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Trump calls India air 'filthy', is not entirely off the mark



US President Donald Trump at the presidential debate. AP

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

IN HIS debate against the Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden on Thursday, US President Donald Trump, while talking about his administration's track record on checking carbon emissions, referred to pollution levels in other countries, including India, and called their air "filthy".

Responding to a question on how the candidates proposed to combat climate change while supporting job growth, Trump claimed the carbon emission numbers in the United States under his administration have been the best in the last 35 years. "Look at China, how filthy it is. Look at Russia, look at India... the air's filthy. I took us out of the Paris Accord because we were going to have to spend trillions of dollars, and we were being treated very unfairly," said Trump.

Trump's comment on India's air quality might have been unpalatable, but it is true that over the last few years, Indian cities have been recording some of the highest pollution levels in the

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TRUMP-BIDEN FINAL **SHOWDOWN**

SAYS OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN AGAINST FARM BILLS FAVOURS BROKERS

Nitish by his side, PM kicks off campaign citing Galwan, Art 370 and 'naya Bihar'





Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Sasaram; Rahul Gandhi with Tejashwi Yaday in Nawada district on Friday. PTI

PM: Opposition parties anti-reform, with forces trying to weaken India

AMITABHSINHA & HARIKISHAN **SHARMA** GAYA, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DECISION KICKING OFF his election rallies in Bihar on Friday, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi contrasted the NDA's work on a "naya Bihar" with the "misrule" of the 1990s,

while accusing the Opposition of being anti-reform, and of siding with "dalaal" (brokers), Naxalites and "forces out to weaken the country".

At three brief halts in Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur, the Prime Minister spoke of the Galwan clash with China in Iune, in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 BUSINESS AS USUAL By UNNY



Rahul attacks PM, Tejashwi keeps focus on Nitish, Bihar

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

BEGINNING HIS campaign for the dead-heat Bihar Assembly elections, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday addressed a joint rally with RJD leader and the Opposition alliance's chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav, but their

speeches reflected a striking contrast in approach and style. Gandhi, addressing the joint

public meeting in Hisua in Nawada district, launched a blistering attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi — in fact, referring to him by name or as Prime Minister some 20 times – on issues such as demonetisation, Chinese incursion, GST and his CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Pak remains on terror grey list, watchdog says deadlines over

Strategic deficiencies, non-compliance, Pak has to act by Feb 2021, says FATF

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

CITING "STRATEGIC deficiencies" and non-compliance with six key markers in its 27-point action plan on terror-financing and money-laundering, Parisbased global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Friday said Pakistan will continue to remain on its grey list.

The decision was announced by FATF president Marcus Pleyer after a three-day virtual plenary session. "To date, Pakistan has made progress across all action plan items and has now largely addressed 21 of the 27 action items. As all action plan deadlines have expired, the FATF strongly urges Pakistan to swiftly complete its full action plan by February 2021," the FATF said in

Pakistan also needs to work on four areas to "address its strategic deficiencies", it said. Listing the deficiencies, the FATF said that Pakistan needs to:

Why Pak needs to move now

THE FATF has asked Pakistan, which has been on its grey list since 2018, to get its act together by February 2021. With the Imran Khanled government battling a severe economic crisis. Delhi is hoping that this will prompt Islamabad to take more action against terror groups and their leaders.

"Demonstrate that law enforcement agencies are identifying and investigating the widest range of terror financing activity which target designated persons **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Won't contest polls till J&K special status back: Mehbooba

Says will raise Tricolour when J&K flag restored

NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

DECLARING THAT she will have "nothing to do with elections" till I&K's special status under the Constitution is restored, PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said Friday that she will raise the Tricolour only when the J&K

Mehbooba Mufti at a press conference in Srinagar on Friday. Shuaib Masoodi

Following the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, the

along with the Tricolour atop the civil secretariat building in Srinagar, was removed.

"My flag is in front of me. When this flag is restored to us, we will raise the other flag (Tricolour) also. But until that happens, we will not hold any other flag in our hands. Hamara uss jhande se rishta is jhande ne banaya hai, it is not independent of this flag," Mehbooba Mufti told reporters, pointing to the flag of the erstwhile state placed before her along with the PDP flag.

In her first press conference following her release from over 14 months of detention under CONTINUEDON PAG

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FORMER NCLAT CHAIRPERSON JOINS ADVISORY BOARD OF GROUP HE ONCE **HAULED UP**

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KAPIL DEV SUFFERS **HEART ATTACK, 'ON** ROAD TO RECOVERY' AFTER ANGIOPLASTY

Bharat Biotech says its **ICMR-backed vaccine** set for June 2021 launch

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

BHARAT BIOTECH, which has received approval for late-stage human trials for its Covid vaccine candidate, expects to have it ready by June 2021 – unless the government advances its launch through emergency use authorisation, according to a top company official.

The Hyderabad-based firm plans to test over 20,000 volunteers across 12-14 states for Covaxin, its indigenous candidate, Sai Prasad, executive direc-



Rapid test being conducted in Ahmedabad on Friday. Nirmal Harindran

Ltd, told The Indian Express.

"If we get all the approvals in place. I think during O2 of 2021, we should get the efficacy readout

book Republic, channel

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

MUMBAI POLICE Friday booked the executive editor, an anchor, two reporters and other editorial staff of Republic Media Network for broadcasting alleged defamatory news content against the police department.

Police said Republic channel aired news that would incite disaffection among police personnel against Commissioner of Police Param Bir Singh. The channel, police said. claimed Mumbai police personnel were Singh, and that his orders were

The channel, in a statement, said the "booking of all journalists of a news media organisation, left unchecked, will have a chilling effect on democracy, especially within the state of Maharashtra".

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Again, Mumbai police says it's a witch-hunt

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not acceptable to them.

This is the fourth case against Republic channel. Its editor-inchief Arnab Goswami is facing two FIRs, registered at Pydhonie and NM Joshi Marg police stations, for allegedly inciting communal tension. A case relating to alleged fudging of TRPs is

tor, Bharat Biotech International CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 rebelling against Param Bir Bluetooth tracker for terror attacks finds new use in pandemic time — at the IPL tracker is being worn by the

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MIHIR VASAVDA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

NOT SO long ago, Botan Osman was designing technology to track and trace people after terror attacks, industrial accidents or natural calamities. But now, as chief executive of British tech firm Restrata, he is adapting the same systems to protect cricketers from Covid — and help organisers bring the crowds back to stadiums

"Factories, offices, oil fields, power plants...we have been helping a lot of people day-to-



Everyone inside IPL bio-bubble has been given the Bluetooth device, worn around their necks. Delhi Capitals/Instagram

day. But our sports-related work gets a lot of press because, well, sport is interesting," says Osman, speaking to *The Indian Express*

Since the IPL got underway in the UAE in a bio-bubble last month, Restrata's Bluetooth

cricketers - around their necks at all times, except while playing or training, to ensure that nobody steps out of the bubble unnoticed. The technology was also used for England's home Test series against the West Indies and Pakistan earlier this year.

In the IPL, the location and movement of each player, support staff and others involved in the games, is monitored in realtime with sensors placed across 13 hotels, three stadiums, training grounds and buses ferrying If social-distancing rules are

broken - or if a person enters a non-designated zone - an alert is triggered. Restrata then CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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PM kicks off campaign with promise of

'naya Bihar', warns against Opp 'misrule'



TANYA MANIKTALA ON A SUITABLE BOY: LATA WILL INSPIRE YOUNG GIRLS TODAY

Maniktala is nervous about her family and friends watching her on screen. She says they will be her biggest critics. Slipping into the central role of Lata, the 23-year-old Delhi girl spoke to indian express.com about being Lata and why the character and story are still relevant.

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trial accident. These are all risks

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a big risk before, Restrata had to

tweak its technology to monitor

majority of sporting events, in-

cluding the IPL, have been held in

front of empty stands. And as life

slowly returns to a new normal,

organisers, like those in charge of

that T20 county game, are look-

ing at this technology to fill the

Osman admits it will be a

stands in a phased manner.

Since the pandemic began, a

the distance between people.

The pandemic, Osman says,

"So if I am in an industrial ac-

monitoring," Osman says.

In this episode of tech podcost 'Our Own Devices', we discuss what premium phones offer, whether they are more about flash than functionality, and why aspiration is necessary for the smartphone ecosystem.

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Trump calls India air 'filthy', is not entirely off the mark

A State of the Global Air 2020 report by the Boston-based Health Effects Institute and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, released earlier this week, found that India has the highest exposure to PM 2.5 in the world (in 2019), followed closely by Nepal, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Pakistan, with India having seen an increase in PM 2.5 levels and exposure to it since 2010.

India also has one of the highest exposures to ozone in the world, behind Oatar and Nepal. India has experienced a 17 per cent increase in ozone exposure in the past decade.

While the US's carbon dioxide emissions have dropped during Trump's tenure, they are not, as he claimed, the lowest in the last 35 years. According to data from the US Environment Protection Agency, carbon dioxide emissions dropped to 5,253 million tonnes in 2017, which was the lowest since 1993, or 24 years. But the emissions rose to 5,424 million tonnes the next year, the last year for which data is available.

The United States still continues to be second biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after China. Its total greenhouse gas emissions (carbon dioxide and others) was more than 6.6 billion tonnes in

India is the third biggest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world, but its emissions are less than half that of the US. According to the Global Carbon Budget report for 2019. India's estimated carbon dioxide emissions for the year 2018 was only 2.65 billion tonnes, which is less than half of the US's 5.4 billion tonnes. India's per capita emissions, according to this report, was one-eighth that

of the US. The with drawal from the 2015Paris Agreement was something that Trump had promised during his election campaign. A year and a half after becoming President in June 2017, Trump made good on his promise, making the US the first country to pull out of the agreement that seeks to keep global average temperatures from rising beyond 2 degree Celsius

compared to pre-industrial levels. The US was not a part of the Kyoto Protocol either, having decided not to ratify the agreement that was the predecessor to the

Minister Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar has, time and time again, along with leaders of other countries, pointed to the role that richer, developed countries needed to play in shouldering the financial burden of cli-

At the meeting of BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) nations in Sao Paulo as well as the COP 25 meet in Madrid last year, Javadekar had pointed out that the developed world had over the past decade promised USD 1 trillion to developing countries to combat climate change, of which only close to two per cent

had been paid. The Indian government has also maintained that the technology transfer promised as part of climate change mitigation measures had not materialised.

However, the good news from the recent State of the Global Air report is that both India and China have reduced household exposure to air pollution, which is now being considered a leading contributor to maternal and infant mortality rates. India has reduced this exposure from 73 per cent to

61 per cent over the past decade. Last year, India launched a National Clean Air Programme that seeks to reduce pollutant levels by 20 to 30 per cent by year 2024 in over 100 cities.

In April 2020, the country initiated a switch to Bharat Stage VI (BS-VI) vehicle emission standards, which is expected to bring benefits over the next few years.

Again, Mumbai police book Republic, channel says it's a witch-hunt

Mumbai Crime Branch while chapter proceedings against Goswami have been initiated separately by police.

