the rights of her clients. She had no qualms about confronting the security police and she paid a heavy price for it. In 1979, she was served with a Banning Order, a pernicious restriction that prevented the banned person from attending large gatherings and forced them to report periodically to a designated police station. That did not stop her from continuing her work as political repression increased in the 1980s.

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One day, Priscilla arrived at her office to find a five-month-old baby. Priscilla was representing the baby’s father, Popo Molefe, one of the accused in one of the major treason trials of 1980. Destitute and on the run from the security police, the mother, Phinda Hashe, had left the baby with Priscilla in desperation. By the time Molefe was released from jail after four years, he and Phinda were no longer together. Recognising that little Tina (named after Albertina Sisulu) was so attached to Priscilla and her husband, the biological parents allowed her to remain with Priscilla. When she was 16, Tina was formally adopted and became Albertina Jana Molefe, in touch with all her parents and accepting of her complex history.

Tina grew up to be an accomplished young woman who opted for a diplomatic career. One of Priscilla’s proudest moments was Tina’s marriage, a few years ago, to Frank Chikane, the son of Moss Chikane, who had been one of the co-accused with Molefe. The couple married according to Hindu rites by a priest brought from India by Priscilla. I sat next to Phinda who spoke about how proud she was of Tina and appreciative of the way Priscilla had raised her. Of course, there was a sense of loss — but also of immense love and generosity between the two mothers.

As I sat in that room, heavy with the histories of pain and loss experienced not only by Priscilla and Phinda, but also many of the former activists and political prisoners present there, I felt that Tina and Frank, the two accomplished young Africans, whose parents, both adopted and biological, had suffered so much, represented a triumph over the trauma of the past and the best of a new South Africa.

Priscilla Jana continued to speak truth to power in post-apartheid South Africa. She decried the fact that South Africa continues to be one of the most unequal countries in the world. As we grieve her departure, all we can say is *Hamba kahle, qhawe lamaqhawe*. (Go well, hero of heroes). May she rest in peace and her legacy live on.

Sisulu, a writer, human rights activist and political analyst, is the author of Walter and Albertina Sisulu: In Our Lifetime

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“US efforts to cut Iran off from the rest of the world in the midst of the pandemic are cruel. So is Iran’s refusal to release political prisoners.” — **NEW YORK TIMES**

Healthy and wise

Promotion of the production and consumption of nutri-cereals is a policy shift in the right direction



ANANYA AWASTHI

FOR ANYONE WHO wishes to understand the complex interplay of nutrition, food systems and farmers’ welfare, the insights shared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on World Food Day are a crash course worth taking.

One of the most important highlights from the speech was the focus on the production of millets, also now known as “nutri-cereals”. Giving examples of nutri-cereals like jowar, bajra and ragi, PM Modi also shared how the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has endorsed India’s call for declaring 2023 as the “International Year of Millets”. He spoke at length about how the government is incentivising the production of nutri-cereals to increase the intake of diverse and nutritious diets, improve their availability in markets and bring benefits to small and medium farmers, who are the main cultivators of coarse grains.

The three major millet crops currently growing in India are jowar (sorghum), bajra (pearl millet) and ragi (finger millet). Along with that, India grows a rich array of biogenetically diverse and indigenous varieties of “small millets” like kodo, kutki, chenna and sanwa. Major producers include Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana.

High in dietary fibre, nutri-cereals are a powerhouse of nutrients including iron, folate, calcium, zinc, magnesium, phosphorous, copper, vitamins and antioxidants. They are not only important for the healthy growth and development of children but have also been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes in adults.

Usually grown by small and poor farmers on dry, low-fertile, mountainous, tribal and rain-fed areas, millets are good for the soil, have shorter cultivation cycles and require less cost-intensive cultivation. These unique features make millets suited for and resilient to India’s varied agro-climatic conditions. Moreover, unlike rice and wheat, millets are not water or input-intensive, making them a sustainable strategy for addressing climate change and building resilient agri-food systems.

In the 1960s before the Green Revolution, millets were extensively grown and consumed in India. Indian Council of Agricultural Research data shows that bajra constituted nearly 46 per cent of the crop production as opposed to 13 per cent for rice in the kharif season. Similarly, chickpea stood at 42 per cent for the rabi season against a measly 4.3 per cent for wheat. With the Green Revolution, the focus, rightly so, was on food security and high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice. An unintended consequence of this policy was the gradual decline in the production of millets. Unfortunately, millets were increasingly seen as “poor person’s food” in contrast to the consumer perception around more refined grains like rice and wheat. The

cost incentives provided via MSPs also favoured a handful of staple grains.

In parallel, India saw a jump in consumer demand for ultra-processed and ready-to-eat products, which are high in sodium, sugar, trans-fats and even some carcinogens. This need was again met by highly-refined grains. Contrary to the popular belief, this phenomenon was not restricted to urban areas. With the intense marketing of processed foods, even the rural population started perceiving mill-processed rice and wheat as more aspirational. This has led us to the double burden of mothers and children suffering from micronutrient deficiencies and the astounding prevalence of diabetes and obesity.

To address this situation, a multi-pronged strategy has been adopted for the promotion of nutri-cereals by the Modi government.

The first strategy from a consumption and trade point of view was to re-brand coarse cereals/millets as nutri-cereals. As of 2018-19, millet production had been extended to over 112 districts across 14 states.

Second, the government hiked the MSP of nutri-cereals, which came as a big price incentive for farmers. As we compare the data on MSPs for food crops from 2014-15 against 2020, we see that the MSP for ragi has jumped a whopping 113 per cent, followed by bajra and jowar at 72 per cent and 71 per cent respectively. MSPs have been calculated so that the farmer is ensured at least a 50 per cent return on their cost of production.

Third, to provide a steady market for the produce, the Modi government included millets in the public distribution system.

Fourth, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare is running a Rs 600-crore scheme to increase the area, production and yield of nutri-cereals. With a goal to match the cultivation of nutri-cereals with local topography and natural resources, the government is encouraging farmers to align their local cropping patterns to India’s diverse 127 agro-climatic zones. Provision of seed kits and inputs to farmers, building value chains through Farmer Producer Organisations and supporting the marketability of nutri-cereals are some of the key interventions that have been put in place.

And finally, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been working at the intersection of agriculture and nutrition by setting up nutri-gardens, promoting research on the interlinkages between crop diversity and dietary diversity and running a behaviour change campaign to generate consumer demand for nutri-cereals.

As the government sets to achieve its agenda of a malnutrition-free India and doubling of farmers’ incomes, the promotion of the production and consumption of nutri-cereals seems to be a policy shift in the right direction. Instead of working in silos, this multi-ministerial policy framework is a strategic move towards building an Atmanirbhar Bharat which resonates with the global call for self-sufficiency and sustainable development. For our part, we can begin the *jan andolan* by taking small steps towards choosing healthier foods, which are good for the environment and bring economic prosperity to our farmers.

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HARSH MANDER

THE TRUE CHARACTER of a state is perhaps best exposed by its choice of enemies. In its latest strike, the entire might of the state has converged on an 83-year-old Jesuit priest, who has devoted his life to struggling with the most oppressed among the Indian people — the Adivasis — against corporate and state power. The government leaves no doubt about who it despises and fears. And who it stands with.

Father Stan Swamy has been jailed, after investigation, first by the Pune police, and then by India’s premier counter-terror task force, the National Investigation Agency, on grave charges of treason and terror, of being a Maoist, being actively involved in violent Maoist enterprises, and receiving its funds, part of a larger sinister Maoist Bhima-Koregaon conspiracy.

Anticipating his arrest, he recorded a statement two days before the police picked him up. What is happening to him, he reflects, is not unique. Prominent intellectuals, lawyers, writers, poets, activists and student leaders have been arrested — all for one reason. That they publicly dissent with the policies of the government. “I am happy to be part of this,” he declares, because “I am not a silent spectator”.

All those who know him are struck by the stubborn and steely strength of conviction of this ageing priest, his indomitable courage and his love for the poor. One of his

In another time, a role model

Stan Swamy has stood with the oppressed. The state considers him an enemy

influences is the Brazilian Catholic Archbishop Helder Camara, who said, “When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist”.

I met him two years earlier, as part of a solidarity delegation during a journey of the Karwan-e-Mohabbat to Jharkhand, shortly after he had first been raided and investigated for this conspiracy by the Pune Police in August 2018. We met him in Bagaicha, the centre near Ranchi he had established for research and training Adivasi youth.

He spoke to us of his work and struggles. Jharkhand, he said, is a rich land comprising of very poor people. From coal to gold, we have it. Those who exploit Jharkhand return enriched, but the Adivasi residents only become even more pauperised. He has carefully documented the monstrous profits made by big corporations, and the inestimable price that people dependent on the land and forests pay. “If you have sensitivity and a conscience,” he said, “you have no option but to take sides with those who are suffering, and resisting.”

He spoke of the manner in which land was acquired at dirt prices for the Adani power plant in Godda, and how the bulldozers destroyed the standing crop. Adani Power signed in 2016 an agreement with Bangladesh to build a 1,600 MW power plant in Godda, Jharkhand. The coal would be imported from Adani’s mines in

Australia. He told us how environmental clearances were hastily rammed through, farmers did not get their due and how forests were ravaged.

It is adversaries as powerful as these that Swamy and the young Adivasis, who he stands in unflinching solidarity with, are fighting. Is it a surprise then that he is seen as a dangerous enemy of this government? In his words to us, “If you question this form of development, you are anti-development, which is equal to anti-government, which is equal to anti-national. A simple equation. This is why the government calls me a Maoist, although I am completely opposed to Maoist methods, and have nothing to do with them”.

It is not just Swamy. He researched and found that large numbers of Adivasi and Dalit youth had been jailed for years, again charged as Maoists — in Jharkhand, there were more than 3,000. They had fought their illegal and brutal displacement, but by peaceful means, and by appealing to a range of constitutional provisions, laws, and the Samata judgment of the Supreme Court that the owner of the land will be the owner of minerals therein, all of which the government had disobeyed. With Sudha Bhardwaj, he co-convicted the Persecuted Prisoners Solidarity Committee and filed a petition in the Jharkhand High Court seeking their release. Both of them are now in

jail, with little prospect of an early release. Join the dots.

In the first raid on his centre, around 40 police-persons overran his green campus. They spent three hours searching his small and sparsely furnished room and confiscated his laptop, phone, music cassettes and documents. The next day, local newspapers announced that he was part of a plot to murder Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The second round was by personnel of the NIA, who interrogated him for 15 hours. After his arrest, he was flown to Pune. He was sent into a crowded jail, unmindful that with his age and illnesses, he would be especially vulnerable to COVID-19. At 83, his body has begun to show the ravages of age and a life of austerity. Parkinson’s disease has set in. His hand trembles as he picks up a cup. But his spine — both physically and metaphorically — is upright and unbending.

In the video he recorded before his arrest, he declared quietly, “I am ready to pay the price, whatever it is.” In another country or another time, he would be a national hero, celebrated as a role model for young people. He is older than the republic which he fights to defend. For him, the love of his country and the love of his religion is the love of its poorest people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN ANTIDOTE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The answer is fraternity’ (IE October, 22). Understanding the significance of the word “fraternity” becomes even more important in the current scenario — replete with communal issues and vitriol against fellow citizens. One needs to search for common ground and personalities like Kabir and Meerabai, who transcended the narrow boundaries of their time and shunned constructs of religion or caste which divide people.

Sarthak Sonwalkar, Ujjain

TOO LENIENT

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The fault is not in our stars’ (IE, October 22). While the depiction of our society in its true colours is right on the mark, the benefit of the doubt given to Bollywood stars is too generous.

B Shubhada, via email

DIGITAL JUSTICE

This refers to the article, ‘No software for justice’ (IE, October 22). Technology is shaping every aspect of our lives. No arm of the government can shy away from adopting technological solutions to traditional and contemporary challenges. The judiciary in India was measured in the adoption of technology in its everyday functioning. It took a pandemic to realise the potential of inexpensive widely-used digital communication tools to hear

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cases. A physical courtroom is irreplaceable, but virtual hearing can be reserved for routine cases.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

NO REFORM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘On larger stage’ (IE, October 22). It may be noted that the Punjab farm bills offer little in terms of reforming the markets. If it really wants to support farmers and win the argument on the issue, the Congress government should make the functioning of the mandis transparent and non-exploitative. A legally-enforceable MSP won’t preclude distress sale unless the Centre and the states work in tandem.

SS Paul, Nadi



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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

Maharashtra drives steep fall in active cases across country

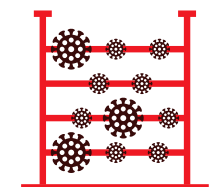
THE NUMBER of active cases of coronavirus infection in the country is now more than 3 lakh lower than the peak that was reached in the middle of September. The total is 715 lakh active cases now; at its peak, it had crossed 838.729 lakh. There have been only five days since September 17 when new infections detected have exceeded the number of recoveries.

Wednesday saw one of the biggest declines in active cases. About 56,000 new cases were detected while almost 80,000 patients were declared to have recovered.

Almost half this reduction has come from Maharashtra, where the active cases have declined from over 3 lakh to less than 1.6 lakh now.

In relative terms, the biggest drop has happened in Andhra Pradesh

which has seen its active cases go down by almost 70% in the last one-and-a-half months. The state had more than one lakh active cases in the first week of September, which has steadily come down to just about 32,000 now. For the



CORONAVIRUS COUNT

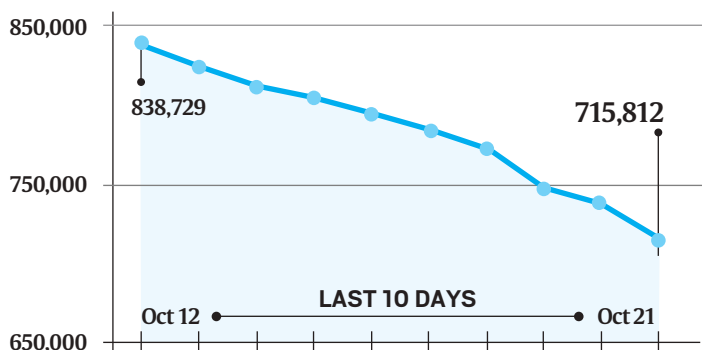
last one week, Andhra Pradesh has been contributing less than 4,000 cases every day, a big improvement from the days it was reporting over 10,000 new infections daily.

In the last one week, active cases have declined in every major state except Delhi and West Bengal. Even Kerala, the fastest growing state right now, has seen a small drop in the active cases in the last week. Bihar, which has slowed down considerably in the last one-and-a-half months, has also seen a slight rise in the active cases during this time.

AMITABH SINHA

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

715,812



Note: The Oct 21 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Oct 22

INDIA TOTAL CASES

7,706,946

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Oct 22

WORLD TOTAL CASES

41,396,754

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Oct 22

Vertebral fractures in Covid-19 patients double risk of death

COVID-19 PATIENTS who have vertebral fractures are twice as likely to die from the disease, according to a study published in the *Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*.

Vertebral fractures occur when the bony block in the spine collapses.

While vertebral fractures are typically caused by osteoporosis, such fractures can lead to severe pain and deformity, they are prevalent in Covid-19 patients too — and can influence disease outcomes, the researchers said.

The researchers studied X-rays of



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NEW RESEARCH

114 Covid-19 patients, and detected thoracic vertebral fractures in 35%. These patients were older and more affected by high blood pressure and heart disease. They were more likely to need ventilators and twice as likely to die compared to those without fractures. The death rate was higher in patients

with severe fractures. A simple thoracic X-ray can detect these fractures, and the researchers suggested that an evaluation should be performed in Covid-19 patients at the time of hospital admission.

SOURCE: ENDOCRINE SOCIETY



SANDEEP SINGH

OVER THE last six months, the benchmark Sensex and Nifty regained most of the losses they had taken in February and March. But one key sector — banking — continues to trail significantly at the stock markets. While it is one of the key sectors that has not yet recovered to its pre-Covid levels, does it throw up an investment opportunity, or is there a deeper issue the sector is suffering from?

THE UNDERPERFORMANCE: On Wednesday, the Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange closed at 40,707, which is almost the same level as the 40,723 it had closed at on January 31. Among the sectoral indices, several sectors have gone way above their January levels. While IT and healthcare indices are up by 38% and 41% respectively, the Teck index is up 26 per cent. Several other sectoral indices such as auto, FMCG and consumer durables are within 6% of their January 31 closing level. The two big underperformers are the bank index and finance index, down respectively by 21% and 19% from their January 31 levels. Besides, metal, power and telecom indices too are down between 10% and 15%.

Why are banks lagging in performance?

Barring sectors that catered to essential goods and services, the pandemic and the lockdown hit all other sectors of the economy in varying proportions between March and June. While the relaxation in the lockdown led to revival of economic activity and consumption demand across various sectors beginning June-July, the impact of the stringent lockdown has been much deeper on small businesses, new enterprises, jobs and income levels of both the salaried and the self-employed. Many feel it is going to hurt the banks over the next couple of quarters.

The six-month moratorium allowed by the RBI ended on August 31, and that will mean borrowers who were shielded from paying their EMIs will now have to resume the monthly repayments. With businesses hit, jobs lost, and income levels shrunk, mar-

MOHAMED THAYER

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

THE MAHARASHTRA government has withdrawn "general consent" given to the CBI to probe cases in the state. This means the central agency will have to get consent from the state government for every case it registers in Maharashtra.

What kinds of cases is the CBI involved in at a state level?

Three CBI divisions investigate different categories of cases. The Anti-Corruption Division investigates cases against public servants under the control of the central government, including those in public sector undertakings; cases against public servants working under state governments, which have been entrusted to the CBI by the state; and serious departmental irregularities committed by the above.

The Economic Offences Division investigates financial crimes, bank frauds, money laundering, illegal money market operations, and graft in PSUs and banks.

The Special Crimes Division handles cases

WHAT HAS RECOVERED, WHAT HAS NOT

Sensex is back at nearly the same level as at the end of January. *Express Archive*

BSE INDICES	31 JAN 2020	21 OCT 2020	CHANGE (%)
Sensex	40,723	40,707	-0
Bankex	35,289	27,969	-20.7
Finance	6,846	5,575	-18.6
Power	1,899	1,638	-13.7
Telecom	1,178	1,042	-11.5
Metal	9,494	8,534	-10.1
Consumer durables	26,147	24,505	-6.3
FMCG	11,641	11,001	-5.5
Auto	18,161	17,813	-1.9
Teck	7,911	9,982	26.2
IT	15,871	21,943	38.3
Healthcare	13,957	19,748	41.5

ket experts fear that banks may witness a rise in delinquencies and non-performing assets (NPAs) in the quarter ending December 2020.

This fear is keeping investors away from banks. In fact, the share of equity allocation by mutual funds to the banking sector has declined from 24.4% in February 2020 to 17.8% in September.

The CEO of a large mutual fund said that as concerns remain over a rise in NPAs, fund managers have not been putting fresh money into banks and are instead investing in sectors such as IT, pharma and technology. The reduction in fresh allocation of funds by

institutional investors has kept the share price of banks under check.

But, is there a window of opportunity for investors?

In January, the price-to-earning (PE) ratio for the Sensex was 25.6; in October, it is around 29. This means that the Sensex is already trading in a more expensive zone than it was in January. By contrast, while the PE ratio of the bank index at BSE stood at 32 in January, it is currently hovering around 21. This means that the PE ratio of the bank index is still much lower than it was in January,

or that the stock price of banks is lower in relation to their earnings, and hence there is possibility of a rise in their share price.

Fund managers feel that while there are some concerns on account of NPAs, the sector is undervalued and throws up an opportunity for investors. While the CEO of a leading fund house said that smart investors have started taking a position in banking stocks and sector specific schemes, several fund houses are advising their investors to invest in sectoral funds focusing on banks.

"We believe that SIPs (systematic investment plans) should be started in sectors which are undervalued. At this point in time, we believe the banking and infrastructure space is undervalued and hence, investors with a 3-5-year horizon should consider SIPs in such funds," said Sankaran Naren, ED and CIO at ICICI Prudential AMC.

It is also important to note that if and when the NPAs start rising, there will be a trend where good banks will get separated from those with a weaker quality of assets. That will result in a rise in the share price of better-run banks with better quality assets. There is a broader sense among fund managers that if one invests in good banks for the next two to three years, there is a high possibility of good returns being made.

What else should investors consider?

The credit growth for scheduled commercial banks has been under pressure for some time now. Having already slipped into single digits beginning August 2019, it weakened further since the pandemic and imposition of lockdown, as banks have been treading very cautiously as to who they lend to in times of economic distress. For the month of August 2020, the year-on-year credit growth slowed to 6%, the lowest since October 2017, when it grew by 5.9%.

Experts say, however, that this can't remain low forever and will eventually rise over the next few quarters. And when it does, there will be faster growth for banks.

While a bit of NPAs is part of the business of banking, it is important to note that investors should not base their investment decision only on NPAs. When the economy revives and starts witnessing private sector investment, the banking sector will be one of the biggest beneficiaries. Investors must be careful, however, about their direct stock picking and look for the ones that are adequately capitalised, have a strong retail book and have traditionally had sustained lower levels of NPAs.

What Maharashtra move means for CBI probes

MOHAMED THAYER

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

of conventional nature such as offences relating to internal security, espionage, narcotics, antiquities, murders, dacoities/robberies, and cheating among others. It is this unit that has taken over the Sushant Singh Rajput case.

What has led to Maharashtra's decision?

The state government was wary about the Special Crimes Division taking over the probe into the alleged scam over television rating points (TRP) being investigated by the Mumbai Police. On Tuesday, the CBI took over a similar case registered by UP police.

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said the state government believed the CBI was a professional and premier investigating agency, but felt it could act under political pressure. One reason for the state's anxiety was the way in which the Sushant Singh Rajput case was taken over by the CBI.

Will the decision impact the CBI probe in the Sushant Singh Rajput case?

No. The move will not impact cases that the CBI is already investigating.

Can the TRP case still go to the CBI?

One of the grounds for handing over the Rajput case to the CBI was that Mumbai Police hadn't registered an FIR (because the investigation pointed to suicide). This cannot apply in the TRP case, in which Mumbai Police has registered an FIR and arrested eight persons.

Republic TV Arnab Goswami Editor-in-Chief had earlier approached the Supreme Court to transfer the probe to the CBI. The Supreme Court, however, asked him to approach the Bombay High Court. In future, if the Supreme Court asks the CBI to take over the Mumbai Police investigation into the TRP case, the state government cannot refuse. However, the Supreme Court will have to be convinced about the reasons why the CBI should take over the Mumbai Police case.

What about key cases being probed by the National Investigation Agency and the Enforcement Directorate?

The NIA has jurisdiction across the country and does not need special permission from state governments. This is why the NIA was able to take over the Bhima Koregaon case without the state's consent.

The ED is probing the money laundering aspect of the irrigation scam, in which Deputy CM Ajit Pawar faces allegations. This will not be impacted by the state government's latest decision as the ED conducts its probes under the PMLA and FERA Act, while the CBI draws its powers from the Delhi Police Special Establishment Act.

How will this impact the CBI's day-to-day functioning?

The decision will increase work for both the CBI and the state government. Every time the CBI catches any central government employee taking a bribe, it will need to seek approval from the Maharashtra government before registering a case. The Maharashtra government too will be burdened with approval requests.

In a recent judgment (*Ramesh Chandra Singh and another vs CBI*), however, the Calcutta High Court had observed: "The court is of the view that the central government/CBI's power to investigate and prosecute its own officials cannot be in any way impeded or interfered by the state even if the offenses were committed within the territory of the state."

The long history of Kerala Congress splits & factions, from Mani to son

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

A FACTION of the Kerala Congress (Mani), led by party founder K M Mani's son Jose K Mani, became a partner of the CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) on Thursday, a week after it had broken away from the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF). The swift decision to take in the faction led by Jose, a Rajya Sabha MP, was taken in view of upcoming local body elections.

All this also continues a decades-long trend of the Kerala Congress splitting, the new groups splitting again, and merging. Each such event has given rise to local satraps in Central Kerala, where the party's many factions wield their influence.

All the KC groups

The Kerala Congress was founded in 1964 from a split in the Congress. Following a scandal in 1963, Chief Minister R Sankar removed Home Minister P T Chacko, who

died in 1964. Fifteen of Chacko's colleagues led by K M George toppled Sankar in a no-confidence motion. George and N Balakrishna Pillai formed Kerala Congress with the backing of Mannath Padmanabhan, giving the upper caste Hindu Nair community a foothold in the primarily Catholic party.

The first cracks in Kerala Congress developed over leadership in 1977, following George's death. Pillai parted ways with Mani, launched KC(B), and moved to the Left. In 1979, Mani pulled away with P J Joseph to form KC (Mani). Mani joined the LDF government in 1980, but toppled it in 1982, shifting to UDF. By then, Joseph was with the Congress. Later (1982-87), the Mani, Pillai and Joseph groups would all be in the UDF. In fact, in 1985, all three merged back into Kerala Congress, but in two years Joseph and Mani would split again. Pillai remained with Joseph until 1989, when he revived KC(B). In 1989, Joseph left the UDF; in 1991, he teamed up with LDF.

The next split was in KC(M), when Mani

loyalist T M Jacob formed KC (Jacob) in 1993. In the 1990s, P C Thomas, son of the late Chacko, emerged as a prominent figure in the Mani camp, but differences arose as Mani sought to promote his son. Thomas, then a Lok Sabha MP, was ousted from the party in 2001; he formed Indian Federal Democratic Party (IFDP) and went on to become a minister in the NDA.

In 2003, P C George split with Joseph and formed KC (Secular). Two years later, Thomas merged his IFDP with KC (Joseph). By then, George had wound up KC (Secular) and returned to Mani's KC(M).

The Mani and Joseph groups merged in 2010, after Joseph ending his two-decade links with the LDF. But, within the Joseph camp, P C Thomas was against the merger and formed KC (Anti-merger) with Scaria Thomas, and continued with LDF. Later, they respectively formed KC (Thomas) and K C (Scaria Thomas). P C Thomas eventually moved to NDA, and Scaria Thomas to LDF.

In 2016, former MP Francis George, son of the late K M George, floated KC

(Democratic), and joined LDF. Meanwhile, P C George parted ways with Mani and formed Kerala Janapaksham (Secular). Following K M Mani's death, Francis returned to the Joseph camp, while a few others kept KC(D) alive within LDF.

Christian party & dynasts

Except for a few leaders from the Nair community, all KC factions have been dominated by Christian leaders, particularly Catholics, their vote bank being farmers of Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam and Pathanamthitta. Splits have restricted the factions within the boundaries of their constituencies, which in turn has limited their political interests to nursing and retaining the seats. This helps some KC leaders weather any political turmoil during any election.

Dynasty rule is evident in all KC groups except the Joseph faction; most splits have happened over denial of seats or posts to prominent leaders or their protégés.

Jose K Mani's bid to take control of the party after his father's death last year led to

a revolt, and now a split. In 2001, P C Thomas was ousted from the Mani group after he questioned the promotion of Jose, who became an MP in 2009 while his father remained an MLA. After Mani's death, there was a bid to give the bypoll ticket to Jose's wife Nisha.

KC(B) has been reduced to a father-son affair after Balakrishna Pillai handed over the reins to son K B Ganesh Kumar. After the death of T M Jacob in 2011, his son Anoop has taken over KC (Jacob). After the death K Narayana Kurup, who represented the Hindu Nair section, his son N Jayaraj took over and is now a legislator with the Jose faction. K M George's son Francis too had floated KC (Democratic), but has now returned to the Joseph group.

The split & after

In the dispute between the Joseph and Jose groups, both sides have claimed support of the KC(M) rank and file, but, Joseph is the more popular and influential leader. After Jose raised his revolt, the Joseph side

has seen more senior leaders such as Francis George, Johnny Nelloor and Joseph M Puthussery joining the UDF. The first test of their clout would be how many seats their respective nominees get from UDF and LDF in the civic body elections.

Jose has been often blamed for lack of political acumen, although he is planning to ride his father's popularity. Pala, the seat nurtured by K M Mani for decades, is significant for both LDF and UDF. The incumbent MLA, Mani C Kappan, of LDF partner NCP, has said he would not surrender it. To secure his future, Jose faces the challenge of not only getting the ticket but also winning the seat. The CPM's decision would be crucial and could possibly go in favour of Jose, considering the stakes involved.

By roping in the Jose faction, the CPM hopes to win more seats from Central Kerala and retain power in 2021, bucking the trend of alternate governments. Crucial to this would be Jose's ability to bring the KC vote bank to LDF, considering that its voters are traditionally pro-UDF.

Returning home from Navratri programme in UP, 19-yr-old ‘gangraped’

Mahoba: A 19-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped by three men after attending a Navratri event in Mahoba district, police said on Thursday. The incident took place on Wednesday night when the teenager was returning home after attending an aarti of Goddess Durga for the nine-day festival and was abducted and raped by the three accused, police said. Superintendent of Police Arun Kumar Shrivastava said, “The case of rape has come to our notice. Police acted promptly and all the three accused have been arrested.” The accused took her to a secluded place behind her house and raped her, the SP said. The accused were arrested on Wednesday night itself and the girl has been sent for a medical examination. **PTI**

HATHRAS CONTROVERSY

Two days after termination, AMU doctor duo called back to service

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TWO DOCTORS from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), who were asked to leave Aligarh Muslim University, have been called back after two days of termination. One of the doctors, Dr Azeem Malik, had earlier told *The Indian Express* that the FSL report in the Hathras woman’s case held “no value”. He had alleged that he and his colleague were “terminated” because they spoke to the media about the crime. Along with Dr Malik, Dr Obaid Haque’s appointment was also rejected by the hospital. Dr Haque had attested the woman’s medico-legal report. On Thursday, AMU

spokesperson Omar Peerzada said: “As per requirement put forward by the CMO in-charge, Dr Malik and Dr Haque have been called back to offer service to the hospital. We are going through challenging times because of the pandemic and need doctors.” An official at the hospital said, “The JNMC has Covid facility and we need doctors because another medical officer took leave recently. The two have been appointed for another month; we will see if there’s a requirement after that.” Dr Malik and Dr Haque told *The Indian Express* that they have not received an order from the hospital about their services. Dr Haque said: “I was told to go home, but yesterday my senior called up and told me to

come to the hospital. He said he needs to take leave due to health issues; I told him I can’t come to the hospital without the V-C’s order, but he requested that I take his place for the day and promised that our seniors would take us back. I haven’t received a joining letter yet, but I went and completed my duty.” Earlier, citing the FSL report, state ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar had told the media that the 19-year-old Dalit woman was not raped. Dr Malik had, however, told *The Indian Express*: “The samples for FSL were collected 11 days after the woman was raped, while the government guidelines strictly say forensic evidence can only be found up to 96 hours after the incident. This report can’t confirm rape

in this incident.” On Tuesday, the two were issued letters, signed by CMO in-charge Dr S A H Zaidi, which stated, “This is to inform you that as directed by Vice-Chancellor, Prof Tariq Mansoor...your appointment on the post of Medical Officer, Emergency & Trauma, JNMCH, is rejected with immediate effect. Therefore, you are requested not to perform any further duties. While the doctors alleged they were told to go because they spoke to the media, Shafey Kidwai, member in-charge of public relations at AMU, said: “The university has not suspended any doctor for giving interview related to the Hathras incident to the media...f CMO recommends their extension, the university may consider it.”