The new FIR, under section 3 (1) of The Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act, 1922, and IPC sections 500 (defamation) and 34 (common intention), is against Republic TV anchor Shivani Gupta, reporter Sagarika Mitra, reporter Shawan Sen, executive editor Niranjan Narayanaswamy, and other editorial staff.

Police said that the case was registered after police sub-inspector Shashikant Pawar, posted at the Social Media Lab (SML) of Special Branch-1, approached NM Joshi Marg police station with a complaint Friday.

An officer said the SML monitors contents on social media and television channels. "They are supposed to identify posts that are fake and also content that can create disharmony amongst the people, and they are expected to record and present it to their superiors," the officer said.

According to police, sub-inspector Pawar, after witnessing a 10-minute show aired between 7 pm and 7.10 pm Thursday on Republic Television, reached NM Joshi Marg police station Friday afternoon since the SML office is in the area under its jurisdiction.

"The complainant said that he saw a news on Republic TV (English) which showed that Mumbai police personnel are rebelling against Param Bir Singh and his orders are not acceptable to them. In the news report, they also said that it is affecting the credibility of Mumbai Police," an officer from NM Joshi Marg police station said.

The complainant, in his statement, said the anchor and the reporter also said that Singh is tarnishing the image of the Mumbai Police, and that this was aired without any valid proof.

The news, the complainant said, ran under a segment 'Biggest Story Tonight' and the TV screen had a caption 'Revolt Against Param Bir? Senior officers part of the probe give details'.

Police said the channel authorities were intentionally trying to incite disaffection amongst Mumbai police personnel against the police commissioner.

The channel, in its statement, said: "In a brazen abuse of office, the Mumbai Police has booked the -- "Editorial staff and Newsroom Incharge for the concerned report getting aired and others" -- at the Republic Media Network. This comes as the most grave attack on the freedom of press safeguarded under Article 19 (1)(a) of the Constitution of

"This booking of all journalists of a news media organisation, left unchecked, will have a chilling effect on democracy, especially within the state of Maharashtra,"

"While Param Bir Singh may be cornered and uncomfortable with the fact that his elaborately crafted lies against Republic are falling apart before the people of India in the face of the truth and real facts, he seems to be using that as a basis for undertaking his large-scale witch-hunt against Republic Media Network's journalists. Republic's Editorial staff stands together and in firm opposition to the intimidation tactics deployed by the Param Bir Singhled Mumbai Police," the channel

which soldiers of 16 Bihar regiment had been killed, and accused the Opposition of supporting those "conspiring"

"Today, the situation has become such that these people (Opposition parties) do not hesitate to support people who are conspiring to weaken India... The country had been waiting for years to abrogate Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. We took the decision, but today, these people are talking about reversing this decision. They are saying that if they come to power, they will bring back Article 370. And look at their audacity. After saying all this, they still have the nerve to seek votes from the people of Bihar, the Bihar that sends its sons and daughters to guard the country on the border. Is it not an insult to the feelings of Bihar?" he asked the crowd at his first rally

In Gaya, Modi accused the Opposition parties of supporting Naxalites. "What an irony it is that the place where Lord Buddha received enlightenment, the land of peace, has been gifted to Naxalites," he said.

Modi said most of the current problems of the state were a legacy of the misrule of the 1990s, and told people they were witnessing the making of a "naya Bihar".

Directing much of his attack on the RJD, the main opposition party, but without naming it, Modi said, "There was a time when people who used to get off at railway stations at night would spend the entire night at the platform and go to their homes only in the morning. There were times when people would not buy cars for fear of letting people of a particular (vishesh) party guess their incomes," he said. "Lekin, aaj yeh naya Bihar hai.

Aai ke Bihar me laalten ki zaroorat nahi hai (This is a new Bihar. There is no need for a kerosene lamp in today's Bihar)," Modi said, referring to the RJD's election symbol.

The crowd in Gaya was relatively sparse because of restrictions placed due to the coronavirus epidemic. Only people with masks were allowed inside the venue, and entry was barred once all the well-spaced out plastic chairs were taken. However, after the speech began, a few thousand more peo-

ple sneaked in. Modialso brought up the recent protests by the Opposition against the two farm laws introduced by the Central government, and accused them of trying to save brokers and middlemen.

"When the country decided to free farmers from middlemen and brokers, they (the Opposition) came out in support of middlemen and brokers; mandi-MSP (market and Minimum Support Price) is just an excuse," he said

Modi promised that if voted to power, the NDA government would further upgrade infrastructure in Bihar. "People, whether they are tourists or oth-

ers, want to only go only to places that have basic minimum facilities... That is why Gaya and Bodh Gaya are getting all these facilities. There is an IIM in Gaya now. There was a time when there weren't enough schools for children here," he said.

In Gaya, where Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was not accompanying him, Modi mentioned his name only once during his 25-minute speech.

He asked people to come out and vote, but with precautions to protect themselves against

"Aapka vote isliye zaroori hai taki Bihar phir se beemar na pad jaye. Aur satarkta isliye zaroori hai taki aap aur aapka parivaar beemarise bacha rahe (Your vote is important to ensure that Bihar does not fall sick again. And it's important for you to be vigilant so that you and your families are protected from the disease)," he said. Modi, however, made no mention of the free vaccine promise made by the BIP in its election manifesto.

challenge, but he remains opti-

mistic. "The challenge is not just contact but managing the flow of all these people. Our devices give a location precision of around 30 cm, which is an extremely high accuracy," he says. "We also have video analytics when needed. We believe this will be useful across all phases of return."

Pak remains on terror grey list, watchdog says deadlines over

and entities, and those who act on nated persons or entities".

"Demonstrate that terror financing prosecutions result in effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions".

■"Demonstrate effective implementation of targeted financial sanctions against all...designated terrorists and those acting for or on their behalf; preventing the raising and moving of funds including in relation to non-profit organisations; identifying and freezing assets; and prohibiting access to funds and financial serv-

■ "Demonstrate enforcement against violation of terror financing sanctions...of administrative and criminal penalties and provincial and federal authorities cooperating on enforcement cases".

On Thursday, pushing for Pakistan to remain on the list, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava had said: "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 individuals including those proscribed by the UNSC, such as Masood Azhar, Dawood Ibrahim, Zakir-ur-Rahman Lakhvi."

The FATF had issued the action plan after placing Pakistan on the grey list in June 2018. Recently, the task force's International Cooperation Review Group noted that Pakistan had complied with 21 points.

In February, the FATF gave Pakistan a four-month grace period to complete the 27-point plan. It extended the deadline by three months due to the postponement of its plenary following the Covid outbreak

The FATF listing makes it extremely difficult for Pakistan to get financial aid from the IMF, the World Bank and the European

In August, Pakistan imposed financial sanctions on 88 banned terror groups and their leaders, including 26/11 Mumbai attack

Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed, Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar and underworld don Dawood

Bharat Biotech says its ICMRbacked vaccine set for June 2021 rollout

from our phase-3 clinical trial — April, May, June, for example. That is for the full efficacy results," Prasad said.

Covaxin, developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Institute of Virology, is an inactivated vaccine that is expected to work by injecting the "killed version" of the Covid-19 virus into the body to develop an immune response. The approval for Bharat

Biotech to conduct phase-3 trials currently puts it behind frontrunner Serum Institute of India, which is said to be in the process of recruiting and vaccinating participants for the third phase of testing for its candidate, The results of a vaccine's effi-

cacy show whether it has been able to reduce the number of cases in the inoculated group. 'We are committed to doing all our phase-1, phase-2 and phase-3 clinical trials in its entirety, but I think the government may also be considering emergency use approval," Prasad said.

He said, however, that the firm is not pushing for such an approval. "Our intent is to develop everything to its logical conclusion in terms of empirical evidence and data, and efficacy data and safety data. But there are discussions, I guess, within the government about that (emergency use approval)," he said.

The firm plans to enrol "25,000 to 26,000" participants across the country, including in Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Maharashtra and Bihar, Prasad said. "This is what has been presented to the CDSCO (Central Standard Control Organisation) and DCGI (Drug Controller General of India), and they have accepted that," he said.

While the number of testing centres may increase, the target is around 25 clinical trial sites, he said. "For the last two months, we have been trying to establish and develop these sites...across 12 to 14 states in India as of now...it's well spread between north, south, east and west," he said, adding that during the first two phases, Covaxin was provided to volunteers across 12 sites.

"There will be quite a few new sites and there will also be quite a few new states, because the site selection for phase-3 is completely different from a phase-1 or a phase-2. We are looking at, obviously, the capabilities and expertise of the site, but also at what's happening in terms of Covid-19 disease in those respective areas...it's a multifaceted approach to select a site," said Prasad.

Other vaccine candidates in the fray are those of Zydus Cadila, which is close to completing phase-2 trials of ZyCov-D, and of Russia's Gamaleya Research Institute, which will soon begin phase 2/3 trials of Sputnik V in collaboration with Dr Reddy's.

Covaxin became the subject of controversy early in July, when ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava wrote to principal investigators before early-stage human trials, suggesting that the government was looking at a launch date

of August 15. Officials later clarified that the letter, which urged investigators to "fast track" all approvals and ensure subject enrollment no later than July 7, was not aimed at launching the vaccine at the cost

Rahul attacks PM; Tejashwi focus on Nitish, Bihar

government's handling of the nandemic and the exodus of migrant workers. He mentioned Chief Minister Nitish Kumar barely thrice.

Yadav, on the other hand, referred to Modi only thrice that too in the context of special package and special status for Bihar – and focused his entire attack on Nitish Kumar. accusing him of failing to create jobs, ruining the healthcare and education system and ignoring the needs of farmers.

Yadav had been keeping his campaign centered on Kumar's governance record of 15 years, deftly avoiding mention of national issues or taking on Prime Minister Modi.

And as he has been doing, he did not forget to mention Navaratri, saving he has come after paying obeisance to "Ma Durga" and has done a "kalash sthapana" (during which a resolve is taken), and asked people to take a vow to vote out Kumar.

Interestingly, the Congress too had been trying to keep the campaign limited to local issues until Gandhi addressed the rally. In his second public

meeting in Baghalpur, where Teiashwi was not there Gandhi made amends and attacked Kumar and spoke about Bihar more, yet kept the focus largely on Prime Minister

Gandhi began his address at the joint rally attacking the Prime Minister over the Chinese incursion. "Prime Minister Narendra

Modi says he bows down before the soldiers from Bihar who had laid down their lives... but that is not the question... the question is, when Bihar's young soldiers were martyred, that day what did the Prime Minister of the country say and what did he do? The guestion is when China killed 20 of our soldiers and took our land -- 1200 (sq) km of India's land China has occupied -- why did our Prime Minister insulting our bravehearts and say that no one has entered Indian territory? You insulted the Indian Army when you lied that no Chinese soldier has entered Indian territory. The question is, when will you throw out Chinese soldiers from Indian land," Gandhi said.