Ex-Mizoram Governor, others booked in cheating case

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 22

THE KERALA police on Thursday registered a case against senior BJP leader and former Mizoram Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan and others in a complaint of financial cheating allegedly involving his former personal assistant. The case was registered on the basis of a complaint by C R Harikrishnan, a native of Aranmula in Pathanamthitta district. The complainant said that Rajasekharan’s former personal aide, Praveen, and another person named Vijayan had allegedly pocketed Rs 28.75 lakh by promising to make him a partner in a business venture. The police have registered the FIR under IPC Sections 406 and 420, arraigning Praveen as the first



Politically motivated case, says senior BJP leader Rajasekharan

accused and Rajasekharan as the fifth. Others named in the FIR are Praveen’s business partner Vijayan, his wife Krishaveni and BJP NRI cell chairman Harikumar. Calling the case politically motivated, Rajasekharan said, “I do not know anything about the financial dealings. The police have registered the FIR against me without conducting a preliminary probe.” According to the FIR, Harikrishnan had given Rs 35 lakh to Praveen when Rajasekharan was the Governor. As the promised venture did materialise, Harikrishnan demanded his investment back, but Praveen and

his partner Vijayan, of Kollamkode in Palakkad, allegedly failed to return the amount. According to the complaint, Harikrishnan approached BJP leaders for a mediation. Subsequently, the complaint states, the duo returned Rs 6.25 lakh, ostensibly at the intervention of BJP NRI cell chairman Harikumar and other rounds of mediation. Harikrishnan, in his complaint, said he was approaching the police since Praveen and Vijayan refused to return the remaining Rs 28.75 lakh despite repeated interventions over the last two years. Rajasekharan said, “The CPI(M) is trying to politically capitalise the issue... The proposed venture was envisaged to make paper cotton mix, as a substitute for plastic. As it is pro-environment, I have only encouraged the concept – I haven’t asked anyone to invest money.”


Nag anti-tank missile completes final user trial in Pokhran, to enter production

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, OCTOBER 22

THE LONG-AWAITED third-generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), Nag, successfully completed its final user trial at Pokhran range in the Thar desert in the early hours of Thursday. Nag is now one step closer to be-

ing inducted into the Army following its successful winter and summer user trials in 2019, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) officials said. A statement from the Ministry of Defence said: “With this final user trial, Nag will enter the production phase. The missile will be produced by Defence

Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), whereas Ordnance Factory, Medak will produce the NAM-ICA (Nag Missile Carrier).” Thursday’s trial was the latest in a series of missile tests conducted by the DRDO over the last one-and-half month. These missile tests, according to officials, will continue for some time.




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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020 (₹ in Lakhs)						
PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated			
	For the Quarter Ended	For the Half Year Ended	For the Quarter Ended	For the Quarter Ended	For the Half Year Ended	For the Half Year Ended
	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2020	30-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2020
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited (Re-presented)	Unaudited
1. Total Income	38743.61	31858.56	50479.19	39104.41	33115.85	51104.71
2. Net Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items & Tax	1983.25	(1188.66)	(1138.71)	2171.59	(1170.30)	(978.90)
3. Exceptional Items (Net)	-	(564.29)	-	-	-	-
4. Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items)	1983.25	(1752.95)	(1138.71)	2171.59	(1170.30)	(978.90)
5. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations (after Exceptional items)	2127.25	(1790.25)	(765.69)	2236.31	(1221.06)	(700.22)
6. Profit / (Loss) from Discontinued Operations (Net of Tax Expense)	-	-	-	2715.31	(4746.11)	2566.85
7. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (after Exceptional items)	2127.25	(1790.25)	(765.69)	4951.62	(5967.17)	1866.63
8. Total Comprehensive Income for the period	2180.05	(1781.86)	(660.10)	5060.90	(5384.66)	2018.33
9. Paid-up-Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/-)	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97
10. Earnings per Equity Share for Profit / (Loss) from Continuing and Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/-) in Rupees - Basic / Diluted	2.24	(1.89)	(0.81)	5.22	(6.29)	1.97
Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.bseindia.com , www.nseindia.com and Company's website www.pricol.com .						
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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

ई० निविदा सूचना

निविदा सूचना संख्या— DWSD/SKL/RPWSS/03/2020-21 दिनांक—22.10.2020

1	कार्य का नाम	Detailed survey, designing and drawing Construction of RCC Intake well cum Pump House, RCC Gangway 50m long and 3.00 wide, 1.75 MLD capacity unconventional water treatment plant, RCC Elevated service Reservoir (i) 3.00 lakh liter capacity with 14 M, Staging , Staff quarter, Compound wall, Approach road supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and distribution network, House connection, supplying and installation at VT and centrifugal pump motor and 5 Years Operation & Maintenance with allied works etc all complete job for Kharsawan & adjoining Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W.&.S.Division, 5 sarakeila on turn key basis for the year 2020-21 (UNDER JIM PROGRAMME)
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	रु० 786.22 लाख
3	अग्रघन की राशि	रु० 7.87 लाख
4	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	रु० 10,000.00
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	24 माह + 3 माह परिचालन एवं परीक्षण
6	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	05.11.2020, अपराह्न 04.00 बजे तक
7	प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	17.11.2020, 12.30 बजे अपराह्न। अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, झारखण्ड, राँची
8	बीड प्राप्त की तिथि एवं समय	02.12.2020 01.00 बजे तक।
9	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय	04.12.2020, 10.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला।
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	07.12.2020, 04.00 बजे तक।
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला
12	प्रोक्योरमें कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नं०	06597 234105
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ई० निविदा सूचना

निविदा सूचना संख्या— DWSD/SKL/RPWSS/05/2020-21 दिनांक— 22.10.2020

1	कार्य का नाम	Detailed survey, designing and drawing , Supplying and laying Raw Water / Clear water rising main, Distribution system, supplying and installation of VT pump motor, centrifugal pump motor, Construction of ESR 8.30 Lakh litre capacity RCC Elevated service reservoir with 24 m staging, Construction of RCC Intake well cum pump house , an conventional water treatment plant capacity 1.25 MLD , Staff Quarter, compound wall, house connection, SCADA system , 5 Years Operation & Maintenance with allied works etc all complete job for Patkum Group of Village Rural Water supply scheme under D.W.&.S.Division, Sarakeila on turn key basis for the year 2020-21 (UNDER JIM PROGRAMME)
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	रु० 784.98 लाख
3	अग्रघन की राशि	रु० 7.85 लाख
4	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	रु० 10,000.00
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	24 माह + 3 माह परिचालन एवं परीक्षण
6	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	05.11.2020, अपराह्न 04.00 बजे तक
7	प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय	17.11.2020, 12.30 बजे अपराह्न। अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, झारखण्ड, राँची
8	बीड प्राप्त की तिथि एवं समय	02.12.2020 01.00 बजे तक।
9	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय	04.12.2020, 10.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला।
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	07.12.2020, 04.00 बजे तक।
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला
12	प्रोक्योरमें कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नं०	06597 234105
13	ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन नं०	0651 2480345

नोट—प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रघन की राशि घट—बढ़ सकती है। विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट नं० <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला
PR 234825 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)20-21#D

Office of the Executive-Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Khunti, Jharkhand

Email- eedwsd.khunti@gmail.com

e-Procurement Notice, 1st Call

Tender reference No- DWSD/KH-06/2020-21 Date- 22.10.2020/

1	Name of the Work	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Supplying and laying Raw Water /Clear Water rising main, Distribution System, Supplying and Installation of VT pump motor, Centrifugal pump motor, Construction of ESR-01 3.60 Lakh Litre capacity 24 M staging, Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, Construction of RCC Gangway Length – 70.00 M, Width – 3.0 M, Un Conventional Water Treatment Plant capacity 1.40 MLD, Staff Quarters, Compound Wall, House Connection, Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Barkuli and Adjoining Villages Rural water supply scheme District- Khunti on turnkey basis under D.W. & S. Division, Khunti
2	Estimated Cost	Rs. 996.23 Lakh
3	Earnest Money	Rs. 9.9623 Lakh
4	Cost of BOQ	0.10000 Lakh
5	Time of Completion	24 Months+3 month Trial & run
6	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	28.10.2020 up to 5.00PM
7	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	13.11.2020 up to 11:00 am
8	Place of Pre Bid Meeting	D.W. & S. Department, Nepal House, Ranchi, Jharkhand
9	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid (Online)	18.11.2020 up to 5.00PM
10	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid (Hard Copy)	19.11.2020 up to 5.00PM
11	Place of receipt of Bid (Hard Copy)	1. Office of the Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Ranchi, Ranchi Zone 2. Office of the Superintending Engineer, D.W.&S. Ranchi Circle, Ranchi 3. Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti
12	Date of opening of Tender	24.11.2020 /03.00 PM
13	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti
14	Contact no of Procurement office	06528-221715
15	Helpline no of e-procurement cell	06528-221715

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Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer
Drinking water & Sanitation Division Khunti, Jharkhand.
PR 234832 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)20-21#D

सार्वजनिक नीलामी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नीचे दिए गए विवरण अनुसार दिनांक 27.10.2020 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे रा. औ. प्रशि. संस्थान नगीना के प्रांगण में MS स्क्रैप खुली बोली द्वारा नीलाम किया जाना है। इसलिए सभी इच्छुक बोलीदाता संस्थान में स्क्रैप का निरीक्षण दिनांक 26.10.2020 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे से सायः 5.00 बजे तक संस्थान में आकर कर सकते हैं। बोली के नियम व शर्तें बोली लगने से पूर्व संस्थान में बता दी जाएगी।

ह./-
प्रधानाचार्य
रा. औ. प्रशि. संस्थान
नगीना

पृष्ठांक-784
83342/HRY
दिनांक: 21.10.2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

The Chief Administrative officer/Const.-II/Northern Railway, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

Mode of Tender	E-Tender (E-Reverse Auction)
Tender Notice No.	74-W/3/2/435/WA/LKO Dated : 21.10.2020
Full name of work	Shahganj-Akbarpur Section (Zone-II) Earth work in formation, supply and laying blanketing material on embankment, extension of existing minor bridges and Major Bridge No. 144, 151, 170, 177, 181 & 205 of different spans & other allied works between Shahganj (excluding) and Akbarpur (excluding) in connection with "Proposed Doubling of Jaunpur-Akbarpur" of Lucknow Division on Northern Railway.
Approx. cost	Rs. 149.72 crores
Completion period	24 (Twenty four) months
Earnest Money amount	Rs. 76,36,300/- only
Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 28.10.2020 to 18.11.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
Last date/Time of upload of tenders	18.11.2020 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 04.11.2020 to 18.11.2020
Date and time of opening of tender	18.11.2020 at 11.30 hours. (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on 2326/2020

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-22. The details are as under:-

1. Name of the work	'Hiring of Truck capacity 09 MT to carry Railway material to various sheds/shops/deposits and to any destination within Indian Territory & back to Electric Loco Shed, Ghaziabad, Qty. 3,37,000 KM for 24 months'.	
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 1,12,14,840	
3. Eareast Money to be deposited	Rs. 2, 06,100	
4. Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 5,900	
5. Last Date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender	13.11.2020 (11.00 hrs.)	
6. Date & Time of opening of tender document	13.11.2020 (11.30 hrs.)	
7. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in	

Notes:

(i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system.

(ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.

(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.

(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-22 Dated: 20.10.2020 2323/2020

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Block No.3, Shakti Bhawan, Rampur, Jabalpur - 482 008

Phone:(0761)270-2264, 2179, 2164, 2140, 2135, 2134 Fax:0761 2665593

Online Tenders are invited against TR-32/2020 for- Procurement of 220/132/33 KV,200MVA Power Transformer, TR-33/2020 for- supply of all materials and complete construction of 132KV 2Phase-2Wire transmission lines for RTS Katangi, RTS Ishnagar, RTS Simariyatal alongwith construction/shifting of 132KV feeder bays at corresponding substations of MPPTCL on turnkey basis, TR- 34/2020 for- Various types of Steel Sections, TR- 35/2020 for- all material and construction of various 132KV transmission line feeder bays & 2nd circuiting of transmission line (83.3Km 132KV line, 38No. feeder bays, 158 Km.2nd circuiting), (In MP East). TR-36/2020 for- all material and construction of various 220/132KV transmission line, feeder bays & 2nd circuiting of transmission (92 Km transmission line,43 No. feeder bays,83Km. 2nd circuiting, (In MP West) for further details please visit our website. e-mail-mprtransco@nic.in

//SAVE ENERGY//

Chief Engineer (Procurement)

DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) IV

O.H.T O.I.A Ph-II: OPPOSITE GOVIND PURI: NEW DELHI-20.

e-mail: eesouthiv498@gmail.com/Tel. 011-26388976

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Press N.I.T. NO: 23 S-IV (2020-21)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender thugh e-procurement solution
1.	Providing laying internal D.I. water distribution system in Shaheen Bagh(Abul Fazal Enclave Part-II) in Okhla Constituency AC-54 under EE(South)IV	8,03,61,502/-	2020_DJB_195852_1 21.10.2020	26.11.2020 up to 3.00 pm

Further details in this regard may be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Sd/- (Rajeev Kumar Gupta)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 199 (2020-21) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SOUTH) IV

Department of Higher, Technical Education and Skill Development

Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi

ADVERTISEMENT

Invitation of online application for the post of Vice Chancellor, Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi

The Search Committee constituted in accordance with the Jharkhand University of Technology Act, 2011 for recommending a panel of names for the post of Vice Chancellor, Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi invites online application from interested eligible candidates having scholarly pursuit, academic interest, administrative ability and other desired qualifications.

All the instructions and link regarding submission of online application are available on website having URL www.jharkhanduniversities.nic.in

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Joint Secretary,
Department of Higher, Technical Education and Skill Development, Govt. of Jharkhand-
-Cum- Co-ordinator, Search Committee

PR.NO. 234779 Higher Education,Technical Education and Skill Development Department(20-21):D

Government of Jharkhand

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute

Ranchi-834008

Ref no- 787

Ranchi, Dated 22.10.2020

Expression of Interest

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities /Govt. Organization/Research Institutes / Non-Government Organisations (which have experience of research work in academics) for undertaking a Research Project of TRI, Ranchi during the year 2020-2021:

TOPIC: A historical study of tribal chiefsdoms of Jharkhand: Kherwar of Ramgarh, Munda of Bundu, Bhumij of Jungle Mahal, Nagwansi of Ranchi, Santhal of Hazaribagh & Others.