He went on to attack the Prime Minister on the issue of unemployment, asking him to tell the people of Bihar how many jobs he has given them, accused him of "working for Ambani and Adani", and slammed him on issues such as demonetisation, GST and the farm laws. His focus on Bihar was only in the context of the hardships faced by migrant

workers during the lockdown. "When you were walking home hungry and thirsty, what was Modi saying? Did he help you... did he help Bihar's migrants? And he says he bows down before workers. But when the time came, he didn't help... When you were walking without food and water, he didn't give you a train or bus," Gandhi said.

saying Bihar is a landlocked state so factories can't be set the RJD leader said.

Tejashwi, on the other hand, hit out at Kumar. "In 15 years, has Nitishji given you jobs, set up factories, stop migration, eradicate poverty, provide irrigation facilities for the farmers? Even those with jobs had their jobs snatched away by Modiji and Nitishji... sugar mills, paper mills, jute mills were closed down. Nitishji is

up. Nitishji, you are tired. You cannot handle Bihar anymore," "When UPA government was in power, didn't Laluii set up rail factories? Wasn't Bihar

land locked then? Give me one chance. The first decision of my cabinet after I become chief minister will be to give 10 lakh government jobs... The Prime Minister came to Bihar today. We hoped you will say whether Bihar will get special status or not. You would say what happened to the special package that you had announced," Tejashwi said.

He said his father Lalu Prasad will come out of jail on November 9 after securing bail. "Lalu ji is getting released on bail on November 9. He has got one bail and will secure another on November 9, which also happens to be my birthday. The next day, Nitishii will have his farewell.

The fight, he said, is not between Nitish and Teiashwi or Rahul and Modi. The fight is between a dictatorial government and the people.

'Will raise Tricolour when J&K flag back... won't contest till special status restored'

the Public Safety Act, she said no matter how hard the Centre tries to discredit J&K's mainstream parties, it will not be able to do so.

"They are trying to replace this country's Constitution with the BJP manifesto, and this will not last long," she said.

"The people of J&K are expendable to them (Centre), what they want is territory. This country will run on the Constitution, not BJP's manifesto," she said.

Referring to the constitutional changes stripping J&K of its special status, Mufti said "what has been snatched away from us, will be taken back... this is a political battle that we will fight peace-

She said her struggle will not be confined to seeking restoration of Article 370 but will go beyond "for the resolution of the Kashmir

dispute".

Emphasising that she is "not for power", Mufti urged the people of I&K to stand with the political leadership that has come together as the People's Alliance. "I have no interest in elections. The Constitution, under which I contested elections, till it is restored to us, I have nothing to do with elections.'

"By forcefully taking away our rights from us on August 5, they have torn the Constitution to shreds. Even if they had 500 members in Parliament, they did not have the power to snatch away Article 370 or 35A, they don't have those powers. The Constitution of India lends those powers to the Constituent Assembly of I&K." she said.

Referring to Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, Mufti said it is going to be "a long-drawn fight." She said the actions of August 5, 2019 were perpetuated through the BJPs "brute majority" in Parliament. On the upcoming elections to

the District Development

Councils and whether her party

would be willing to cede space to

the BJP by not contesting elec-

tions, Mufti said the People's

Alliance will take a final call on

"This is not just about BJP, but its cronies as well. People have to survive. We will weigh the pros and cons and take a decision under the leadership of Farooq Abdullah, and we will do what is

Stating that the BJP did not stop at J&K, she accused it of "polarising the country" by passing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, trampling the rights of minorities, and then bringing in the new farm laws.

Bluetooth tracker for terror attacks finds new use in pandemic time - at the IPL

reports the violation to the Indian cricket board, which will impose penalties on violators that range from six-day quarantine to suspension and even removal. Speaking to The Indian Express

earlier about the IPL bio-bubble. Sunrisers Hyderabad mentor V V S Laxman had said: "We have

been given a device, which tracks our movement. The BCCI has taken precautions so that players remain safe...Overall, it's working very well."

Officials say a similar technology is set to be used at stadiums to ensure social distancing when spectators are allowed in the stands. Osman says they are developing new algorithms so that thousands of people can be allowed inside stadiums using this

In September, Restrata was involved in a pilot project in England where 2,500 fans were allowed to watch a domestic T20 county match between Surrey and Hampshire at The Oval. Spectators were given Bluetooth devices similar to what the players in the IPL are wearing, and their movements tracked inside the stadium.

And yet, cricket, or Covid, was not what this device was developed for.

Osman, who has consulted for various British firms operating in the Middle East, says it was originally designed to trace people's location, the risk they faced and

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New Delhi

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of safety and efficacy.



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MAN HELD FOR 'RAPING' 3 FOREIGN NATIONALS

Accused posed as a woman on FB,

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

"HE SHOWED me videos of him supporting acid attack survivors, refugees... I thought he was genuine, but he forced me to get intimate with him. While we were staying in Jaipur, he raped me inside my room. He would say it's spiritual healing but I was not comfortable," alleged a 27-year-old UK-based woman about Rupak Chatterjee (37), who allegedly posed as a businessman and NGO owner.

On October 1, Chatterjee was arrested from a Mumbai hotel after three women, all foreign nationals, alleged he had raped them.

Two FIRs were registered in Jaipur South and West district, and one FIR at Karol Bagh police station. The LIK national is one of the three women who filed FIRs against Chatterjee. While she is in Delhi, the other women are in Jaipur.

On Friday, she spoke to *The Indian Express* over the phone on the allegations against

"Two years ago, I was contacted by a woman, Emily, a UK national, on Facebook. She claimed to be in India, and spoke highly of Chatterjee and his work for acid attack survivors," said the woman. When she met Chatterjee in Rishikesh, she realised he was pretending to be Emily on Facebook and was using the profile to contact foreign travellers, she claimed.

She claimed Chatterjee roped her in for a project on acid attack survivors in Rajasthan in August. "I was raped inside a hotel in Jaipur, and since I didn't know anyone,

EXPRESS NEWS

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

4,086 new coronavirus cases,

the highest single-day spike in

34 days, while the death toll rose to 6,189 with 26 new

deaths. The positivity rate also

rose to 6.98%, after remaining

58,568 tests were conducted -

16,874 RT-PCR and 41,694

recorded on September 19.

Since then, fresh cases were re-

ported below the 4,000-mark

the last 10 days, however,

dropped below 1% and was recorded at 0.89% on Friday.

With festivals around the cor-

ner, experts have warned of a

to surrender

New Delhi: The Delhi High

Court has directed nearly

2,700 prisoners to surrender

as it has decided not to extend

the interim bail granted to

them as part of earlier efforts

to decongest the jails to pre-

vent the spread of Covid-19.

N Patel, Justice Siddharth

Mridul and Justice Talwant

Singh said there shall be no

further extension of interim

bails granted by district courts

to 2,318 undertrials involved

in heinous crimes. However, their surrender will take place

in a phased manner to "avoid

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The surrenders will take

Similarly, the court said

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A bench of Chief Justice D

The death rate, based on

until Friday.

The previous highest single-day spike -4,071 — was

rapid antigen tests - in a day.

Total cases in the city are now at 3,48,404. A total of

low for the last few weeks.

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Daily Covid cases cross

4k mark after a month

I contacted two other women from the Netherlands and UK, who I met in Rishikesh... We all met in Jaipur and tried to confront Chatterjee but he fled. I was shocked to know the women too claimed they had been raped by him," claimed the UK national.

The women came to Delhi in September and filed a complaint at a police station. Since two of them alleged the incidents took place in Jaipur, their complaints were transferred to Jaipur Police.

Jaipur Police said the accused is involved in multiple cases of cheating and sexual assault. 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."

In 2015, a few women created a Facebook group, which now has 150 members, where they shared their allegations against Chatterjee, how he called himself "Vishnu" and "Karma", and targetted foreign nationals coming to India.

The accused was running several groups on Facebook such as Varkala digital backpackers, Crafts without Borders and Sristi Shala. He also has a YouTube channel wherein he posts videos promoting his projects with local communities and or-

A senior Delhi Police officer said, "The accused has refuted rape allegations. He said he is a graduate from Kolkata and runs an NGO. It has come up in the probe that he is involved in several such incidents. We are looking into the rape case for

spike in the number of daily

cases. The high-level expert committee formed by the

Home Ministry to assess the Covid-19 situation in Delhi and suggest ways to control it, in its recent report to the Delhi gov-

ernment, had said the city may

see 15,000 cases per day with

the change in weather and up-

Jain had also requested people to follow social distancing rules

and wear masks to ensure

there is no spike. "The situation

in Delhi has improved over the

last one month. I still request people to follow social distanc-

ing and wear masks and not

take the disease lightly, espe-

cially during the festive sea-

15,739 beds earmarked for

Covid patients in the hospitals,

of which 10,557 are vacant. Of

the 26,001 active cases in the

city, 15,483 are under home

At the moment, there are

Health Minister Satyendar

coming festivals.

son," he said.

isolation.

IN SOME AREAS, PM CONCENTRATION 7 TIMES ABOVE ACCEPTABLE LIMIT

Stubble burning, calm winds push capital's claims rape survivor AQI to 'very poor', no respite over weekend

SHIVAM PATEL

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DELHI'S AIR quality slipped to the 'very poor' category, with a 24hour average AQI reading of 366 as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), for the second time this season. Parts of the city also saw air quality turn 'severe'. AQI of neighbouring NCR towns was also 'very poor' - 344 at Ghaziabad, 369 at Noida, 334 at Gurgaon and 360 at Faridabad.

As per government agencies, calm surface level winds - wind speed below 3 kmph - around Delhi and an increase in share of pollutants from stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana was behind the dip in air quality. A report from the Centre's System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research said share of PM 2.5 pollutants from stubble burning in Delhi's air was 17% Friday, higher than Thursday's 8%.



By 2 pm. 8 out of 36 monitoring stations in Delhi saw AOI in the 'severe' category. Amit Mehra

Environment (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) member Sunita Narain said. "Our recommendation is that we must ensure enforcement on ground to check all

polluting sources. We are also reiterating advice given to be safe from Covid – go out when absolutely necessary, wear masks." Light winds and stagnant me-

over Delhi-NCR is likely to remain 'very poor' over the weekend, as per the Ministry of Earth Sciences' Air Quality Early Warning System teorological conditions will con-(EWS) for Delhi. "Large increase in

tinue till Monday and air quality

fire points was observed over Punjab, Haryana, UP, which are likely to impact air quality of Delhi-NCR." it said.

Data from Haryana State Pollution Control Board showed 101 fire counts Friday, while data from the Punjab Remote Sensing Centre showed 1,341 fire counts Thursday, Haryana and Punjab have recorded 3,470 and 10,775 fire counts so far.

A Delhi government official said mixing depth over the city – vertical height available for dispersion of pollutants — reduced significantly Thursday onwards due to cloud cover: "Mixing depth increases in sunlight and there is dispersion of pollutants... Wind speed is around 1kmph (as of 6 pm), which is very low to help disperse pollutants."

As of 2 pm Friday, 8 out of 36 monitoring stations in Delhi were in the 'severe' category (AQI above 400) including Anand Vihar, Mundka, Wazirpur and Alipur,

while others were in 'very poor' range, except Lodhi Road which was 'poor'. By 5 pm, the number of 'severe' stations was four.

In some parts, concentration of particulate matter pollutants reached nearly seven times their acceptable limit, data from DPCC shows. Concentration of PM 10 peaked at 719 µg/m3 at East Delhi's Anand Vihar at 9 am and at 915 µg/m3 in North Delhi's Alipur, against the 24-hour acceptable limit of 100 µg/m3. PM 2.5 levels in West Delhi's Mundka peaked at 523 $\mu g/m3$ and at 350 μg/m3 in India Gate at 10 am, against the 24-hour acceptable limit of 60 µg/m3.

Environment minister Gopal Rai said DPCC is closely monitoring 13 air pollution hotspots. He added that a campaign to encourage people to turn off their vehicles at traffic signals to reduce vehicular pollution would begin at all 70 assembly constituencies from October 26.

Durga Puja - 2020 : Guidelines for Idol Immersion

THIS YEAR IMMERSE IDOL OF MAA DURGA ONLY AT HOME

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, immersion of Maa Durga's Idol in Yamuna River, water bodies or any artificial ponds is strictly prohibited

Delhi Pollution Control Committee's directions on idol immersion for Durga Puja 2020 are available at www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in

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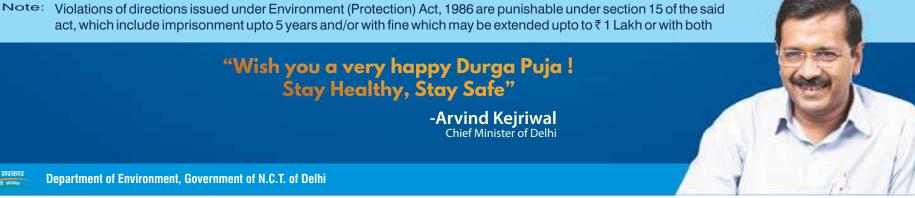
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DOs

• Use only eco-friendly pooja samagri/ natural flowers etc. in prayers

• Use only natural colours for painting idols



or artificial ponds etc.

DON'Ts

Do not use idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP) / baked clay and toxic / chemical

Do not use thermocol or plastic in decorations.

Take decision on banning firecrackers: HC to govt

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday directed the Delhi government and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to treat a petition seeking fresh orders at the earliest regarding putting a strict ban on bursting of firecrackers and effigies, as a representation and take a decision in accordance with the law and the directions passed by the Supreme Court.

Affluent colonies seek regularisation

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday issued a notice in a petition challenging the decision to exclude colonies such as Sainik Farms and Sainik Farms Western Avenue from regularisation under the **National Capital Territory** of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Act, 2019 and the regulations framed under the law. The petition filed by the residents contends that they have been arbitrarily and illegally denied the benefits by identifying them as Affluent Unauthorised Colonies.

Student jumps from 9th floor, dies

Noida: A college student committed suicide allegedly after an argument with her parents. Police said the victim jumped from the 9th floor of a residential society in Greater Noida. ENS

CM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE

1,500 more beds at Lok Nayak by 2023, to be biggest in city

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

WITH PLANS afoot for a new block having 1,500 beds and state-ofthe-art indoor facilities for patients, the Delhi government-run Lok Nayak hospital will soon be Delhi's biggest medical facility and one of the largest in the country.

On Friday, Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal laid the foundation stone for construction of the 25-storey block. "With the new state-of-the-art block having 25 floors, fully air-conditioned with modular OTs and other facilities, the bed strength of the hospital will grow to 3,500. An additional block coming up will have 300 more beds. So, with a total of 3,800 beds, the hospital will be one of the biggest facilities in the country," he said.

Located in Central Delhi, Lok Nayak, now a Covid-only facility,



CM Arvind Kejriwal with Health minister Satyendar Jain (L) and MLA Shoaib Iqbal at the foundation stone laying ceremony at Lok Nayak hospital on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

has 2.000 beds. The new block will be completed by April 2023. Now, AIIMS, with a capacity of around 2,500 beds, is the largest medical facility in a government

Calling it a "world-class facility", Kejriwal said the new 1,500bed block will be built at a cost of Rs 450 crore, with a per bed cost of Rs 30 lakh. "This is lesser than similar projects done by the Centre or any state government, where the average cost turns out to be Rs 1.25 crore to Rs 1.5 crore per bed. We will save money and use it for the public," he said.

The new block will have a

advanced paediatric department, advanced lab facility and an advanced molecular lab. Today marks the beginning of a healthcare revolution in the city... With 25 floors and best healthcare available under one roof, this will be an inspiration to all," said Health Minister Satyendar Jain.

Expanding on the facilities, Lok Nayak medical director Dr Suresh Kumar said, "There will be two ICUs each for neonatal, paediatric, emergency and gynecology. We will be setting up a research lab in the building and a separate radiological and investigation lab. It will also have a hi-tech advanced teaching room with audio-video facility for our MD and MS students. One floor of the building will house offices and rest will have indoor wards.'

Established in 1936, the hospital started off with 350 beds.

Subsidies for e-vehicles to be disbursed in 3 days

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SUBSIDIES AND incentives for buying electric vehicles in the city will be disbursed to applicants within three days. The entire process will be online and vehicle dealers will help buyers with the paperwork and application process, Delhi transport minister Kailash Gahlot has said.

Under the Electric Vehicle policy, the Delhi government will give an incentive of up to Rs 30,000 for two-wheelers, autos, e-rickshaws and goods carriers, while a subsidy of up to Rs 1.5 lakh will be provided for purchase of electric cars.

Vehicles priced up to Rs 15 lakh will be eligible for both the purchase incentive and exemption in road tax and registration fee; vehicles priced above Rs 15 lakh will not get the incentives.

The government has approved over 100 Electric Vehicle models which will be eligible for subsidy, and 36 manufactures have registered with it. The govThe process

Customer buys the EV and gives all details necessary (sales invoice, Aadhaar, a copy of cancelled cheque) to the EV dealer to get the incentive. EV dealers will login to ev.delhi.gov.in and file claims. The entire approval and disbursement process is online, paperless and will be completed within 3 days.

ernment has also registered 98 dealers so far. The approved models include 12 four-wheelers, 14 two-wheelers, and 45 makes of e-rickshaws, among others.

Gahlot has launched the website ev.delhi.gov.in, which has details of the approved models, dealers, subsidy disbursal process as well as the network of 70 charging stations across the city.

The Delhi government passed the EV Policy in August and has since waived road tax and registration fee for these vehicles. It is

at Iantar Mantar over non-pay-

part of the state's long-term action plan to reduce air pollution.

"We have ensured that the buyer is well-informed about the progress and status of her/his claim application — they would be getting information through regular SMS updates. The transport department too will have a dashboard to track how many applications have been received and how many are pending for approval. Real time tracking shall be facilitated," Gahlot.

Jasmine Shah, vice chairperson of Dialogue and Development Commission, said Delhi has the lowest EV high tension charging rates. "EV tariff charges are Rs 4.5 per unit for low tension and Rs 5 per unit for high tension charging (plus charges depending on the facility)... we have the best charging facilities," he said.

The subsidy will be applicable from August 7, 2020. Road tax and registration fee exemptions will be applicable from October 10 and 15, when the respective notifications were is-

Cop kidnapped by bus staff, beaten, dumped at Firozabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A CONSTABLE was allegedly kidnapped and beaten up by the driver of a private bus and its staffers after he stopped them near Kashmere Gate Wednesday night. Police have detained the bus owner and his son in connection with the case.

Constable Sachin, posted at Kashmere Gate police station, was on patrol duty when he spotted a bus and heard a woman screaming from inside around 11 pm. DCP (North) Anto Alphonse said: "He rushed to the bus and asked the driver to stop. Two staff members stepped out and began arguing with him. Sachin told us he suspected something and

boarded the bus to check but the attendants and driver held him."

Police said the attendants beat up Sachin, drove with him to UP's Firozabad and dumped him there. They took away his phones, e-beat book, service pistol and wallet, said police. Passengers in the bus reportedly objected but the driver and staffers threatened them.

A case has been filed under IPC sections 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of his duty), 353 (assault to deter public servant), 365 (kidnapping), 392 (robbery) and 397 (robbery with the attempt to cause death or grievous hurt) on a complaint by a sub-inspector from Kashmere Gate police station, who said he received a call from Sachin around 4 am Thursday.

"They got him down near Mathura, tore his uniform and dragged him by his feet... and threw him from the bus in Makhanpur, Firozabad," said the complainant. Sachin was brought to Delhi and admitted to a hospital

During investigation, police found the bus was operated by a man called Rajeev Chaurasia and his son Ankit. The bus was traced to Madhya Pradesh's Bhind. A raid was conducted at Chaurasia's house in Bhind and he and his son were detained. Police have recovered the service pistol and e-beat book from their house.

A senior officer said, "Ankit was in the bus. He was speaking to his father over the phone on where to take the vehicle." Investigation is on to look for Ankit's associates, police said.

5 Hindu Rao doctors begin hunger strike for salaries; MCD, govt blame each other

ANANYA TIWARI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DEMANDING THEIR pending salaries and a fixed payment date every month, five doctors of the North-MCD run Hindu Rao Hospital began a hunger strike at the premises Friday.

Dr Siddhartth Taara (32), a Diplomate of National Board (DNB) student and one among the five, said, "We want two things – our salaries be paid, and since the irregular payment of salaries has always been a problem, a date be fixed when salaries will be credited every month. We don't care about the politics behind this.' Others on the hunger strike include Dr Manish Choudhary (25),



Doctors at Hindu Rao hospital protesting on Friday. Amit Mehra

Dr Nilachakra Sahu (29), Dr Teias Chaudhari (26), all DNB students, and resident doctor Mayur (24).

ment of salaries for over three On Thursday, resident doctors of Hindu Rao and Kasturba

months. Hindu Rao RDA president Abhimanyu Sardana said, "We want written assurance of Gandhi hospitals held a protest a date when we will be paid."

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta and North MCD Mayor Jai Prakash at a press conference alleged the Delĥi government hasn't been releasing funds. "The Delhi government had assured support when Hindu Rao became a Covid hospital. They owe MCDs funds worth around Rs 13,000 crore. They owe North MCD Rs 2,090.52 crore and have given only Rs 612.02 crore," claimed Gupta. Prakash added, "We will take

to the streets to fight for this issue." Reacting to the claims, senior AAP leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak said: "The BIP is running away from their responsibility. If BJP cannot run the MCD, it should resign immediately. AAP will run it on the same budget."

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Noida and Greater Noida are the next economic growth centres

The upcoming Jewar International Airport and Film City will certainly have a major economic multiplier effect on the local economy, especially with regard to luxury real estate, commercial real estate and residential real estate markets

F the claim that "all roads lead to Rome" was the key indicator of Rome's economic greatness in ancient times, a modern city's equivalent claim would have to be "all airlines land here." Just as in the past shipping, railway and then highway systems have played vital roles in determining a city's economic power, air transportation systems do so in the future for cities, regions and countries. To become an international hub, a city must first have an international airport, the right geographic location and a highly developed infrastructure to handle passengers and freight. The cities of Noida and Greater Noida fit this description very well, as the upcoming Jewar International Airport on Yamuna Expressway give both the cities every possibility to become well-known economic nerve centres in the future.