Interested agencies are hereby requested to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) duly forwarded by the registrar of universities {applicable Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities only} along with a technical bid giving relevant details of the organization necessary for evaluating the competencies on or before 06 / 11/ 2020 by 4.30 P.M. The price should be all-inclusive of (all requisite statutory taxes, if applicable) and not open-ended.

The intending agencies may submit their bid in a sealed envelope on or before the due date. The technical proposal should be sealed in a separate envelope clearly marked in **BOLD “A TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR TOPIC: A historical study of tribal chiefsdoms of Jharkhand: Kherwar of Ramgarh, Munda of Bundu, Bhumij of Jungle Mahal, Nagwansi of Ranchi , Santhal of Hazaribagh & Others.** (Please specify the name of the concerned work)” written on the top of the envelope. These envelopes are to be addressed to the Director, Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Morabadi, Ranchi-834008. TRI will not be responsible for delay in transits or damages or loss of tender document sent by post.

Technical Bid will be opened on 11 / 11 / 2020 at 3.30 P.M in the office of the Director, TRI, Ranchi.

Only those agencies which fulfill technical criteria will be considered for the presentation of the project.

Terms of Reference (ToR) and other details can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hour to meet concerned Nodal person and the same can also be downloaded from the website www.trijharkhand.gov.in (<http://59.145.222.53/twri/tenders.php>) or through Institute E-mail id- tri.directorate@gmail.com by specifying the topic & details of Institution / Organization Interested.

TRI, Ranchi reserves all rights to accept or reject all or any of the EOI's at any stage without assigning any reasons.TRI, Ranchi also reserves the right to engage/impanel one or more Research Institutions depending on requirements.

Sd/-
Director

PR 234810 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department (20-21)_D

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one female person was found dead Ganda Nala, Geetanjali Enclave, Jharoda Kalan, Delhi dated 02.10.2020. In this regard a DD No. 44A u/s 174 IPC dated 02.10.2020 has been registered at PS Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi.

The description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unknown, **D/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 25-30 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Sallow, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Long & **Black Identification marks:** Tatto on Right Hand Kishore ki Aurat, **Wearing :** Red colour suit & black colour salwar.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

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PS Baba Haridas Nagar, Delhi

DP/318/DW/2020 Ph.: 011-25315302, 8750871028

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEN/II/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No 91-DRM-MB-20-21 closing date 17.11.2020 16:00 hrs. **Name of work:** Cess widening and embankment repair to standardization as per NEW IRPWM. Repair to Km post, Gradient post, LC boards etc. & other misc work in connection with CTR/TRR work in the section of ADEN/HR-I. **Tender closing date/time:** 17.11.2020 16:00. **Cost of work:** Rs 7877019.67; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 157600.00; **Tender Cost:** Rs.-NIL; **Bidding start date:** 03.11.2020 and **Period of Completion:** 08 Months. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For detail information please log into www.ireps.gov.in. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. **No.: 90-DRM-MB-20-21 Dated: 21.10.2020. 2332/20**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TWAD BOARD, MADURAI.

ADDENDUM/CORRIGENDUM

TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE No.1 /Dt : 21.10.2020

Ref : Tender notice No. F.Sivagangani CWSS /DO /ICW/2020/Dt : 16.09.2020

The name of work and the period of sale of tender documents and receipt & opening of tenders called for in the reference is modified extended as below.

Sl. No.	Name of work : CWSS to 3 Municipalities, 8 TP and 2452 Rural Habitations in Sivagangai District with river Cauvery as source including maintenance for a period of 5 years.(Period of completion -30 months)	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Crore including GST)	Read as	Existing	Read as	Existing	Read as
1	Package – I	226.00	220.50	115.00	111.00		
2	Package – II	378.00	377.00	190.00	189.00		
3	Package – III	400.00	391.50	200.00	196.00		
4	Package IV	356.00	350.50	180.00	176.00		
5	Period of sale of bid documents	Upto 5.45 P.M on 31.10.2020					
6	Last date for receipt of tenders	Upto 3.00 P.M on 02.11.2020					
7	Opening of tenders	At 3.30 P.M on 02.11.2020					

All other terms and conditions already published remain unaltered.

DIPR/ 3671 /TENDER/2020/ Chief Engineer (I/c),
SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS TWAD Board, Madurai

Government of Odisha

Office of the Executive Engineer

Rural Works Division, Nabarangpur

e-mail-eerwngp@redifmail.com, Phone No. 222023

Letter No. 3296

Date: 20.10.2020

e-Procurement Notice

Building Works

01 (One) Nos.

Rs. 233.63 lakhs

"A" "B" Class of Contractor

12 (Twelve) Months

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No of works	Availability of tender Online for bidding	Date & Time of Opening of Tender
1	2	3	From To	4 5 6
Rural Works Division-1, Nabarangpur	EERWNGP-Online-08/2020-21	01 (One) Nos.	05.11.2020 at 10.00 AM	23.11.2020 up to 3.00 PM

For Details can be seen from the Government website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Rural Works Division, Nabarangpur
OIPR-25098/11/0008/2021

Government of Jharkhand

Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute,

Ranchi-834008

Ref no-786

Ranchi, Dated 22.10.2020

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Sd/-
Director

PR 234809 (Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department) 20-21 (D)

Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Odisha

Rourkela

No. BPUT/IV/Exam/385/20/4119

Dated 22/10/2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR E-EXAMINATION

The Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT), Odisha with its headquarters in Rourkela was established through an Act of the Government of Odisha in 2002. The Primary objectives of BPUT are to provide a uniform curriculum, examination and evaluation system for the Undergraduate as well as Post-Graduate Degree in Engineering; Management; Computer Application; Pharmacy and Architecture. The University also offers M.Tech and Ph.D programmes in many of these branches. There are over 150 colleges spreading across the state of Odisha and the present student strength is around 90,000.

The University invites EOI without any consortium in sealed envelope from the reputed, professionally & financially sound and duly registered companies/ agencies/ organizations which have required experience in e-examination, Digital Evaluation, and (Pre- and Post Examination), Student On-Line Services and Remote Proctored On-line Computer/ Laptop/ Android Based Mobile Examinations for any affiliating University or Universities to carry forward the existing e-examination system, digital evaluation, on-line remote proctored examinations (if pandemic situation continues) and services for the University.

Procedure for submission of EOI : Vendors proposing to submit EOI are advised to submit their proposals in a closed and sealed envelope super scribed with **“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR E-EXAMINATION”** latest by 10th November, 2020 addressed to the Registrar, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Chhend, Rourkela-15, Odisha by Speed Post only.

The EOI be submitted along with all supporting documents in compliance with the requirements of EOI. The companies will be short listed after details scrutiny by the designated Committee. The short listed parties will be required to present a demonstration regarding their expertise and experiences with additional services rendered to any affiliating university or universities.

The Final Tender document will be uploaded once the presentations are over in due course of time. A committee will finally scrutinize, and financial bids will be invited only from those who shall meet desired requirements strictly as per the tender requirement.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs / Tender at any stage of the process without assigning any reason. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

New Delhi

TOP OF THE WORLD



Nawaz Sharif

PAKISTAN

Govt to Britain: Deport Nawaz from London

Islamabad: Pakistan has requested the UK for a third time to deport former PM Nawaz Sharif from London to serve his prison term in the country after being sentenced in corruption cases, according to a media report on Thursday. Sharif, ousted from power in 2017 by the Supreme Court on corruption charges, is in London for medical treatment. A letter for his deportation was handed over to the British High Commissioner here three weeks ago, *Dawn* reported. The letter has cited Britain's own immigration laws of 1974 under which any person sentenced to imprisonment of more than four years had to be deported. **PTI**

THAILAND

Emergency decree cancelled to calm protests

Bangkok: Thailand's government Thursday cancelled a state of emergency for Bangkok after the embattled PM suggested the gesture to cool massive student-led protests seeking democracy reforms. The revocation of the emergency decree was published in the government gazette, and took effect at noon Thursday. PM Prayuth Chan-ocha went on national television on Wednesday night to appeal to pro-democracy protesters to reduce political tensions and promised to lift the emergency measure. **AP**

POLAND

Top court rules against abortion for birth defects

Warsaw: Poland's top court has ruled that a law allowing abortion of fetuses with congenital defects is unconstitutional. The decision by the country's Constitutional Court on Thursday effectively bans terminating pregnancies in cases where birth defects are found and will further limit access to abortions. The ruling came in response to a motion from right-wing lawmakers who argued that terminating a pregnancy due to fetal defects — the most common reason cited for legal abortions in Poland — violates a constitutional provision that calls for protecting the life of every individual. **AP**

Trump, Biden in final debate, with mute button

MICHELLE L PRICE
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

AFTER MEETING last month in perhaps the most chaotic debate in modern history, President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival, Joe Biden, will take the stage Thursday to give it another go.

The bar to improve upon their last prime-time meeting is low: Their first debate was punctuated by frequent interruptions, mostly from Trump, leaving the two men talking over each other and Biden eventually telling the president to "shut up".

A planned second debate didn't happen after the president was diagnosed with the coronavirus and refused to participate in a virtual format. Biden and Trump instead participated in dueling town halls on competing television networks.

Thursday's debate marks the candidates' second and final face-to-face meeting, with Election Day less than two weeks away.

After viewers of the last presidential debate bemoaned the

on during open discussion, leaving it likely there will still be lots of crosstalk during rebuttals.

Since the last debate, Trump was diagnosed with and hospitalised for Covid-19. The Republican has cast the virus and his own infection in positive terms, resumed holding large campaign rallies and attacked the government's top infectious-disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Biden, who has portrayed the Trump administration's response as an abject failure, regularly wears a mask, holds small in-person campaign events and releases his Covid-19 test results, which so far have been negative.

Following a summer marked by protests across the country over racial injustice, Trump has repeatedly portrayed himself as a greater champion for Black Americans than Biden is while emphasizing a law-and-order theme. But during the last debate, Trump gave a reluctant answer when asked if he would condemn white supremacists, and he refused to outright condemn a far-right fascist group, instead telling them to "stand back and stand by".



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

US proposes not to issue business visa for H-1B speciality occupations

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

THE US State Department has proposed not to issue temporary business visas for H-1B speciality occupations which allowed several companies to send their technology professionals for a short stay to complete jobs on site in the US, a move which could affect hundreds of Indians.

The proposal, if finalised, will eliminate any misconception that the "B-1 in lieu of H policy" provides an alternative avenue for foreign professionals to enter the US to perform skilled labour that allows, and potentially even encourages them and their employers to circumvent the restrictions and requirements relating to the H non-immigrant classification established by Congress to protect the US workers, the State Department said.

The move, made public on Wednesday, less than two weeks ahead of the November 3 presidential election, is likely to impact several Indian companies which send their technology professionals on B-1 visas for a short stay to complete jobs on site in the US.

According to the notification, the State Department estimates this proposal will affect not more than 6,000 to 8,000 foreign workers per year, specifically aliens intending to provide services in a speciality occupation in the US. **PTI**

Trump casts Biden as responsible for helping send millions of Black Americans to prison with a 1994 crime law when Biden was a senator. **AP**



Donald Trump speaks at a rally at Gastonia Municipal Airport in North Carolina. AP/PTI

Can't afford 4 more yrs: Obama shreds Trump

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

FORMER US president Barack Obama delivered a diatribe against his successor Donald Trump on Wednesday, accusing him of mismanaging the pandemic, as he appealed to the people to come out and vote in favour of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Jumping into the electoral campaign in support of his former vice president Biden and his running mate Senator Kamala Harris, Obama appealed to the people to defeat Trump and elect



Barack Obama

the Biden-Harris team on November 3.

"They have a plan for the economy and the coronavirus pandemic," Obama said in his maiden campaign appearance, asserting that the "Biden-Harris team will bring character and leadership back to government".

"We cannot afford four more years of this, Philadelphia," Obama said in his blistering at-

tack against Trump, which is quite unusual for a former president against an incumbent one.

"The idea that this White House has done anything but screw this up is just untrue," Obama said at a drive-in rally.

"Tweeting at the television doesn't fix things. Making stuff up doesn't make things better. You've got to have a plan. We literally left this White House a pandemic playbook... They probably used it to prop up a wobbly table somewhere," he said.

Referring to a recent news report that Trump maintains a bank account in China, the former US president said, "He's got a secret

Chinese bank account. How is that possible? Can you imagine if I had had a secret Chinese bank account when I was running for re-election. You think *Fox News* might have been a little concerned about that. They would have called me Beijing Barry."

"Donald Trump isn't going to protect us. He can barely take the basic steps to protect himself. If he'd actually been working the whole time, it never would have gotten this bad," Obama said.

Describing it as the "most important election of the lifetime", Obama urged his countrymen to go out and vote and not to be complacent like they did in 2016. **PTI**

Canada avoids snap polls after Parliament vote

AGENCIES
TORONTO, OCTOBER 22

JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S Liberal government avoided being toppled in a confidence vote Wednesday after a majority of Parliament members voted against a Conservative motion to create a special anti-corruption committee.

The Liberal government had declared the motion to be a matter of confidence.

Trudeau's Liberal party won re-election last year but does not have a majority of seats in Parliament and must rely on at least one opposition party to remain in power. The leftist New Democrat party and Green parties voted with the government to avoid an election.

"It was about paralyzing the government in the middle of a pandemic," Liberal House leader Pablo Rodriguez said of the attempt to create the committee.

Rodriguez had said the motion would allow the opposition to pull Cabinet ministers from their work and require them to testify "day after day."

New Democrat leader Jagmeet Singh in announcing that his party would vote with the government said the party wants to focus on what Canada needs during the pandemic.

Liberal House leader Pablo Rodriguez, in charge of negotiating with other parties, welcomed the end of what he called a ridiculous and abusive Conservative motion.

"Parliament chose to back



Justin Trudeau

Canadians rather than political games," he told reporters, saying he had made no concessions to the New Democrats to win their support. Both parties compete for the same center-left segment of the electorate.

Liberals would win 35% public support and the Conservatives 31% if a vote were held today, a result that could produce another minority Liberal government, said Frank Graves, president of polling company EKOS Research. More than 70% of Canadians say they do not want a snap election during the pandemic, according to an EKOS Research poll.

The opposition Conservatives, the New Democrats and Bloc Quebecois have argued that the Liberals are avoiding scrutiny of contracts and programs set up to deal with the pandemic.

The Liberals temporarily closed Parliament in August, which shut down the work of existing committees probing the We Charity deal.

Trudeau has said he should have recused himself from a Cabinet decision to award a contract to We Charity to adminis-

US intelligence agencies say Iran, Russia have tried to interfere in 2020 election

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

US DIRECTOR of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe said on Wednesday that Russia and Iran have both tried to interfere with the 2020 presidential election.

Ratcliffe made the announcements at a hastily arranged news conference that also included FBI Director Chris Wray.

The announcement two weeks before the election showed the level of alarm among top U.S. officials that foreign actors were seeking to undermine Americans' confidence in the integrity of the vote and spread misinformation in an attempt to sway its outcome.

"We have confirmed that some voter registration information has been obtained by Iran, and separately, by Russia," Ratcliffe said during the news conference.