The upcoming Jewar International Airport on the Yamuna Expressway has paved way for the requirement of infrastructure facilities like housing complexes, shopping centres, residential and business centres, hospitals and hotels. This demand is soon going to witness a huge surge in near future as the date of opening of the Airport approaches near. The phase 1 of the airport is slated to be completed by 2024.

It is often seen that development of an airport in an area often leads to the development of that particular area or region. This certainly rings true with the UP Government's recent initiative for the Noida region. The Uttar Pradesh government has recently announced the construction of a 1,000-acre film city in Noida, along the Yamuna Expressway.



MANY DEVELOPERS HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED LAND NEAR THE UPCOMING **AIRPORT, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF** THE FILM CITY IS **FURTHER GOING TO BOOST THE DEMAND** FOR LAND IN THE **REGION**

With this, the city moves ahead to be developed as the biggest entertainment hub in North India. Once completed, "the project is expected to not only revive the city's fortune but also facilitate real estate growth in terms of price and demand

A lot of developers have already acquired land near the upcoming airport, and the announcement of the Film City is further going to boost the demand for land in the region. As opined by industry experts, "the city will emerge as one of the most robust markets for luxury real estate in the coming years as people from the entertainment industry would want to look for projects that can meet their standards and requirements. The demand for commercial real estate will also rise as several production houses will look forward to opening their satellite offices in the city."

There's no doubt then the cities of Noida and Greater Noida will be the next economic nerve centres of North India. Blessed with good connectivity and its proximity to the twin cities, the Yamuna Expressway is now truly open for great investment opportunities for real estate developers and other stakeholders, given the recent developments.



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Building a city with world-class infrastructure

How do you see the upcoming film city and the Jewar International Airport changing the face of Yamuna Expressway? What kind of changes the buyers and investors should expect in this region?

The upcoming Film City and International Airport at Jewar would be huge drivers of growth not just for areas around Yamuna Expressway, but their positive impact would be felt strongly in the entire Noida, GNIDA & YEIDA region. Since the announcement and finalization of the Zurich International AG as Master Developer for Jewar Airport.the region is witnessing an increase in demand in all sectors, especially in sectors like industry, real estate, commercial and hospitality. With the airport, projects like MRO/ Cargo complex and aerotropolis are also likely to come up. Similarly, the film city is likely to attract production houses and editing studios in the region. Various industrial parks like MSME Park, Apparel Park, Handicraft Park and Toy Park are also proposed in the region. These parks alone are expected to bring investment worth Rs 40,000 crores and employment of around 2.5-3.0 Lakh.

You have set the target to complete the film city project in three years, but the experience says acquisition of land is the biggest hurdle. How you will ensure the smooth execution of this project with regards to the land acquisition process?

There is not much requirement of additional land acquisition for Film City, as more than 500 acres land is already purchased by YEIDA, and is in process of acquiring additional balance land, which the farmers are selling to the Authority readily as the market price of the land in the region is less than the rates fixed by the Authority.

Developers are facing unreasonable interest rates from the authorities (Noida and Greater Noida) that make it somehow unviable for them. The SC has also passed the judgement in this regard giving relief to developers. Have you implemented this order? Do you have any plans to pass the penal interest benefit to homebuyers as well?

It may not be correct to state that developers are currently facing unreasonable interest rates from Authorities (Noida/Greater Noida). Based on discussions with Noida, GNIDA & YEIDA, decision has been taken by the

Speaking on the recent developments in Noida and Greater Noida regions, Alok Tandon, IIDC, Government of UP, Chairman, NOIDA; Chairman, YEIDA; Chairman, Greater Noida; and Chairman, PICUP Lucknow, says, "The upcoming Film City and International Airport at Jewar would be huge economic growth drivers not just for areas around Yamuna Expressway, but their positive impact would also be felt strongly in the entire Noida, GNIDA & YEIDA region. The region is currently witnessing a surge in demand for sectors such as real estate, commercial and hospitality. Similarly, the Film City is likely to attract production houses and editing studios in the region."

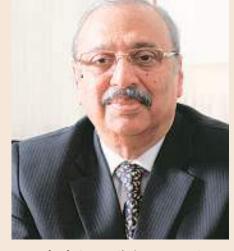
State Government to reduce the rate of interest in sync with prevailing standard MCLR Rates+1% (administrative expenditure) rounded off to the nearest 0.5%. If it is compared with average lending rates by the Banks, it would be rare to find any bank (private/govt.) to offer such low rate of interest to developers. The rate of interest charged by Banks is always higher than MCLR, generally it's close to MCLR +2%/+3%. In reference to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Authorities are studying the order and appropriate steps are being taken for their implementation.

What is the progress on the zero-period policy as announced by the state government in February 2020? What are its direct benefits to developers?

Applications for Zero period and Time extension have already been decided by Authorities. Nearly 35 large builders have taken advantage of the policy in

I WOULD like to congratulate the Noida Authority for the recent signing of the concession agreement with the Swiss firm for the upcoming Jewar International Airport. I'm sure this new world class airport and the upcoming film city will bring in a greater economic prosperity in the Noida and Greater Noida region, as well as provide a great impetus to the other industries in the region. In times to come, I'm sure the Noida and Greater Noida region will attract new investments, especially around the Yamuna Expressway. We believe that this massive-scale development will surely boost employment generation, infrastructure development in the region and also encourage entrepreneurs to source locally to help India become international manufacturing hub and contribute to

the Atamnirbhar India vision.



Mahesh Gupta, Chairman Kent RO

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Reaping rich dividends

OIDA real estate is going through a new phase where the development is lead by the apt infrastructural support. Be it the widening of NH 24 or Jewar Airport or the announcement of Film City; these developments are ensuring that Noida keeps on scoring high on the novelty factor.

After Jewar Airport, the announcement of the Film City was the most significant one that will help real estate reap rich dividends not only for the Yamuna Expressway but for the projects falling within 30-35 km periphery. Commercial and high-end residential segment will benefit the most. Recently, Noida has started attracting HNIs, and with this development, the flow of super-rich people will increase.

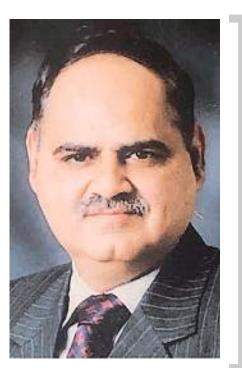
The demand of plotted developments, especially after COVID-19, is increasing due to the inherent nature of these developments to help the owners follow the new norms of living that kicked-in recently. If developed by reputed developers, these colonies offer the best of amenities apart from the usual flexibility that such abodes offer. The potential of good returns in areas that are witnessing infrastructural developments is also making the buyers lap up the opportunities. We have Gaur Yamuna City, an integrated township spread over 250 acres, on the Yamuna Expressway that offers plots, apartments, retail shops, studio apartments, themed villas, and a lot more. We have four plotted development projects here out of which two - 2nd Park View and 32nd Parkview -- have been completed, and two – KrishnVillas and Victorian Villas 6th Parkview -- are getting tremendous response. The scope of plotted developments here is enormous as the area has a well-planned highway with flyovers and a proposed metro that will



Manoj Gaur , *Managing Director Gaurs* Group, Chairman, Affordable Housing Committee, CREDAI (National), Chairman PHDCCI - UP Chapter

further enhance the connectivity.

Improvement in connectivity has always lead to real estate development of a region, and the same is happening to Noida real estate. A few years back, Yamuna Expressway was the only news for the areas falling in the vicinity, and now the airport will change the whole scenario once again. All the infrastructural development taking place in and around Noida is going to help every segment of real estate, including commercial projects like malls, shopping centres, restaurants, office spaces etc. In the last couple of years, several group housing societies have been delivered in Greater Noida including those in Gaur City as well as in neighbouring Crossing Republik. We feel the region needs world-class retail and commercial projects like Gaur City Mall and Gaur World Street. The scope of commercial developments, too, is tremendous in Noida.



NOIDA/GNOIDA region and has positively impacted 1,00,000+ houses/flats. The primary intention of this policy was to give benefit to the home buyers.

As an authority, how are you addressing several bottlenecks faced by real estate developers today, ranging from the issues of reduction of interest on project loans, waivers of interest on land cost dues if civic amenities are delayed, financial dues de-linked from occupancy certificate issuance, the postponement of financial dues on housing projects, a waiver in stamp duty for one year, and to the reduction of prevailing impractical circle rates (property cost at which flats or plots are sold) to boost sales, among many others.

I would firstly like to point out that one of the main reasons why the real estate sector has seen bottlenecks in this region was that many builders, in the past, had taken up projects beyond their overall financial capacity and hence couldn't deliver the projects on time. However, the Authorities have given multiple incentives to address the lagging real estate sector in the region. Several initiatives have been taken such as interest rates have been reduced, builders have been allowed to pay land dues in easy installments, penal interest has been waived off till possession in Yamuna authority, OC is granted on the basis of land payments already made and accordingly proportionate partial completions are being issued. Circle rates have not been revised in the last 3-4 years in the District.

How far has the NBCC been successful in its work to revive the Real Estate sector in Noida and Greater Noida?

Regarding insolvency case of Jaypee Infratech, the case is in final stage of hearing at Hon'ble Supreme Court and we expect a verdict/ direction very soon for speedy completion of delayed Housing Projects. NCLT has already approved the Resolution Plan submitted by Consortium Participants and NBCC. There is no doubt that the involvement of NBCC in the stalled projects has brought a new positivity into the entire regional real estate sector.

What are the various projects in Noida and Greater Noida which is currently under NBCC? By when can buyers associated with these stalled projects expect the possession of their properties?

There are 19 projects (Amrapali) with NBCC. All of these projects are in various stages of completion. NBCC has stated that they would require from 9 to 36 months to finish construction. Work on some projects has already started, and by the end of October 2020, work is expected to start in all 19 projects. In total 43,518 flats are to be handed over to buyers. NBCC has started handing over keys to buyers since July 2020 and till the end of September, has handed over 463 flats.

Finally, how is the work progressing on the Jewar International Airport?

The Concession Agreement of International Airport, Jewar has been signed on 7th of October 2020. All NOCs and Clearances have already been obtained, and project is set to take off. It will take 3 years to get the airport operational.



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Amid power tussle in DU, Education Ministry considers removing V-C

RITIKA CHOPRA & ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DU Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Tyagi's position in the institution has become untenable after the ugly power tussle between him and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor played out publicly this week. The Ministry of Education, The Indian Express has learnt, is keen on the V-C's ouster and is considering several options — from a forced leave to seeking his resignation (informally) and, in the worstcase scenario, even invoking the General Clauses Act to fire him.

The General Clauses Act, 1987, can be invoked to remove a central university V-C if the varsity Act does not have a provision for removing the institution's head. Section 16 empowers the appointing authority - under any central Act or regulation to "suspend or dismiss any person appointed". The government had fired former Visva-Bharati V-C Sushanta Dattagupta in 2016 under this provision. Tyagi could not be reached for comment.

The ministry, sources said,

R. C. No. 200/2015

Shri Zakir Ali Rana

CD#2:- Sh. Saddam Rana, Director

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following further conditions:-

DU V-C Yogesh Tyagi has been on leave since

has made attempts in the past to build a case for Tyagi's removal. Among the occasions when

this was informally discussed was when he did not heed repeated reminders for filling up faculty posts lying vacant for vears, and his handling of last vear's teachers' protest over reappointment of ad hoc teachers. The government had intervened to resolve the crisis. "All the V-C had to do was to clarify that the clarified ad hoc faculty can continue teaching till permanent appointments are made. But it wasn't done till the ministry forced him to," said a ministry source.

"His term is marked by inaction. It's challenging to find irregularities when you've hardly done any work in the office," said a former ministry officer on condition of anonymity. The high drama this week has given the

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No. 2895 dated 16.07.2007 admeasuring 305.55 sq.mtrs.

No. 2896 dated 15.03.2007admeasuring 127.90 sq. mtrs.

No. 2925 dated 19.03.2007 admeasuring 175.45 sq. mtrs.

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No. 7533 dated 18.08.2005 admeasuring 3610.00 sq. mtrs.

Deed No. 5869 dated 07.05.2007 admeasuring 4,645.00 sq. mtrs.

Deed No. 4789 dated 16.07.1997 admeasuring 14,840.00 sq. mtrs.

Sale Deed No. 7558 dated 08.08.2002 ,admeasuring 2,480.00 sq.mtrs

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Sale Deed No. 7248 dated 17.06.2010 admeasuring 2542.50 sq. mtrs

Sale Deed No. 4980 dated 15.05.2006 admeasuring 10,170.00 sq. mtrs.

The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Description of the property to be sold

Plot on part of Khasra Nos. 58. 65 and 69 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP vide

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1837 M situated in village Mauja Jaroda, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP vide

Sale Deed No. 7484 dated 15.06.2010 admeasuring 111.22 sq. mtrs. standing in name of M/s

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1832 situated in Village Jaroda, Distt.Muzaffar Nagar, Vide Sale Dee No. 8598 dated 15.07.2010 admeasuring 171.65 sq. mtrs. Plot on part of Khasra No. 72/2 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, Vide Sale Deed

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Plot on part of Khasra No. 72 /2 situated in Village Nara, Distt, Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Dee

Plot on part of Khasra Nos. 52 and 57 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1832 situated in Village Jaroda, Distt, Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Deed No. 8597 dated 15.07.2010 admeasuring 81.28 sq. mtrs.

Plot on part of Khasra Nos. 58, 65 and 69 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1830 situated in village Jaroda, District. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Deed No. 2476 dated 8.3.2002 admeasuring 13,390.00 sq. mtrs.

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1829 situated in village Jaroda, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale

Plot on part of Khasra Nos, 58,65 and 69 situated in Village Nara, Distt, Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide

Plot on part of Khasra No. 1834 situated in Village Jaroda, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale

Deed No. 7220 dated 29.06.2006 admeasuring 7740.00 sq. mtrs. standing in name of M/s Rana

Plot on part of Khasra No. 56 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Dee

xvii. Plot on part of Khasra No. 72/2 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Mizaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Deed

xviii. Plot on Khasra No. 71, situated in Village Nara, District Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Deed No 10198 dated 15.12.2005 admeasuring 11,470.00 sq. mtrs.

2. xx. Plot on part of Khasra No. 1201/21 situated in Village Nara, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale

3. xxi. Plot on part of 4. Khasra Nos. 52 and 57 situated in Village Nara, UP Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide

4. xxii Plot on part of Khasra Nos. 1061/5, 1117, 951 and 1061/3 situated in Village Sandhawali, Tehsil & Distt

Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale Deed No. 6939 dated 11.07.2002 admeasuring 27,460.00 sq. mtrs

Plot on par of Khasra No. 1832 situated in Village, Jaroda, Distt. Muzaffar Nagar, UP, vide Sale

same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).

Rana Heavy Engineering Ltd.

CD#4:-Shri Zakir Ali Rana, S/o Late Smt. Amna Begum, Director,

(v) Smt. Noorkamar Rana, D/o Late Smt. Amna Begum

minutes duration after 12.00 noon, if required.

government a firm ground for his dismissal. "Given his health condition, we had been ignoring a lot of things, but what happened this week was embarrassing," the ministry source added.

Tyagi Wednesday had gone head to head with Pro V-CPC Joshi over appointing a new Registrar. On Thursday, the government issued a strongly-worded order snubbing Tyagi, declaring his contentious appointments to the Registrar's post as invalid.

Not backing down, PCJha, appointed registrar by Tyagi, wrote to the Ministry. Citing the Ministry's letter Thursday, he said, "The letter has been addressed to Shri Vikas Gupta as Registrar, University of Delhi... It is informed that Professor PC Jha, in addition to his responsibilities as Director South Campus, is acting as Registrar, University of Delhi as an interim arrangement.'

He also said Dr Geeta Bhatt was appointed Pro V-C in place of Prof P C Joshi and that Tyagi had taken the decisions in "due compliance with the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of Delhi University".

CD#3:- Smt. Shahin Rana, Director

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SALE PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT.

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CD#6 Smt. Amna Begum, Since deceased, who stood as personal Guarantee for Ioan facility provided to M/s Rana Heavy Engineering Ltd. And Represented by following legal heirs- (i) Shri Haji Kamrujjam Rana, S/o Late Smt. Amna Begum, (ii) Shri Qadir Rana, S/o Late Smt. Amna Begum

Whereas as Per Recovery Certificate No.200/2015 Dated 01.05.2015 Drawn by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi mentioning a sum of Rs. 40,41,72,317/- (Rs. Forty Crore Forty Two Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred And Seventeen Only), CDs are to pay the Amount of Rs. 40,41,22,317/- (Rs. Forty Crore Forty Two Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred And Seventeen Only) with simple interest @ 17.75% per annum from 03.09.2013 onwards until recovery with cost of Rs.1,50,000/- from the Certificate Debtors (CDs)#1 to 6 jointly and/or severally. The liability of LRs of CD#6 shall be restricted to the extent of the property inherited by them from CD#6.

Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://drt.auctiontlger.net on 27.11.2020 between 03.00 p.m. to 04.00 p.m. with extensions of 5

The sale shall be of the property of the CD(s) above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property'

The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property

the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentionec

in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any

The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the under signed, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

7.2 The Reserve Price of the properties mentioned at Serial Nos. (i) to (xix) in the above list is Rs. 9.00 crores (Rupees Nine Crores Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.90,00,000/-(Rupees Ninety Lacs Only)

The Reserve Price of the properties mentioned at Serial Nos. (xx) in the above list is Rs. 1.58 Crores (Rupees One Crores and Fifty Eight Lacs Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.15,80,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs and Eighty Thousand Only)

The Reserve Price of the properties mentioned at Serial Nos. (xxi) in the above list is Rs. 26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lacs Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.2,60,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Sixty Thousand Only)

The Reserve Price of the properties mentioned at Serial Nos. (xxii) in the above list is Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lacs Only) Earnest Money

Deposit (EMD): Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lacs Only)

The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., latest by 25.11.2020 before 4.00 PM in the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM TO 04.00 PM on 27.11.2020. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get

7.5 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., Edelweiss Assets Reconstruction

7.6 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi A/c R.C. No. 200/2015 by next bank working day before 04.00 PM with this Tribunal.

7.7 The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft / Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 200/2015, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and @

7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post th

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate

Tyagi has been on leave since he was admitted to AIIMS on July

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2 under "emergency medical condition". The government had given Joshi charge of V-C on July 17 until Tyagi resumed office.

There has been complete communication breakdown between the V-C and government since the drama erupted this week, said sources. Tyagi's term ends in five months. "A search committee is formed to suggest names for the next DU V-C, and the Executive Council gets to pick at least some of the members... It becomes important who is in the EC," said an Academic Council member. The Registrar is the EC

Teachers across political groups, despite their allegiance, agree that "inaction" is what characterises Tyagi's tenure.

A K Bhagi, from RSS-backed National Democratic Teachers' Front said, "Not just promotions and appointments but there has been no academic growth either. Administrative posts were either left vacant or the same person was appointed on multiple posts."

"He may be on official leave but for all practical purposes, he has been on leave since the beginning," said EC member Rajesh Jha.

GRANTS BAIL

No offence under UAPA made out against riot accused: HC

Accused first to get bail on merits after anti-terror law added to FIR

SOFIAHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE DELHI High Court on Friday granted bail to an accused in the case registered by Delhi Police for "larger conspiracy" behind the Northeast Delhi violence, saying the investigating agency's own record against him does not disclose the commission of offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Accused Faizan Khan, a SIM card provider, is the first to get bail on merits in the matter after stringent provisions of the antiterror law were added to the FIR under investigation of Delhi Police's Special Cell.

He is accused of providing a SIM card on a fake ID to co-accused and Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha and activating it. The SIM card was allegedly used by Jamia Coordination Committee, a group which the police say organised the protests against the enactment of Citizenship (Amendment Act), 2019.

Observing that there is also no allegation that he engaged in any form of terror funding or any such activity, Justice Suresh Kumar Kait in the order said it is not alleged that he was privy to or part of organising protests against the CAA. The case of the investigating agency is that the SIM card was provided on the allurement of extra money, the



The accused allegedly provided a SIM card on a fake ID

However, it added that for invoking the provisions of UAPA against Khan, it is the duty of the investigating agency to show he had "actual knowledge" that the SIM card would be used for organising the protests.

The court also said there was no proof such as CCTV footage, video or Khan's chats with any of the groups and the only allegation is that he provided a SIM on fake ID in December 2019 against a "small amount" of Rs

"It was imperative for the investigation agency to demonstrate that the petitioner had 'active knowledge' about the utilisation of the said SIM card. It is not alleged that the petitioner was party to any such conspircourt said further.

Police filed a chargesheet in the case last month against 15 accused for "larger conspiracy" behind the Northeast Delhi violence. Former municipal councillor Tahir Hussain, former JNU student Umar Khalid, Pinjra Tod's Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal and Tanha have also been arrested in the case, among others.

Student activist Safoora Zargar is the only one to have been granted bail in the case but on humanitarian grounds. Three other accused have also been granted bail in the case, prior to the invocation of UAPA.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju had earlier argued before the court that Khan had "deliberately" issued the SIM card and was "well aware about

the conspiracy of riots" since in-

Senior Advocate Salman Khurshid, who represented Khan, had argued the UAPA provisions have been wrongly in-

voked against the accused.