Most of that voter registration is public. But Ratcliffe said that government officials "have already seen Iran sending spoofed emails designed to intimidate voters, incite social unrest and damage President Trump."

U.S. intelligence agencies previously warned that Iran might interfere to hurt Trump and that Russia was trying to help him in the election.

EXPLAINED Putting his political survival on the line

THE CREATION of committees is usually a low-key affair, but Justin Trudeau pushed to make the Conservative proposal a matter of confidence, placing his political survival on the line to fight what he called a bid to paralyze the work of Parliament.

National opinion surveys have given Trudeau's Liberals mostly good marks for handling Covid-19, but the country has reported an average of 2,401 new cases a day over the past week, and the second wave is clouding the economic outlook.

trouble money to students having trouble finding work due to the pandemic.

The almost billion-dollar program came under scrutiny after it was revealed that We Charity, an organization Trudeau's family has worked for, was chosen to administer it.

Trudeau's wife, brother and mother have been paid a combined \$221,000 for speaking at a number of We Charity events.

The Conservatives have said the committee could explore the We Charity deal.

In tightly-controlled Azerbaijan, pain and loss drive war fever

THE NEW YORK TIMES
BAKU, OCTOBER 22

AS DUSK fell, the sound of wailing carried on the soft evening breeze. Women filled the courtyard of a small house, keening over a coffin draped in the national flag. Men clustered in hushed groups in the narrow alley outside.

The working-class neighborhood of Ahmedli, in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, was mourning its first martyred son since war broke out anew between Azerbaijan and Armenia in the southern Caucasus three weeks ago. Eldar Aliyev, 26, a manager in one of Azerbaijan's biggest finance companies and a volunteer soldier, had spent barely two weeks at the front be-

fore returning home in a coffin. Azerbaijan has not released numbers of military casualties, but funerals are underway, bringing the war home to its people. As well as Mr. Aliyev, a colonel of the army was also buried in Baku on Sunday.

"If the nation calls, he has to go," said Mr. Aliyev's father, Suleyman Eldar Aliyev, standing against a wall and leaning on a crutch. "Long live the nation."

Azerbaijan is in full war mode as it engages in the heaviest fighting since the original conflict with Armenia in the early 1990s over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, an ethnic Armenian district inside Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan suffered a bitter defeat then, losing about 13 percent of its territory, with as many as 26,000 dead and



Azerbaijani army soldiers fire an artillery piece during the fighting. Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry via AP

around 800,000 displaced.

That's where matters stood for 26 years of a frozen truce, interrupted periodically by spasms of violence that were quickly tamped down by outside pow-

ers. But Azerbaijan, an oil-and-gas-rich former Soviet republic, has been quietly rearming for years. When clashes broke out three weeks ago, the country plunged into an all-out war to re-

claim the lands it lost.

Around the capital of Baku, signs of war fever are not hard to spot. The country's bright three-colored flag hangs from every public building, while giant screens along the main streets downtown play horrifying video footage of precision drone strikes on Armenian soldiers. Every few days,

President Ilham Aliyev, who has ruled the country since inheriting the office from his father in 2003, speaks to the nation and announces the names of villages and towns that have been newly "liberated."

Azerbaijan is a tightly controlled society where dissent is quickly quashed. Criticism of the war, where it exists, is muted. Yet the general mood is overwhelmingly supportive. In numerous

interviews, Azerbaijanis expressed their frustration that peace efforts led by France, Russia and the United States have never brought a resolution, despite repeated United Nations resolutions in Azerbaijan's favor.

"This is not Aliyev's war," said Zaur Shiriyev, the South Caucasus analyst for the International Crisis Group, in reference to the president. "It is all of the people's war."

The declared capture of some of their home districts has fired the refugees with excitement but also brought painful emotions flooding back.

"We were crying and smiling at the same time," said Ulker Allahverdiyev, 78, a refugee at the derelict school building who lost her husband and a son in the war.

US Senate panel nod for subpoenas to Facebook, Twitter CEOs

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

THE US Senate Judiciary Committee voted to subpoena the chief executives of Twitter and Facebook after the social media platforms decided to block stories from the *New York Post* that made claims about Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's son.

The vote passed along party lines with 12 Republicans approving the motion. The 10 Democrats on the committee were not present for the session over its consideration of Judge Amy Coney Barrett's Supreme Court nomination, which the panel approved.

Committee Chairman

Lindsey Graham said he hoped the subpoenas would give the panel some "leverage to secure (the CEOs') testimony" if they did not come and testify voluntarily.

The CEOs of Facebook and Twitter will testify on allegations of anti-conservative bias at a yet-to-be-determined date. The companies have come under heavy criticism from conservatives over their decision to flag the two New York Post stories as spreading disinformation and their attempts to clamp down on distribution of the stories.

The CEOs of Facebook and Twitter along with Alphabet's Google chief will also testify in front of the Senate Commerce Committee on October 28 about a key law protecting internet companies.

NOTICE BOARD

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APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

**INAUGURATION-REC**

SK Gupta, CMD, REC, inaugurated a CSR project undertaken by REC worth Rs. 1.34 Crore in NAB, New Delhi, in presence of A Choudhury, Dir. (Fin), REC, Dr. SN Srinivas, CEO, REC Foundation and others.

**CSR-NFL**

Virendra Nath Dutt, C&MD, NFL, distributed 95 cotton plucking machines free of cost to the farmers under the company's CSR programme held in Haryana recently.

**MEETING-NBCC**

R Chaudhari, Dir. (Comm.) accompanied by PSharma, GM (BD), called on HE Mossi Nyamale Rosette, Ambassador of DRC at Congo Embassy, to discuss NBCC's participation in upcoming infrastructure Development works in DRC.

**RAISING DAY-PAWAN HANS LTD**

Sanjeev Razdan, CMD, Pawan Hans Ltd hoisted the Company's Flag on the occasion of 36th Raising Day of Pawan Hans at CO, Noida. CMD, PHL congratulated and extended good wishes to all.

**LAUNCH-LIC**

LIC of India has introduced New Jeevan Shanti plan which is a Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Single Premium, Deferred Annuity Plan. This plan can be purchased offline and online from October 21, 2020.

**COLLABORATION-CRPF**

CRPF has recently collaborated with IITD, DRDO, and JATC to augment its R&D capabilities and to create a pool of highly specialized technology experts from among its officers.

**INAUGURATION-INDIANOIL**

Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of P&NG&S, inaugurated IndianOil's compact reformer plant and launched the much-awaited trial run of Delhi's buses on (HCNG) recently at the Rajghat Bus Depot-I of DTC.

**MoU-EIL**

Tarun Kapoor, Secy, MoP&NG and RK Sabharwal, Dir. (Comm.) with additional charge of CMD, EIL, signed the MoU for FY 2020-21, in presence of other senior officials of MoP&NG and EIL.

**OPENING-PUNJAB & SIND BANK**

Punjab & Sind Bank opened 3 new branches at Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara in a day in Gujarat at the hands of S Krishnan, MD & CEO and AK Das, ED.

NTPC Dadri is striving to become the cleanest coal fired plant in the country and is complying with all the CPCB guidelines on emissions. All the emission parameters are being monitored online and transmitted to CPCB on a real-time basis. NTPC Dadri has also pioneered co-firing of Biomass pellets along with coal in the boilers. The pellets are made of husk or agro-residue which would have been burnt otherwise in the fields increasing the pollution in NCR region. More than 8000 Tons of pellets have been fired in the boilers of NTPC Dadri, which is equivalent to almost 4000 acres of farm fire avoided.

IRCTC has carefully revamped its SOPs and is ready with tours for train travel enthusiasts. The first in this series is the 4 nights/5 Days "Padharo Rajasthan Tour" which will start from Delhi on 18th November 2020 and cover Jodhpur and Jaisalmer, along with many other tourist attractions. IRCTC has planned the tour packages at a very competitive package cost starting from Rs. 23,350/- per person for domestic tourists.

Russian Embassy in India At the initiative of the Chairman of the United Russia party Dmitry A. Medvedev, supported by leaders of the main ruling parliamentary parties of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) states, the International Inter-Party Forum SCO+ is being held in a virtual format from 21 to 23 October, 2020. Main theme of the event – Economy for People. Within the Forum, there are several thematic platforms dedicated to various aspects of supporting green technologies, combating dangerous infectious diseases and their consequences, developing digital economy and digital technologies in general, socio-economic cooperation between the regions of the SCO countries and regional security issues. Total number of participants in full-time and part-time forms is expected to be about 1000 delegates from over 30 countries.

AAL has undertaken the construction work for a New Integrated Terminal Building at Pune Airport. With massive built up area of more than 5,00,000 sq. ft., the new terminal will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 475 cr. The swanky new terminal building will be able to process 2300 passengers (1700 Domestic & 600 International) during peak hours. More than 40% of the work is completed and the new building is likely to be completed by March, 2022. The revamped terminal building will enable the airport to handle growing passenger traffic & ease the congestion inside the terminal.

BSF Sanjeev Kumar Singh IPS, Ex-ADG BSF left for heavenly abode on 16th October 2020. A dynamic and highly proficient IPS officer with expertise in all aspects of policing, strong leadership qualities and efficient management skills, he commanded the Eastern Command of Border Security Force with astute professional competence. His proactive approach enabled BSF Eastern Command to excel on the operational front along Indo-Bangladesh border leading to curbing of smuggling activities to a great extent. He was a highly decorated officer who had been awarded with the Indian Police Medal in 2003 and President's Police Medal in 2011 for his outstanding contributions. Director General and all ranks of BSF offer their heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family for the irreparable loss and stand by his family at this difficult time.

Russian Embassy in India The central theme of the 6th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, which will be held under the Russian BRICS Chairmanship on October 27 via videoconference, is BRICS Partnership for Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth: Parliamentary Dimension. Issues of strengthening of the key international institutions such as the UN and the World Health Organization along with issues of building a system of international relations on the principles of mutual respect and respect for sovereignty will also be discussed at the meeting. The Forum participants also plan to discuss issues of improving the standards and quality of life of citizens of the BRICS countries, preparing legislative initiatives to improve the healthcare systems, issues of social protection and economic recovery in the pandemic conditions, as well as the further development of parliamentary cooperation within the BRICS. The heads of the BRICS parliamentary delegations will address the Forum participants.

IGNOU has been awarded Five Star Rating for Innovation and Startups by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) for the year 2019-2020. On the basis of the performance of the various Institute's Innovation Councils (IICs), they have been evaluated following a very stringent criteria. Out of more than thousand Universities, Institutes and Colleges including Technical Institutes, only 110 have been awarded with Five Star rating. IIC at IGNOU carried out various activities aimed at promoting innovation, startups and entrepreneurship in the university by involving the faculty and the students.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Nlet. No.F.21 (3-1) Agri (SS)/2020-21/P/2497, dated 17.10.2020
The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Tripura invites an e-tender in single Bid system for supply of 165 MT Hybrid Paddy seeds for Rabi, 2020-21 from the concerned Hybrid Paddy Seed Producing Firms or their authorized distributor operating in the State of Tripura.

Name of works- Supply of 165 MT of Hybrid Paddy Seed during Rabi, 2020-21.

Estimated Cost- Rs 4,76,85,000/- (Rupees four crores seventy six lakhs and eighty five thousand) only.

Bid Submission end date & time- 27.10.2020 at 12:00 P.M.

Bid opening date and time- 27.10.2020 at 3:00 P.M.
Details may be obtained from
<http://tripuratenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
(Dr. D.P. Sarkar)
Director of Agriculture
Tripura

ICA-C/1931/20

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

-----Telefax:- 0194-2496089, Email ID:- xenmhchchk@yahoo.in-----

Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2020-21/174/e-tendering
Dated 21.10.2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from the **Registered, reputed & experienced firms** as detailed in the NIT for below mentioned works:

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Validity of completion (in Days)	Position of AAA/Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6
Providing Central Heating system to various sections of viz. CSSD & doctor's room no. 6 at old blood bank of Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.	1.22	200	2400	05	Available

- Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 21-10-2020 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 21.10.2020 (18.00 hrs).
- Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 22-10-2020 (10.00 hrs) to 04-11-2020 (18.55 hrs) in two (02) covers.
- Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 05-11-2020 at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

No: MHCHD/TS / 5024-28
Dated: 21-10-2020
DIPK-7840

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
MHCHD, Srinagar.



ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

CHENNAI - 35 (ELCOT)

BID NOTICE NO. ELCOT/HWD/ICERS - Cell/TNRSP - II/2020-21
National Competitive Bid (NCB) Dated 23.10.2020
Single cover System by e - Procurement

- The Managing Director, ELCOT for and on behalf of Highways Department, ICERS Cell, TNRSP - II, invites bids for Procurement of Tablets, Laptops, Desktops and UPS for Chennai and Villupuram Region (Package - 1), Salem, Tiruppur, Coimbatore and Trichy Region (Package - 2), Madurai and Tirunelveli Region (Package - 3) - Through World Bank Project
- The bid document is available from **23.10.2020 at 15.00 hours** and should be submitted online in the website, <https://tntenders.gov.in>
- Kindly refer the Invitation For Bid (IFB) uploaded in <https://tntenders.gov.in> for details.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **03.11.2020 at 11.00 Hours** at the office of the **MANAGING DIRECTOR, ELCOT, CHENNAI.**
- Deadline for online submission of bids: **on or before 11.00 hours (IST) on 25.11.2020 to the above website**
- Date of online Bid opening: **at 15.00 Hours (IST) for Package 1 and 15.30 Hours (IST) for Package 2 and 16.00 Hours for Package 3 on 25.11.2020.**

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU
692, II Floor, M.H.U. Complex, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035
e-mail: md@elcot.in URL: www.elcot.in

DIPR/3973/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

DIRECTORATE OF ARTS & CULTURE SHILLONG MEGHALAYA

No. DAC/ARCH/26/2020/Pt.II/39, Dated: the 20th October, 2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand) only are invited from interested registered Class I contractors for construction of the work mentioned below.

Name of the project	Tender Fee non-refundable (Rs.)	Tender Value	Earnest Money Deposit(Rs.)
Construction of Hostel/ Residential block in Tribal Research Institute at Babadam, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.	Rs. 16,000/-	16.39 crores	1% for Tribals 2% for Non Tribals

- Tender documents can be downloaded from the tendering website <https://meghalayatenders.gov.in> from 20/10/2020 To 10/11/2020 and to submit the Tender fee receipt in the office of The Director Arts & Culture Shillong in the form of DD/Bankers Cheque issued in favor of "The Director, Arts & Culture, Shillong, Meghalaya" Payable at Shillong.
- Bidders are requested to submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) receipt in the office of The Director, Arts & Culture, Shillong, Meghalaya in the form prescribed in the tender document issued in favour of "The Director, Arts & Culture, Shillong, Meghalaya" Payable at Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The last date for **pre-bid queries is 28/10/2020** through the-mail on artsandculturemegh@gmail.com and **Pre-bid meeting will be held on the 30/10/2020** in the Office of the Director, Arts & Culture, Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The deadline of **online bid-submission is 11/11/2020** and deadline for hard copy of Tender Fees and EMD in original is 11/11/2020.
- The Technical Bid Opening date is 11/11/2020.
- Deduction like GST, Forest Royalty, Cess and Security deposit will be executed accordingly as per the prescribed rate by the Government from time to time.
- Brief eligibility criteria & terms and conditions.**
 - The Bidders should have successfully completed similar works during the last 5 years:
 - 01 (one) work costing not less than Rs. 13.11 Crores of State/Central Government.
 - 02 (two) works costing not less than Rs. 09.83 Crores of State/Central Government.
 - 03 (three) works costing not less than Rs. 06.55 Crores of State/Central Government.
- The prospective applicants/tenderers shall have their own necessary plants and machineries for the execution of construction works.
- The tenderers shall have requisite Technical Personnel for the construction works.
- The available Bid Capacity of the applicant shall be more than the total bid value.
- The Bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days with effect from the date of opening of the tender.
- Earnest Money Deposit shall be in Bankers Cheque / Fixed Deposit Receipt drawn in favor of the Director, Arts & Culture, Shillong, Meghalaya.
- All bidders shall enclose Tender Fee Receipt along with their bid.
- For details contact phone number +91 94361-19181

Sd/-
Director
Arts & Culture
Shillong, Meghalaya
MIPR No.1111 Dated 22.10.2020

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	MODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD-B&R, ANBALA	CONSTR. OF ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK (5000 SQ.FEET) AT SHARABAD IN DISTT. KURUKSHETRA (CPN ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO. 12421 DATED 04.05.2019) (PDG. 250KVA ELECT. SUB STATION). + 7 OTHER WORKS	28.10.2020 11.11.2020	333.32 LACS	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2635877 pwd-seed-ambala@hry.nic.in
2	BLOCK DEY & PANCHAYAT OFFICER BHAWANA	CONSTRUCTION OF PARK-DUH VYASHALLA	19.10.2020 27.10.2020	21.57 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	97993-57787 bpd@dey.gov.in
3	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, KURUKSHETRA	LADWA - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING SEWERAGE SCHEME IN REMAINING AREA / BALANCE STREETS OF LADWA TOWN DISTRICT, KURUKSHETRA. + 1 OTHER WORK	21.10.2020 03.11.2020	129.94 LACS	email@sewage.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
4	FOREST DEPARTMENT,GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF 3 WATER POND AT PROJE BHABHA-BHAWANA + 4 OTHER WORKS	21.10.2020 20.10.2020	92.16 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in IN TENDER NO.2020-JHR-149448_1 + 4 OTHERS	0172-2583482/sof.csw-16@hry.gov.in, sof@hry@gmail.com
5	FOREST DEPARTMENT,GURUGRAM	CREATION OF EATING LAWN FOR VISITORS FACILITY AT SULTANPUR NATIONAL PARK, DISTRICT GURUGRAM + 1 OTHER WORK	22.10.2020 20.10.2020	39.31 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in IN TENDER NO.2020-JHR-149524_1 + 1 OTHER	0172-2583482/sof.csw-16@hry.gov.in, sof@hry@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etendehry.nic.in

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e Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items - Notice Inviting Tender							
Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignment/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of online e-tenders
1	a) BOPP Jumbo Tape:- Brown Base Transparent Base Any Other Colour	Annual Rate Contract 41,070 Rolls 23,300 Rolls 13,500 Rolls	Verka Head Office (Ph. No. 0172-5041836-837)	200/-	75,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
2	a. b) BOPP Tape:- 65 Mtr. 100 Mtr.	50,800 Rolls 6,000 Rolls	-do-	200/-	50,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
3	a. b. c. Dark Choco Feast Choco Chip Choco Feast	3000 Kg 500 Kg 10,700 Kg	-do-	200/-	10,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
4	GDL	40,500 Kg	-do-	200/-	2,00,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
5	Lids for Ice Cream Cones:- i) 50 ml ii) 125 ml	18 Lacs 3 Lacs	-do-	200/-	10,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
6	Paper Gallon i) 2 Ltr ii) 4 Ltr iii) 5 Ltr	5,000 Nos. 7,500 Nos. 61,000 Nos.	-do-	200/-	15,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM
7	Shrink Film	13,640 Kg	-do-	200/-	40,000/-	23.10.2020 from 10:00 AM	05.11.2020 Up to 10:00 AM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, MFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970033, 2970034 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender processing Fees is Non-Refundable.

Note: Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on website only.

General Manager (PLM/PURCHASE)

17 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹51,405



RUPEE

₹73.54



OIL

\$42.27



SILVER

₹63,425

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 1930 IST

SENSEX: 40,558.49 ▼ 148.82 NIFTY: 11,896.45 ▼ 41.20 NIKKEI: 23,474.27 ▼ 165.19 HANG SENG: 24,786.13 ▲ 31.71 FTSE: 5,785.41 ▲ 8.91 DAX: 12,565.01 ▲ 7.37

International market data till 1900 IST

COVID-19 VACCINE
LATE-STAGE TRIALS

‘Committed’ to mass vaccination, govt yet to finalise fund allocation

SUNNY VERMA &
PRABHARAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

AP file

THE GOVERNMENT is “committed” to providing the funding required to vaccinate India’s population against Covid-19, but is yet to set aside any amount for this purpose, according to senior government officials. With various vaccine candidates progressing to late-stage human trials here, some experts feel the cost that the Centre will bear may become clearer by early 2021.

“We are yet to get the exact estimates on the cost of vaccine shots. At this stage, no amount has been set aside for vaccination, but the government has committed that whatever is required for the purpose will be provided. That commitment is there,” a senior Finance Ministry official told *The Indian Express*.

According to Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, “sufficient” financial resources are available with the government to go in for a procurement for mass vaccination against. The final cost will depend on a variety of factors, including how many doses are to be given of the vaccines that are approved and how the candidates under testing turn out.

“The price of a single dose and price of two-dose vaccines — because most of the vaccines that are being worked across the globe are two-dose vaccines—is still evolving,” Bhushan said on October 13.

Until these candidates prove their safety and efficacy, whatever figure is “bandied” around is “just a figure”, he said during a briefing on the efforts made by the Health Ministry to tackle the pandemic. Once multiple vaccines manage to demonstrate their safety and efficacy, the prices of these vaccines are expected to decline “drastically”, he said.

The government will have to ensure it is financially and logistically prepared to vaccinate “at least” 300 million persons by mid-2021 if it wants a shot at containing the spread of the virus here, said Public Health Foundation of India president Dr K Srinath Reddy. “... We are really looking at all the essential services being immunised and all the people

who are above the age of 55 being immunised at least ... then you can say that you are likely to achieve some degree of containment,” he added.

According to Reddy, the costing will have to take into account the additional cold chain infrastructure and trained personnel required for vaccinating this population. It will also have to account for the awareness to be generated at a community level to prepare the targeted population to be immunised when the time for vaccination arrives.

“We do not know which vaccine is going to come out first, whether it is going to be an Indian vaccine manufactured on scale or a foreign vaccine commissioned to India and on what terms of sharing at what price,” said Reddy. It is also difficult to speculate the required budget for the government at this point because it is also not clear whether India will be exercising price controls, he said.

While it is unclear how much additional cold chain capacity is required, Bhushan earlier this week said the government was prepared to vaccinate at least 30 million healthcare professionals, including 20 million frontline workers and seven million doctors and paramedics, at a moment’s notice.

“For those 3 crore (30 million), we can do vaccination even today. We have the cold chain, we have the vials, we have syringes, we have everything,” Bhushan said on the sidelines of a briefing.

According to him, India has “surplus” domestic capacity, both for vials and syringes.

“We are in constant touch with the manufacturers. We also have an existing inventory within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ... so, we will be utilising our inventory,” said the secretary.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

NEW RETAIL INFLATION SERIES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Base year shifted to 2016, no change in dearness allowance

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE GOVERNMENT on Thursday launched the new series for retail inflation for industrial workers shifting the base year to 2016 from 2001. The government, however, said that dearness allowance, which is linked to the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW), will remain unchanged for now. “As of now, there will be no change in dearness allowance,” Labour Bureau Director General DPS Negi said.

To make the new series comparable with the older one, the Ministry stated that it has to be calculated using a linking factor of 2.88. Taking this into account, the CPI-IW for September is 118, and with linking factor it works out to be 339.8 as against 322 in the corresponding period last year in the earlier series.

The CPI-IW is mainly used for

EXPLAINED
Weightage for food group drops

UNDER THE new series, the weightage for the food group has gone down to 39.17 per cent from 46.2 per cent in the 2001 series, while the weight of miscellaneous items, such as education and health has risen to 30.31 per cent from 23.26 per cent.

determining dearness allowance (DA) paid to central/state government employees and workers in the industrial sectors besides fixation and revision of minimum wages in scheduled employments.

The new series also incorporates the changes in the consumption pattern of the working class families since the earlier base year

of 2001. Under the new series, the weightage for the food group has gone down to 39.17 per cent from 46.2 per cent in the 2001 series, while weight of miscellaneous items, like education and health has risen to 30.31 per cent from 23.26 per cent. The weight of housing and clothing and footwear have changed to 16.87 per cent from 15.27 per cent and to 6.08 per cent from 6.57 per cent.

Weight of fuel and light segment will now have a weight of 5.5 per cent as against 6.43 per cent earlier, while pan, supari, tobacco and intoxicants will hold 2.07 per cent weight as against 2.27 per cent.

In the new 2016 series, 88 centres have been covered as against 78 centres in the 2001 series. The sample size for the conduct of Working-Class Family Income and Expenditure Survey, on the basis of which weighting diagrams have been derived, was increased to 48,384 families from 41,040 in the

2001 series, Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said.

The number of selected markets for collection of retail price data has also been increased to 317 under the 2016 series compared to 289 covered in the 2001 series. The number of items directly retained in the index basket has increased to 463 items over 392 items in the old series.

Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra said that it’s been said that the dearness allowance is linked to an outdated index, but hereon, the aim is to keep revising the series every five years.

As per the recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Index Review Committee (IRC) and National Statistical Commission (NSC), the base year of price index numbers should be revised at frequent intervals, generally not exceeding 10 years to reflect the changes that take place in the consumption pattern of consumers.

COVID-19 IMPACT

‘Outlook in real estate sector optimistic for next six months’

Sentiment in the real estate industry remained pessimistic in July-September amid the pandemic, but the outlook for next six months is optimistic with signs of revival in demand, a survey by Knight Frank-Ficci-NAREDCO said

~57% Respondents who opined that the economy is going to grow and improve in next six months

40 pts: ‘Current Sentiments Score’ during July-September period, rising from record low of 22 points in previous quarter, but still in pessimistic zone



52 pts: ‘Future Sentiment Score’, which is in optimistic zone, rising from 41 points in previous quarter

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT: The survey — which took into account developers, banks, financial institutions and private equity players operating in the sector —

attributed the revival in sentiments to the “remarkable upturn seen in the real estate business, especially in the residential segment, in the third quarter of (calendar year) 2020 as a result of the unlocking process”

Source: Knight Frank/Ficci/NAREDCO/PTI

BIDDING UNDER OPEN ACREAGE LICENSING POLICY

ONGC bags 7 blocks, OIL 4 in latest round

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

STATE-OWNED OIL and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) and Oil India (OIL) have won all the 11 blocks offered in the latest bidding round for oil and gas exploration blocks, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons said on Thursday.

ONGC won seven blocks while OIL won the other four blocks, with only one bid coming from the private sector from Invenire Petrodyne Ltd. ONGC had also dominated

the previous round of bidding, winning all six of the blocks offered in the fourth round, offered under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP).

Experts have said the lack of interest from private players in recent rounds of OALP bidding has been a result of a lack of policy clarity from the government and unsuitable taxation and regulatory conditions. A proposal by the Petroleum Ministry to reduce the oil cess charge on domestic production of crude has been rejected by the Finance Ministry, according to government sources.

Any customer can avail our horizontal 5G platform: Qualcomm

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DURGA MALLADI, senior vice-president and general manager, 4G/5G, Qualcomm Technologies, Inc on Wednesday said his company was “working with several partners in India” and around the world and any customer was free to build on the horizontal 5G platform announced by it.

“Our solution is horizontal platform, so we are not providing a complete solution anyway. So, any customer of ours can

avail themselves of this horizontal platform and then it is up to them to start building the software and the rest of the stack on top of it and come up with a full blown solution,” he told *indian-express.com* at a roundtable as part of the Qualcomm 5G Summit.

A day earlier, the telecom major had announced a tie up with Reliance Jio and its wholly owned subsidiary Radisys Corporation to “develop open and interoperable interface compliant architecture based 5G solutions with a virtualised RAN”.

BRIEFLY

Reserve Bank on QR codes

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to phase out non-interoperable proprietary QR (quick response) codes operated by payment system operators (PSOs) and directed them to shift to UPI QR or Bharat QR codes for payments. **ENS**

‘Wish economy was circus lion’

New Delhi: A day after the RBI Governor, the Sebi chief and the DEA secretary spoke on the economy, senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Thursday took a dig at them, saying he wishes the economy was a “circus lion” that would respond to the stick of the ringmaster.

‘Infra focus in next stimulus’

New Delhi: NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said the economy might end up with a lower contraction in the current fiscal than projected by various organisations and stressed that the next stimulus should focus on short-gestation infrastructure projects. **PTI**

CDSCO panel recommends nod for phase III trials of Covaxin

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A SUBJECT expert committee (SEC) has recommended that the country’s apex drug regulator grant approval to Bharat Biotech for conducting late-stage human trials of its Covid-19 vaccine candidate Covaxin in India.

“After detailed deliberation and based on the available evidences, the committee recommended for grant of permission to conduct Phase III clinical trial subject to the condition that the primary efficacy endpoint for symptomatic cases should be amended...,” stated minutes of the

CRITERIA FOR COVID POSITIVE PARTICIPANT

■ The subject expert committee has also set various criteria for a participant to be a confirmed symptomatic case confirmed by a positive RT-PCR test

SEC’s meeting on the matter dated October 20.

The SEC of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has recommended that

once a suspect case is confirmed, the principal investigator at the trial site will evaluate the clinical information to classify it as a symptomatic case.

The committee has also set various criteria for a participant to be a confirmed symptomatic case confirmed by a positive RT-PCR test. This includes either one or more symptoms such as shortness of breath, new onset anosmia or agnosia, oxygen saturation levels of less than 94 per cent or pneumonia diagnosed by chest X-ray or CT scan, fever, chills and new cough. “The events not meeting the primary endpoint shall be categorized as secondary endpoints,” stated the minutes.

Suzuki Motor Gujarat output at 10L

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

SUZUKI MOTOR Gujarat Pvt Ltd (SMG), a subsidiary of Japan’s Suzuki Motor Corporation for production of automobiles in India, on Thursday said it has achieved accumulated production of 10 lakh units.

The company achieved the milestone on October 21 this year, becoming the fastest production site of Suzuki to reach 10 lakh units,

Of about 1.58 million units produced in India in FY2019 by Suzuki, SMG accounted for 25%

the company said in a statement. It crossed the record in just 3 years and 9 months since starting production in February 2017, it added. SMG, which supplies exclusively to Maruti Suzuki India, had started production at the plant lo-

cated at Hansalpur in Gujarat, with the Baleno model, followed by Swift in January 2018, and subsequently commenced manufacturing for exports in March 2018, it said. In January 2019, the second production site, B Plant, and the Powertrain Plant started the operation to meet the growing needs in India and abroad.