Justice Kait said the transaction relating to the SIM card had allegedly taken place in December 2019 whereas the violence erupted around February 23-24 in 2020. "There is no proximate nexus between the aforesaid alleged incidents nor is it alleged that the SIM card was provided, on the pretext or with the intention/objective, to be utilised for organising protests, etc," the court said, adding the investigating agency's case is not that he was part of any WhatsApp groups which were allegedly used to coordinate the

While granting bail to Khan, the court also took note that he had fully cooperated with the probe. Justice Kait said the "onerous conditions/embargo under section 43D (5) of the UAPA, 1967" will not be applicable in the case against Khan as the investigating agency's status report did not disclose the commission of offences under UAPA, 1967. Section 43D (5) of the UAPA states that an accused shall not be released on bail if the court is of the opinion that "there are reasonable grounds for believing the accusation against such person is prima facie true".

Court directs Tihar to ensure Khalid allowed time outside cell

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A DELHI court while directing Tihar Jail authorities to ensure former JNU student Umar Khalid is allowed adequate time out of his jail cell, following allegations that he was kept in solitary confinement, observed that the reply filed by authorities on Khalid's prison conditions was "bizarre".

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat made the observations while going through the reply filed by jail superintendent Avadeshwar Kant, who was summoned to explain Khalid's allegations. Khalid claimed he was not allowed outside his iail cell and on one occasion, he was allowed outside for 10 minutes.

Furthermore, the court also extended Khalid and JNU student Sharjeel Imam's judicial custody till November 20. Imam and Khalid's lawyers told the court that the application for extension of judicial custody had identical portions lifted from previous police custody applications, carrying even "same spelling mistakes". They submitted that police was moving applications "without any new grounds or application of their mind".

In their three-page reply, Tihar authorities stated Khalid had been provided facility for

The court termed Tihar's reply on Khalid's jail conditions as 'bizarre'

legal interviews, phone call with his parents, books from the jail library and outside, clothes, headphones to be used during legal interview, and daily

However, one reply which caught the court's attention read. "The cell where the inmate is being kept is located at such a place from where more than half of the ward movement is visible."

ASJ Rawat told Kant, "...I am quite amazed by para number 6. What is the purpose of this?... It's a very strange and bizarre thing to say." Kant replied, "From inside, he (Khalid) can also see others so that he doesn't get bored. He can see others walking around."

Khalid's lawyer Trideep Pais also told the court, "Is he a zoo animal on display? That others can see him and he can see others when he is locked up? Why this discrimination?"

"He (jail superintendent) has literally kept the man imprisoned for 30 hours. What is the period for which he was kept inside his cell, has he clarified that?" Kant said Khalid was al-

lowed to leave his cell from sunrise till 12 pm and then from 3 pm till sunset. When the court asked

Khalid if this was true, he said, "After I brought it to the court's notice, things have got better. I have been allowed outside. The jail superintendent is right that he came to meet me himself (and) took me out... before that. there were long periods where I was not allowed outside my cell. It was left to the discretion of the particular person on duty. I would negotiate for hours and I (the cell) would be open for half-an-hour.'

The court, while agreeing that jail authorities may have done this keeping in mind his safety and security, asked Kant about the order which restricted Khalid inside his jail cell. Kant said it was an internal order by an additional superintendent to ensure Khalid's safety.

During the hearing, Imam's lawyer Surabhi Dhar also submitted that jail authorities were not responding to her requests for legal interviews in a timely manner, following which the court asked her to file an appli-

HC stays order to pay salaries from student fund

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has stayed the state government's order to 12 Delhi University colleges to pay staff salaries staffers from the Students Society Fund.

These 12 colleges are fully funded by the Delhi government and staff members have not been paid for several months. Justice Navin Chawla passed the order on a plea by Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) which said funds meant for students can only be used for student welfare.

"The State government should pay money from its own pocket, rather than from students' funds," Justice Chawla observed, placing a stay on the operation of the October 16 order.

The 12 colleges have been unable to pay salaries to their staff and have attributed this to the government not releasing requisite funds. The government, however, began a special audit in six colleges and accused them of misappropriating funds, stating the colleges have funds in their student society accounts and that it should be used to pay salaries.

On October 16, the government issued an order instructing colleges to release all outstanding staff salaries from student society funds within two weeks. The DU Principals' Association, however. called the order "irrational, arbitrary and illegal". **ENS**

Devotees not allowed at puja pandals, bhog makes the journey to their homes

ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

LIKE EVERY year, a team of cooks prepare bhog in a firepit in a temporary shed behind the Kali Mandir in Chittaranjan Park during Durga Puja. But for the first time, this year, bhog is not served to thousands of people seated inside the pandal, but personally delivered by e-rickshaws – the designated 'bhog delivery vans'. On Saptami morning, the

aroma of pulao and shahi paneer filled up the shed. Cook Sushant Dev Sharma (41), who heads a team of six, said the preparations are the same as every year. "But this time, it is not directly served. We send it a room where the bhog is first packed," he said.

Three workers, who waited outside the shed with trolleys, carried the cooked dishes to the Vivekananda Centenary Library, inside the temple premises. where the food is then packed in metal tiffin containers having



Kali Mandir society has bought 2,000 tiffin boxes. Abhinav Saha

New Delhi

separate compartments for pulao, paneer, kheer, dal, and chutney. The packing started at 8 am.

Sreebash Bhattacharjee, Secretary, Kali Mandir Society, said, "Since we are not allowing people to enter the premises, we decided to send the bhog to their homes. People register on our website and give us their address so that we can get them delivered.

Today, there are 850 deliveries."

The cost of bhog has also gone up – from Rs 1,200 last year to Rs 1,500 now. Bhattacharjee attributed this to cost of the tiffin boxes. The society has purchased 2,000 tiffin boxes from a company in Mumbai.

Around 30 e-rickshaws were lined up inside the mandir, each with a capacity to carry 25 tiffins.

Organisers said that most of the deliveries are to nearby areas.

However, some people, who stay far away, will come and pick it up from a nearby market place.

Prasad (52), an e-rickshaw driver, said he did many deliveries on Sashti too. "A boy with a list of names and addresses accompanies me... Yesterday, we delivered around 20 and came back with four since nobody opened the door in a few houses," he said.

Meanwhile, at the temple gates, many who hoped to enter and have the bhog inside like before, were left disappointed.

Jayanti Ganguli (72), who came from Patparganj, said, "Nobody informed us that the temple gates are shut. I did not know about the bhog registration either. This is the first time in years that I will not be able to pray to the Goddess...

However, Rumi Mitra (48), a resident of CR Park received the bhog with a smile. She said, "Covid situation has given us all a reason to introspect and worship from home. Maybe Maa wanted us to celebrate this way for a change."



Sd/-(Dattatrey Bajpayee)

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Once Nitish bastion, women ask tough questions: govt distanced from poor

Women loyalists of the CM are turning away, battered by lockdown, angry at prohibition's failed promise

DIPANKAR GHOSE

PHULWARI SHARIF, OCTOBER 23

"LOOK," SHE says angrily. Mamta Devi's right arm is outstretched, her fingers balled into a fist. Just above the two bangles on her wrist are two bruises — left by her drunk husband as she came between him and their two young children. "Show these wounds to anyone who claims there is prohibition in Bihar." savs the 32-year-old

Over 15 years and three electoral victories, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has counted on women voters, who have stood by him for his schemes, including cycles for girl students, the expansion of women selfhelp groups under the Jeevika programme, reservation of 50% of seats for women at the panchayat level, and of course, the prohibition law, introduced in April 2016.

 $Come\,2020, this\, support\, is\, showing\, signs$ of fracture, under the blows of a parallel alcohol economy and the economic distress left

Mamta Devi's opinion of her husband is unequivocal: "He is a useless drunk... He is a daily wage earner but did very little work even earlier." The house runs on the money she makes selling onions and garlic at the Mithapur mandi, around Rs 100 a day.

Out of that, her husband spends some on his daily drink. "Despite prohibition, alcohol is available everywhere. When I tell him to stop, he beats me," Mamta says. "Alcohol is sold not just in shops now. What sold for Rs 20 sells for Rs 50... the middlemen have bought cars. Aur ab toh home delivery hota hai (Now liquor is even supplied at home)."

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY

political prisoners,



Dina, Mamta, An ita and Rekha at their Dalit basti in Phulwari Sharif. Dipankar Ghose



She and the three other women sitting with her at the Dalit *basti* in Parsa bazaar, on the outskirts of Patna, say they voted for Nitish in 2015. Shyam Rajak, the JD(U) candidate who won from the Phulwari reserved seat under which their basti falls, has since crossed over to the RJD.

Rekha Devi, a mother of four, says her

husband used to earn Rs 400 a day taking up house painting jobs before the lockdown working for about half the month, spending the rest of the days passed out. For six months, from March to August, he had no work. Now, they are facing "bhukhmari (starvation)", Rekha says, as the others nod.

Furning at the government for "killing the poor with the lockdown", Rekha adds, "I went begging but was mostly turned away. The children slept hungry many nights." Her biggest worry is a marriageable daughter.

Anita Devi, who has two daughters, 11 and 10, tears up recalling the lockdown. "When there is no money in the house, *sabse* zyaada dard maan ko hota hai (a mother feels the most pain). I would feed them one time, the next meal they would sleep hungry."

The 33-year-old says they got no support bar 5 kg of ration, asking how is it enough.

Her children's school in Nathupur didn't give ration either in lieu of mid-day meals, though an order to this effect was issued in July, Anita says. "Kuchch nahin mila (We didn't get anything). Everything is eaten up by middlemen. This government has stopped working for

Butts in Rekha, "Lalu ke samay mein gareeb ka izzat toh hota tha (In Lalu's time, at least there was respect for the poor)." She says everything is "private" now, there are threats to cut off their electricity supply over non-payment of bills, while a promise of 3decimal plots for the landless was never kept.

Dina Kumari says she has not been able to even access her PDS supply as someone else has been picking up the quota on her ration card, though it is linked to her Aadhaar number. "I went to meet block-level officials but they told me they couldn't do anything just now as elections were on."

One of the people Dina reached out to is Pratima Kumari Paswan, who has been working in the area on women and children's rights for many years and is fighting as an Independent from Phulwari. Paswan says she knows she has slim chances of winning, but contesting was important. "Only women understand the pain of women and children, their issues like security and self-dependence. The lockdown has made things worse. A child doesn't ask the father for food."

Which is why Mamta Devi has taken matters into her own hands. She took a loan recently at 10% interest per month - she won't say how much — to ensure that her children can continue their tuitions. "I will go hungry, will take loans, sell my jewellery," she says. "So that they can study.

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BIJENDRA PRASAD YADAV THE YADAV FACE ON NITISH KUMAR'S SIDE



LEFT ROLE IN POLL MATHS

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|HASHTAG POLITICS



● Didn't know 19 is less than 10: Chidambaram on NDA job talk

Senior Congress leader @PChidambaram IN tweeted: "After making fun of RJD's promise of 10 lakh jobs, the NDA has promised to create 19 lakh jobs in Bihar. I didn't know 19 was a smaller number than 10. I think I should go back to primary school."

7.6K LIKES, 1.5K RETWEETS IN 9 HOURS



Thank you, PM: Chirag Paswan

LJP chief @iChirag Paswan tweeted: "Like a true companion, Narendra Modi came to Bihar and paid tribute to my father. That he was by Papa's side till the very end, makes me emotional. As a son, it felt nice to see the PM's affection towards Papa. Thank you." He also tweeted about implementing same-work-equal-pay under his #BiharFirstBihariFirst scheme.