Of approximately 1.58 million units produced in India in FY2019 by Suzuki, SMG accounted for 25 per cent with approximately 4,10,000 units, the statement said.

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Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology
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Longowal-148106, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab

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CREDIT SUISSE REPORT

‘Despite Covid, wealth of Indian adults rises marginally in 6 months’

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

THE AVERAGE wealth of Indian adults rose marginally by \$120 (about Rs 8,800) to \$17,420 (Rs 12.77 lakh) at end-June 2020, as against \$17,300 as of December 2019, showing some growth despite the Covid pandemic and lockdowns, Credit Suisse said in a report.

Over the first half of 2020, while average wealth rose by only 1.7 per cent, Credit Suisse estimated that the full rise for 2020 will be 5-6 per cent and 2021 will see growth of about 9 per cent. The country had 9,07,000 adults in the top 1 per cent of global wealth holders, which is a 1.8 per cent share, it said.

With 4,593 ultra-high-net-worth individuals in the country as of end-2019, India came in fourth after the US, China and Germany. India had approximately 912,000 millionaires, accounting for 2 per cent of 51.9 million millionaires globally as at end 2019. “Household wealth in India is dominated by property and other real assets, although financial assets have grown over time, now forming 22 per cent of gross assets. In 2019, non-financial assets rose by 12.5 per cent compared to 8.6 per cent growth in financial assets, Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report said.

ULTRA HNIs

4,593

■ With 4,593 ultra-high-net-worth individuals in the country as of end-2019, India came in fourth after the US, China and Germany.

“Annual growth of wealth per adult averaged 9.7 per cent over 2000-2019 using current exchange rates, and 12.1 per cent with constant exchange rates,” it said.

Anthony Shorrocks, economist and report author, said: “Given the damage inflicted by COVID-19 on the global economy, it seems remarkable that household wealth has emerged relatively unscathed. Wealth acts as a form of self-insurance that households can draw upon when times are hard. Initially, the impact of the pandemic was felt mainly via the sharp worldwide decline in equity prices.”

In Asia Pacific, there were 45,920 ultra-high-net-worth adults with net worth exceeding \$50 million as at end 2019. Asia Pacific is the highest contributor of household wealth. Total household wealth was \$167,271 billion in June 2020, 42 per cent of the global total of \$400,180 billion, Credit Suisse said.

Adani takeover of three airports to be complete by Nov 11

At Mangaluru, Lucknow and Ahmedabad

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE ADANI Group would be taking over the operations, management and development of the airports at Mangaluru, Lucknow and Ahmedabad from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) by October 31, November 2 and November 11, respectively, said an official press release on Thursday.

The AAI, in its release, added that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has signed MoUs (memorandums of understanding) with three entities of the Adani Group to provide services such as customs, immigration and security at the above mentioned three airports.

“The AAI and concessionaires of Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru airports will be completing conditions precedents as prescribed in the concession agreements and the concessionaires will be taking over the operations, management and development of airports as under: Mangaluru airport : 31.10.2020; Lucknow airport : 02.11.2020; Ahmedabad airport : 07.11.2020,” the AAI press release said.

In February 2019, the government privatised six major airports, i.e. Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, and Guwahati. After a competitive bidding process, Adani Enterprises won the rights to run all of them. **WITHPTI**

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REGISTRAR

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, MAHESH, S/O VIKAS CHOPRA
ADD-1, KASHMIRI BUILDING,
BEGUMPUR, MALVIYA-NAGAR,
NEW DELHI-110017.Changed
my name to MAANAD CHOPRA
0400552249-4

I ABHILASHA THAKUR W/O Shri
Ashok Kumar Thakur R/O 377/1, Than Singh Nagar,
Anand Parbat, Karol Bagh, New
Delhi-110005. My Name is
Wrongly Mentioned (Baby) in
my Son (Subodh Kumar) school
records. My Correct Name is
ABHILASHA THAKUR.
Abhilasha Thakur and Baby
both names are one and the
same lady. Please correct your
records. 0400552209-1

I Army number 5750237P Rank
NK. Name Bhim Singh Lama
Unit 6/8GR age 59yrs resident
at Umkadi Nongnenseng
Shillong 19 Meghalaya. My
son's name is Yalmang Lama
by bonafide mistake my son's
name has been wrongly
recorded in record office as
YALMONG LAMA instead of
YALMANG LAMA
0400552200-1

I Bindu alias Bindu Grover alias
Neha Grover D/O Late Sh. Som
Nath Kwatra W/o Sh.Neeraj
Grover R/O H.No.113, Guru Ram
Dass Nagar, Laxmi Nagar,
Delhi-110092 have changed my
name to Neha Grover for all
purposes. 0400552242-3

I Dipti Gupta W/O Sh. Manoj
Gupta R/O 32/59-60, Block-32,
West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-
110008 is also known as Shelly.
Both names are of one and the
same person. 0400552242-2

I Manoj Kumar S/O Mr. Hizikal
Deynyial R/O House No.444,
Block-F-1, CPWD Multistorey
Flats, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh,
Delhi-110005 have changed my
name to Manoj Daniel for all
purposes. 0400552242-1

I V.Subbalakshmi D/o P V V
Rajawade R/O Balan Mani R/O
16A/5, W.E.A. Karol Bagh,
Central Delhi, New Delhi-
110005 have changed my name
to Radhika Balan for all
purposes. 0400552242-4

I, Faiyaz Ahmadi S/O, Shakil
Ahmad R/O Kh No 6/19 Shiv
Mandir Colony Gali No 5
Safiabad Road Narela Delhi
110040, have changed my name
to Faiyaz Ahmad for all
purposes. 0707717898-1

I Dolly W/O.Rajeev Kumar
R/O/WZ-68, Om vihar, phase-2,
Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-
110059, have changed my name
to Pinky for all purposes.
0400552249-1

I, Jank Dulari W/O Bishwambhar
Mishra, (Service Number-
287221N) (AF, R/O-C-329,
sector-P-3, Greater
Noida,(U.P.) have changed my
name from Jank Dulari & Janak
Dulari Mishra to Janak Dulari
(D.O.B:-15/05/1954), for all
Future purposes.(Affidavit
Date-20/09/2020)
0400552265-1

I, KANWALJEET KAUR KOHLI W/O
HARMEET SINGH ADD-H.NO-66,
SAVITA VIHAR DELHI 110092,
changed my name to
KANWALJEET KAUR,
permanently. 0400552249-3

I, Narender Singh S/o-Dalit
Singh R/O-H.NO-56, Flat-NO-05,
2nd-floor, Hastasvil Village,
Uttam-Nagar New Delhi-
110059, my name has been
wrongly-written as Narendra
Singh in the 10th,12th,
Marksheet of my Son Pravjit
Singh, the actual name of mine
is Narender Singh
0400552246-1

I, Reena W/o Ram Avtar, R/o
4534, Shora Kothi, Dal Mandi
Chowk, Main Bazar, Pahar
Ganj, New Delhi, have declared
that Reena Kumari and Reena
are the name of one person, I
have changed my Name as
Reena for all purposes.
0400552225-1

I, Richa nagar D/O-Amar nath
malik House.no.61, sector-7
urban estate, gurgaon
haryana-122001,changed my
name to Richa malik.
0400552249-7

I, SANJEET KUMAR PANDEY, S/O
BAJUNATH PANDEY, ADD-RAJVI
NAGAR, GALI.NO.02, NEAR-
RUBDI PUBLIC-SCHOOL,
BAIYAPUR-KHURD, SONIPAT,
HARYANA-131001, changed my
name to SANJEET PANDEY.
0400552249-5

I, Sachchida nand mishra S/O
Sh. Yugal Kishore Mishra R/O
28, Rajul Vihar Noida Sector 33
Uttar Pradesh-201301 have
changed my name to
Sachchida nand mishra, for all
purposes. 0400552242-1

I, Saloni Saxena W/o Ajay
Saxena R/O 605, SBI Colony,
East of Kailash, Delhi-110065,
have changed my name to
Saloni Saxena
0707717903-1

I, Sundee Narula S/O Tilak Raj
Narula R/O I-58, Ashok Vihar
Phase-I, Delhi-110052 have
changed my name to Sandeep
Narula. 0400552263-8

I, Gangadhar Rajashekar
Lakshman kanth S/O
Rajashekar, Address-D-89,
type-2, motibagh, New delhi-
110021, changed my name to
Lakshman kanth.
0400552263-3

I, Ajay Kumar, S/O Khem Raj R/O
AK-34, Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-88
I, have changed my Minor
daughter Mehak to Mehak
Vinayak 0400552263-2

PERSONAL

I, Suresh Sharma S/o Late Sh.
Jagdish Chand Sharma R/o
House No. 206/241, Gali No. 3,
Phase-2, Laxman Vihar,
Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 have
changed my name from Suresh
Kumar to Suresh Sharma for all
future purposes.
0400552218-1

I, ANIL KUMAR KANSAL S/o Devi
Sahai Gupta R/o-A-
1/107, Paschim-Vihar New
Delhi-110063. Have changed my
Name to ANIL KUMAR.
0400552249-8

I, Aayushi D/o Haridwar Singh
R/o-W-6/603, Tejas-Enclave,
Vayu Sena-Vatika, Sohna-
Road, Gurugram (Haryana)-
122001. Have changed my
name to Aayushi Singh
0400552263-6

I, Ajay Kumar S/O khem Raj R/O
AK-34, Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-88
I, have changed my Minor
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WADA probe finds use of doppelgangers

A three-year investigation into the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has uncovered cases of suspected urine substitution and “doppelgangers” being used to impersonate athletes, the WADA, said. Eighteen weightlifters from six countries are suspected of giving manipulated samples, WADA said, adding that the cases of urine substitution would be forwarded to the International Testing Agency (ITA). WADA said that it found evidence of “doppelgangers” being used to impersonate athletes during the sample collection process. The discovery was part of multiple and ongoing WADA probes that began in 2017, including Operation Arrow, a covert investigation into the practice of urine substitution at the point of collection.

Azerbaijan club warned for salute

Players and officials of Azerbaijani club Qarabag who made military salutes at a Europa League game while the country was in conflict with Armenia were warned by UEFA on Thursday. The incident on October 1 came days after hostilities flared between Azerbaijan and neighboring Armenia over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. UEFA listed 13 players and 14 club officials who made the gesture in the stadium in Poland.

India get nod to quarantine in Sydney

Sydney and Canberra are set to host the white-ball leg of India's tour of Australia after the New South Wales government allowed the visiting team to train during its mandatory quarantine upon arrival. 'ESP'Ncrinfo' on Thursday reported that New South Wales government and Cricket Australia have struck a deal to allow Indian and Australian players returning from IPL to train in Sydney while quarantining. The Indian team was initially supposed to land in Brisbane but the Queensland state health authorities did not relax their 14-day quarantine rule to allow Virat Kohli and Co to train during that period.

AGENCIES

Testing waters

India's finest swimmers get back into water, knowing it would be a long haul to best timings

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

INDIA'S ELITE swimmers felt like fish out of water when they got into the pool for the first few days after restrictions put in place due to the pandemic were lifted.

Kushagra Rawat felt his head bouncing while breathing out of water and knew his swimming rhythm had gone haywire. Backstroke specialist Srihari Nataraj had no awareness of how his arms were moving in water the first 3-4 days on his return to the pool. Even 18 years spent with a thousand repetitions day in, day out, could not ensure that the paddle would stay intact when India's three elite swimmers - Sajan Prakash also trained in Dubai - resumed training.

Back in India now, they realise hitting pre-pandemic era speeds is going to be difficult. "This is going to take longer. Two months more perhaps," Srihari (19), said.

Having camped in Dubai on the back of as sturdy dry-land training as was possible at home, Srihari, dipped his toes back into training happy that he was back in water.

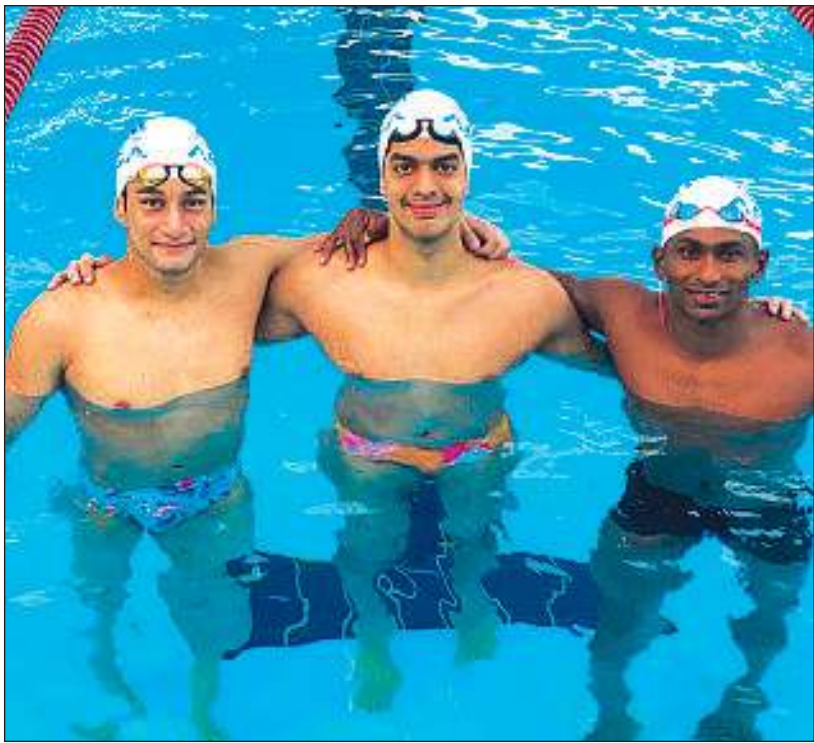
Uneasy at first

"It felt weird first 3-4 days and there was no feel of water. I had no idea what was happening with my arms nor awareness of where they were going, though they were moving. I couldn't grab any water. It came back slowly in two weeks," says the Bangalorean backstroker. He will stay locked in his room for two more days on his return, since he has grandparents' safety (above 70) to consider. "After that my parents are deciding if I should continue in Bangalore or look at training abroad," he adds.

Srihari says he's still a month or two out from hitting top timing.

Rawat concurs. "Target was to get as close to previous bests as possible. But I'm not very close to my best at all," says the 18-year-old, who is hoping Talkatora waters in Delhi are allowed to open at least for competitive swimmers in the coming months. "Or else I'll go to Bangalore. I'll need at least a month and half," says the 800-freestyle specialist.

On finding the elusive feel of water after five months of training restricted to gym work, Rawat said, "First three weeks, body was sore from all the gym work (he's set up makeshift workout equipment in his ter-



Indian elite swimmers (L-R) Kushagra Rawat, Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash during their two-month Dubai stint after resuming training.

race). But initially there was no tempo at all. My head was bouncing weirdly while breathing. The hips were not aligned and I was leaning more on the right. And sometimes the left hand was going out too much. I was just not getting the stroke - something that came so naturally at the start of the year." Srihari would lend his GoPro system for Rawat to analyse what limb movements were going astray.

Safety protocols

A fine of 3000 dirhams awaited anyone caught walking around without a mask anywhere outside the perimeter of the pool, Rawat says. "And if someone wasn't following social distancing, then after two warnings they would just cancel the session. Didn't happen to us, but it was strictly enforced," he adds.

The Indians swam a couple of hours morning and evening. "But if the session started at 7.30, we had to walk in just before the start, and vacate by 9.30," Rawat

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SRIHARI NATARAJ
BACKSTROKE SPECIALIST

recalls. While the Delhi lad had online college classes to attend, spare time saw the trio play table tennis at the hotel.

"I wasn't very good. Hari (Nataraj) was the best," he laughs. The hotel chef was also sounded out on adding daal to the menu for the Indians, and ramping up on veggies in the salads. "Everyone had a couple of extra kgs to lose," Rawat added.

For Srihari, the weather was the big problem. "Put me in a sub-zero place and I

'SOCIAL MEDIA MUST COMBAT ABUSE'

Manchester City's Raheem Sterling said social media companies have the technology to tackle online abuse but questioned whether they have the will to do so. Sterling was responding to the results of a Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) report into messages sent on Twitter to 44 current and former players in England.

REUTERS

Real can't help losing, Bayern can't stop winning

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REAL MADRID couldn't halt its losing streak in the Champions League and no one seems able to stop Bayern Munich's winning run. Madrid's 3-2 loss to a depleted Shakhtar Donetsk team was the most surprising result of Wednesday's opening group games - while Bayern delivered the most impressive performance with a 4-0 win over Atletico Madrid.

It was a third straight loss in the competition for Real Madrid - its worst run in 34 years. For defending champions Bayern, it was a 12th straight Champions League victory. Wins for Liverpool and Manchester City capped a good round for English clubs and Atalanta again showed its free-scoring style to win 4-0 at overmatched newcomer Midtjylland.

Real Madrid has been unconvincing, especially at home in the Champions League, since lifting a record-extending 13th European title three seasons ago. Yet Shakhtar was missing several starters after a COVID-19 outbreak at the club. The Ukrainian champions still led 3-0 at half time exposing a Madrid defence missing injured captain Sergio Ramos.

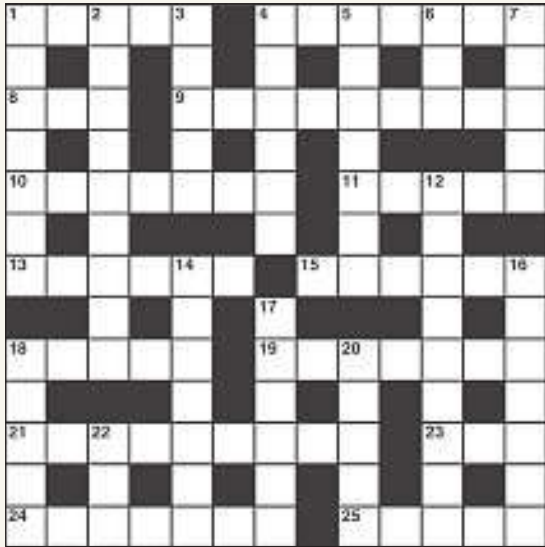
"It's my job to find solutions because these kind of games can't happen," said coach Zinedine Zidane, who left veterans Toni Kroos and Karim Benzema on the bench ahead of playing Barcelona on Saturday.

Few fans attended the eight games because of the spiking coronavirus infections across Europe and there were none at Olympiakos to see a stoppage-time goal earn a 1-0 win over Marseille.

Only 1,000 were at San Siro to see Romelu Lukaku score in his ninth straight European game, including a 90th-minute equaliser to help Inter Milan draw 2-2 with Borussia Monchengladbach.

RESULTS:
Real Madrid 2-3 Shakhtar
Bayern Munich 4-0 Atletico Madrid
Inter 2-2 Borussia Monchengladbach
Manchester City 3-1 Porto
Olympiacos 1-0 Marseille
Ajax 0-1 Liverpool
Midtjylland 0-4 Atalanta

CROSSWORD 4257



- ACROSS
- Jog with no clothes on around Gateshead (5)
 - A lot of impetus is lost turning two directions (7)
 - It may be pierced or just pricked (3)
 - and 2 Down: The Book of Numbers (9,9)
 - It's short and possibly conical (7)
 - Solicit votes in the foyer (5)
 - Many a rascal will show which way the wind blows (6)
 - Reason for being milled (6)
 - Test the patience of a good man at a meeting (5)
 - A precious possession one is not bound to have (7)
 - Some French agitation produces delay (9)
 - It is laid for example on top of the grill (3)
 - It follows us back to bed to check the copy (7)
 - Is revolting (5)
- DOWN
- Irritated when necessity took first place (7)
 - See 9 Across
 - Dispatched to the interior? (5)
 - Free admittance? (6)
 - Turns up in chilly surroundings yet well received (7)
 - The Roman I have in mind (3)
 - One wants to be so described (5)
 - Unrestricted state of incapacitated kangaroo (9)
 - It's possibly true, Ted said (7)
 - Mother takes a long time to get compensation (7)
 - Pretend to have influence (6)
 - The main comings and goings (5)
 - Start to penetrate (5)
 - Deception that confuses FBI (3)

Solutions Crossword 4256: Across: 1 Enterprise, 8 Ceuta, 9 Deflect, 10 Turmoil, 11 Nasal, 12 Honest, 14 System, 17 Chase, 19 Exploit, 21 Scorpio, 22 Drops, 23 First-class, Down: 2 Neutron, 3 Error, 4 Paddle, 5 Infancy, 6 Evens, 7 Stalemates, 8 Cut the cost, 13 Sleeper, 15 Tropics, 16 Retort, 18 Aloof, 20 Pedal.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
It's time to dwell on life's deeper mysteries and hidden truths. Mystical musings may seem to be a waste of time, but if you come closer to discovering just what it is that makes other people tick, it will be time well spent. You might also see that you overlooked essential facts.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Powerful social stars insist that love affairs be pursued in a constructive manner. It's time to be precise about what you're going to do, when you're doing it, and who you're doing it with. Punctuality is everything, and sheer efficiency could win the day.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mars, symbol of self-assertion and all high-energy activities, is moving on so, from now, you will have to stand on your own two feet. The positive angle is that you're approaching a phase in your life which should be a little more relaxed, but perhaps not until next week.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This is a time for inspiration, and no doubt you'll be coming up with lots of bright plans for the future. If at all possible, do give other people time to catch up. Devote a little effort to making your nest more luxurious. Frankly, you deserve a little more comfort.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
There's no getting away from the fact that financial queries and concerns underpin everything, and that you won't get anywhere unless you deal with them first. I mean, what good are dreams if you can't pay for them? Also, question a partner on their real motives.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You're at a minor monthly crossroads, and the best advice now is to carry on as you are, but be ready to make a 180-degree turn at any moment. Your stars are in a very powerful mood, but when events move fast you will have to decide which way to jump.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
It's time to consider your physical well-being again, checking up on matters like diet and exercise and getting in shape for the future. Work will be building up over the next month, and it will be important to pace yourself, finding relaxation when and where you can.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Your stars are looking highly sociable and increasingly passionate. It seems certain that your moods will be dominated by how well you get on with other people, and what you imagine they think of you. But there's really no need to be too self-conscious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
It is your monthly make-or-break time both at home and at work. Short-term forecasts don't come much more dramatic than that, but the point is that you may now rearrange almost anything that doesn't please you, making sure that in future it does.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You should by now have learnt to treasure your imagination. You see, at times like this, your success in virtually any venture depends on your almost poetic ability to charm other people and persuade them that you're right. That really is a skill to treasure.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
For some reason your self-esteem seems to keep slipping, but today is one of those times when you can take steps to lift your morale. You may even realise just what it is that has been damaging your confidence. Was it another person? Perhaps you also played your part.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Powerful emotions are in the air. You are skilled in the art of keeping your feelings to yourself, but they are liable to break out sooner or later. Just be sure to find the right words. Ambitious stars are likely to see you aiming for the top, by the way. Go for 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.

A good thing to remember is somebody's got it a _____ than we do. - Joel Osteen (3,5)

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SUDOKU 4271

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4270

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1	9	7	5	2	4	3	8	6
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3	8	5	6	1	9	7	2	4
8	7	9	3	4	2	6	1	5
6	2	4	7	5	1	8	3	9
5	1	3	9	6	8	4	7	2

Sun not ready to set... as yet

SRH stay alive in playoff race with facile win over Rajasthan Royals

Why commentator Guha hit back at ‘Boycott’s replacement’ report

SYNOPSIS
Pandey orchestrates the perfect chase, after Rashid and Vijay induce choke

SANDIP G
OCTOBER 22

MANISH PANDEY demonstrated that there is more to Sunrisers Hyderabad batting than the overseas big guns, thus keeping their slim knockout prospects burning. Chasing 155 against Rajasthan Royals, they lost David Warner and Jonny Bairstow upfront, but Pandey weathered the Jofra Archer-storm and smothered the rest to carve an eight-wicket victory. Vijay Shankar played the accomplice role to perfection, crunching a half-century himself.

Pandey, the chase master
Throughout the series, Pandey has looked fluent but without making it count. On Thursday though, he stamped his match-winning capabilities with a 47-ball 83, that steered Sunrisers to a facile victory.

It's the context that multiplies the value of the knock. Sunrisers were languishing at seventh spot on the points table, making a last-gasp effort to qualify for the playoffs. Pandey walked into the middle in the first over to face a tails-up Archer.

The England tearaway soon inflicted another blow —bursting through the defences of Jonny Bairstow. At 16/2, their season was slipping down the slope. But Pandey didn't shrink. He launched a calculated assault — neutering Archer with caution and tearing young Kartik Tyagi apart. He struck a brace of boundaries through the offside in his first over, before thumping him for two sixes and a boundary in his next. In the end, he turned a shaky start into a stroll with ample help from Shankar, with whom he put on 140 runs. It was the kind of authoritative knock that makes one wonder why his international career hasn't quite soared.

A Royal choke
Rashid Khan is the master of middle-overs choke. His very sight is enough for batsmen, even the most daring ones, to dig a trench at the crease and hide inside it. It's the reason the Afghan has bled only 5.47 runs per over in this



Hyderabad's Manish Pandey hit an astonishing eight sixes in his 47-ball 83. *BCCI*

edition. It's not that he bowls incredibly stifling lines and lengths, but the fear of deception he has infused into them.

Rashid conceded only 20 runs in his four over. But it was not him alone that put the brakes on Royals after a reasonably brisk start. He had an unseemly sidekick in Shankar. He is not quite reputed for thrift, as his career economy rate of 8.60 suggests. But in the last few games for Sunrisers, he has proved incredibly difficult to hit.

Part of his revival is due to a concerted effort to bowl back-of-length rather than fuller. Whereas in the past he strove to bowl every delivery as fast as he could, here he was deliberately bowling within himself, not providing batsmen the pace to manoeuvre. The combined figures of Rashid and Shankar in the middle overs read 7-0-35-1.

As a consequence, the Royals decided to target Jason Holder. Sanju Samson pulled him for a six but feathered an edge back onto his stumps the next ball. And in the next over, Rashid came back to devour a listless Ben Stokes. His arrival was supposed to fuel Royals'

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	
SRH	10	4	6	0	8	
KXIP	10	4	6	0	8	
RR	11	4	7	0	8	
CSK	10	3	7	0	6	

knockout pursuits. On the contrary, he has induced imbalance in the batting order. Jos Buttler was moved down to No 4 which pushed Steve Smith to five and Rahul Tewatia to seven.

BRIEF SCORES: Sunrisers Hyderabad 156/2 (Manish Pandey 83*, Vijay Shankar 52; Jofra Archer 2/21) beat Rajasthan Royals 154/6 (Sanju Samson 36, Ben Stokes 30; Jason Holder 3/33) by eight wickets.

LIVE: MI vs CSK, Star Sports 7:30pm

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CRICKET COMMENTATOR and former England international Isa Guha has hit back after a thinly-veiled barb from Geoffrey Boycott who claimed that BBC chose “equality over quality” by dropping him from its commentary panel. Guha took umbrage at the reporting of the newspaper *Daily Mail* which wrote that former England opener Boycott was dropped for a “younger multi-racial line-up”.

Why did Boycott accuse BBC of ‘sacrificing quality for equality’?

Boycott, 80, criticised BBC after the network chose not to renew his contract earlier this year. “They have sacrificed quality for equality. It is now all about political correctness, about gender and race. When you work for them, you are wary and frightened of saying anything. It is a minefield out there and that is sad,” Boycott, who had worked as a commentator with BBC for 14 years, told the *Daily Telegraph* on Tuesday. His comment was seen as a barb against Guha, who played 113 internationals for England across all three formats and has worked with the BBC for a decade. She is currently the lead presenter and ball-by-ball commentator for BBC's Test Match Special (TMS) radio programme. She also works with Fox Sports in Australia.

In actuality, Boycott's 'expert comments' role has been filled this summer by former England captain Alastair Cook and swing bowler James Anderson.

Was it Boycott's comments that irked Guha?

It wasn't only Boycott but the way his comment was portrayed by the *Daily Mail*, UK's highest-circulated daily newspaper. In an online article that reported on Boycott's comment and also in the corresponding tweet, *Daily Mail* said that Boycott was “dropped... for a younger multi-racial line-up”.

Guha took to social media on Wednesday. “Some thoughts on the *Daily Mail* article this morn”, Guha wrote in a note to Twitter. “I tend to ignore these articles and realise that, by reacting, it only fulfils the objectives of the headline; but having been subjected to this over the last few years I just wanted to say a few things”.

“I appreciate people have varying opinions on the job I do as a presenter/commentator.



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GEOFFREY BOYCOTT
FORMER ENGLAND OPENER

However, the idea that I have ‘replaced’ Geoffrey is a bit odd, having worked on international men's cricket at the BBC for the best part of 10 years. Furthermore, my role is completely different to that of Geoffrey's. To keep being dragged into this kind of conversation purely because of the colour of my skin and gender is quite frankly tiresome and only serves to create division. I only have sadness that this should be deemed newsworthy over something more positive and inspiring.”

Has Boycott made such provocative statements in the past?

Yes. In June, he said that women commentators should not call men's cricket.

“You have to know the pressure, emotions and technique required and I do not believe you can learn that from reading a book or because you played club cricket, second XI cricket or, with great respect, women's cricket. As good as the women are at their game, it bears no resemblance to the power and pace of men's cricket,” Boycott wrote in a column.

The column triggered criticism, led by



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FORMER ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

Australia's former player Lisa Shalekar. “It's time for him to leave the game and let's remember him as a great cricketer of a certain generation,” she said then. “Talk about power – I didn't see much power that he displayed. Let's call up his strike rate and look at some of the numbers compared to female Test cricketers of even that generation. I think some of the female cricketers would have had a better strike rate than he did.

Has Isa found support from other players?

On Twitter, former Australian player and current commentator Mel Jones described Guha's response as a “lesson in class and professionalism”, and called for an end to “low-brow, misleading and downright repugnant reporting”.


Alison Mitchell, the first woman to commentate regularly on cricket at BBC, also tweeted out in support: “So maddened by the Mail piece & its framing. Inaccuracy is only the start. Just heard a radio presenter perpetuate the Mail's myth saying “Boycott was replaced by Isa Guha”. Ish ... is a highly accomplished broadcaster who shouldn't have to put up with this ... you inspire every day Ish”

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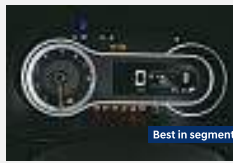
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