12.9K LIKES, 1.3K RETWEETS IN 8 HOURS

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(Income-Tax Returns Declarations)

DECLARED

Candidates with high income/high assets	Kiran Devi	Rakesh Ranjan	Kaushal Kumar Sharma
Party	RJD	Independent	RLSP
Constituency (district)	Sandesh (Bhojpur)	Paliganj (Patna)	Banka
Total Assets (in ₹)	17+ crore	29+ crore	17+ crore
Total Income shown in ITR (₹) (self + spouse + dependent)	3+ crore	2+crore	2+ crore
Self-income	1+ crore	64+lakh	2+ crore
Last financial year of ITR filing	2020-21	2018-19	2020-21

CANDIDATES WITH HIGH ASSETS, RETURNS NOT DECLARED

raity	Constituency (district)	Assets (III X)
Independent	Nawada	6+ crore
Independent	Mokama (Patna)	3+ crore
RLSP	Mohania-SC(Kaimur)	2+ crore
	Independent Independent	Independent Nawada Independent Mokama (Patna)

Source: Association for Democratic Reforms; * As per poll affidavits

On rise, women voters outnumber men

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

OVER THE past four Assembly elections in Bihar, women voters have seen a steady rise. In 2015, they overtook their male counterparts by a huge margin, with 60.48% of them turning out to vote compared to 53.32% men.

The turnout among women in 2015 was the highest in Bihar going as far back as 1962. In terms of overall numbers though, the total men voters (1.9 crore) was slightly more than women (1.89 crore) in 2015. The overall voter turnout that year was 56.66%. Since Iharkhand was carved out in 2000.

Bihar has seen Assembly elections in February and October in 2005, 2010 and 2015. In February 2005, an analysis of election data shows, the share of women who voted stood at 42.51% (1.04 crore in all) showing that in the next 10 years, there was a jump of nearly 20%. In comparison, 49.94% of the men (1.40 crore) turned out to vote in

Year	■ Male ■	■ Female	Total (%
2005 (Feb)	-	49.94 42.51	46.5
2005 (Oct)	-	47 44	45.85
2010	-	51.12 54.49	52.67
2015	_	53.32	56.66

February 2005, with the needle moving barely 4% for them till 2015. The overall voter

turnout in February 2005 was 46.5% Due to the fragmented result in that elec-

tion, Assembly polls were necessitated again in October 2005. Despite expected voter exhaustion, more women turned out to vote. at 44% (1.06 crore), compared to earlier that year, while the figure for men fell. That election brought Nitish Kumar to

power. And it is since then that the women voter numbers have seen a striking rise. The 2010 Bihar Assembly polls saw women voters jump more than 10% to 54.48% — surpassing the men at 51.12%. In the 2015 elections in which Nitish again formed government, the woman voter share crossed the 60% mark even as the men saw a slight 2% increase.

With the JD(U) leader taking several measures seen as pro-women, the trend sustained into the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. While 59.58% of the women voters (1.99 crore in all) turned out 55% (2.08 crore) of the men did

The overall voting percentage in the Lok Sabha elections was 67.09% (67.01% for men;

LOOKING FOR: MISA BHARTI MI(s)A

The power struggle has been settled, and Lalu's

eldest seems reconciled

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, OCTOBER 23

THE POWER struggle has been settled, and the brief claim of Lalu Prasad's eldest child, Misa Bharti, to his political legacy has been stamped out. As brother Tejashwi Yadav, 22 years younger than her, is projected as the chief ministerial candidate of the Mahagathbandhan, Misa has not much of a role other than as star campaigner of the RJD.

Having been nominated to the Rajya Sabha, the 44-year-old has reconciled to sticking to Delhi, leaving the stage for Tejashwi.

Named by Lalu after the infamous MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) under which he was held during the Emergency, Misa first came to attention when her father had to step down following fodder scam charges and Rabri Devi took over as CM. With sons Tei Pratap and Teiashwi less than 10 years old at the time, Rabri turned to her eldest for support and advice.

An MBBS, though she has never practised medicine, Misa impressed with her speaking skills. However, once the brothers came of age, the parents made their choice clear. Sources say it wasn't just the question of



who could lay a claim.

regarding Misa campaigning" choosing sons over the daughter, one logic

'No details as yet

did fight back. In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, she wrung for herself a ticket from the Pataliputra constituency, thwarting Lalu aide Ram Kripal Yadav. An angry Ram Kripal not just crossed over to the BJP but also defeated Misa from Pataliputra by about 26,000 votes.

Still, Misa, married and a mother of two,

was that there were five other daughters

While Misa was sent by the RJD to the Rajya Sabha in July 2016, in 2019 she again managed a ticket against Ram Kripal from the same seat. She again lost. In July 2017, the Enforcement Directorate raided three premises in Delhi of Misa Bharti and her husband Shailesh Kumar in a moneylaundering case.

When Tej and Tejashwi were battling it out for the power stakes, Misa had been seen as backing Tej, with the tacit support of Rabri.

With this election Tejashwi's coming-out polls, in which his advisors are keeping even Lalu in the background, Misa is likely to be pushed further into the sidelines. RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tewari said: "Misa Bharati has been one of our star campaigners. As of now, we have no details of her campaigning. She may come at a later stage.'

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CHANDRIKAROY (A.K.A CHANDRIKARAI) Janata Dal (United), Parsa (Saran

TOTAL ASSETS **11.21** CRORE (with spouse)

83% increase since 2015 (Rs 6.14 crore)

MOVABLE ASSETS ₹2.08 CRORE

Assets	2015	2020
Cash in hand	19.4 lakh	5.02 lakh
Bank balance	7.06 lakh	23.14 lakh
Stocks & bonds	NIL	2 lakh
Other investment	30,440	NIL
Jewellery	3.01 lakh	11.2 lakh
Vehicle	3.86 lakh	11.7 lakh
Other	41,070	1.5 crore
TOTAL	34.05 lakh	2.08 cr

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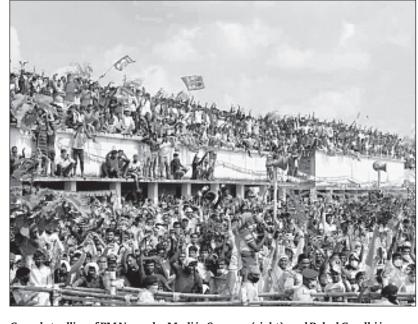
Assets	2015	2020
Agri land	15 lakh	48 lakh
Non-agri land	2.75 cr	1.5 cr
Commercial	2.4 cr	3.3 cr
Residential	50 lakh	3.85 cr
Other	32,000	NIL
Total	5.8 cr	9.13 cr
Total	_	1.8 cr

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CRIMINAL CASES

Three pending, related to electoral offences, including the violation of Model Code of Conduct

FIRST DAY, FIRST SHOWS



Crowd at rallies of PM Narendra Modi in Sasaram (right); and Rahul Gandhi in Hisua, Nawada (above), as they launched their campaigns for Bihar on Friday. PTI



Cong high command keeps a tight rein, message: go local

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

IN HIS first rally for the Bihar Assembly elections on Friday, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi focused on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government's policies. However, there is a concerted effort by the Congress this time to ensure the election in Bihar remains about local issues.

A large team of leaders from the high command is stationed in Patna micromanaging the campaign and coordinating with allies RJD and the Left parties from behind the scenes — but that's almost the extent of the

Congress sources said the local leaders are not even keen on too many names from outside barring Rahul Gandhi and the party's chief ministers coming for campaigning, to ensure that the focus is not diverted from local issues. There is a clear instruction to leaders specifically to not raise divisive issues or react to controversial or emotive topics thrown up by the BJP.

The Congress appears to have learnt a lesson from Jharkhand where the JMM and Congress ran a strictly localised campaign which bore results.

The party's campaign committee, for the 70 seats it is contesting, is headed by AICC communication department in-charge Randeep Surjewala, and includes its social

media head Rohan Gupta, national spokesperson Pawan Khera and leaders such as former AICC general secretary Mohan Prakash, former Union minister Subodh Kant Sahay who belongs to the region and Captain Ajay Yadav from Haryana, whose son is married to one of RID leader Lalu Prasad's daughters.

Besides, three-six observers have been appointed per constituency, with a war room in Patna taking updates round the clock and processing the requirements of the candidates.

A coordination committee of the allies is in place which meets every day at 8 pm. From the Congress, the meeting is attended by Mohan Prakash, Sahay or Ajay Yadav.

From the RJD, either Manoj Kumar Jha or Shivanand Tiwari is present.

The overbearing presence of names from outside has led to some disgruntlement among party leaders in Bihar that they are being "sidelined". However, on other matters, the Congress is keeping local sentiments in mind. "We are not asking outside leaders to hold rallies. So far Raj Babbar has addressed some rallies. He will address some more. Shatrughan Sinha is a local favourite. He will address rallies too," a high command

leader told The Indian Express. Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel is arriving on Saturday and will be addressing

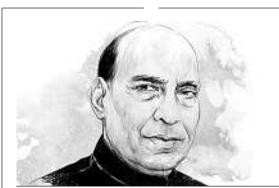
"We are largely running a local campaign.

So far we have managed not to get dragged into Jinnah or Pakistan kind of controversies. We are ignoring controversial statements made by BJP leaders and issues thrown at us. Our candidates are more particular that the campaign should be local...We are not planning any public meetings by outside leaders. They will come and address press conferences in Patna and leave," another senior In a reference to the "neech" remark by

Mani Shankar Aiyar regarding Modi in the middle of the Gujarat elections, which had overtaken the discourse, a senior Congress leader said, "Some of our leaders are capable of springing such surprises on us. We hope and pray that they don't."

GOVT & POLITICS





WITH HOME Minister Amit Shah, usually one of the top election campaigners for BIP, not on the field, it seems Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has become one of the busiest campaigners for the party in Bihar. Singh has been asked to spend more time in the poll-bound state. As the BJP state unit demanded more time from him, Singh had to rejig his commitments to accomplish campaign work for the party. While Shah is trying to amplify the party's communications through his media interviews, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, like her predecessor, was assigned the task of releasing the party's election manifesto - in 2015, Arun Jaitley had released BJP's vision document in Patna. Party chief J P Nadda is also expected to touch every region of Bihar with his rallies.

HIGH INTEREST

THE ELECTION Commission last week announced elections to 10 Rajya Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh and one in Uttarakhand which are falling vacant on November 25. The BJP is expected to win at least eight of the seats in UP given its numbers in the state Assembly. Curiously, there is some interest in the Congress on the BJP candidates' list. The buzz in Congress circles is that BJP may field a leader who had quit the Congress and joined it some time back. The BJP has already sent Jyotiraditya Scindia to Rajya Sabha. It is to be seen whether it will give another former Congress leader a place in the Upper House.

STRANGER ALERT

SINCE MANY key meetings are taking place through videoconferencing these days, one concern has been that of secrecy of information. Earlier this week, during a review meeting of an important ministry, it was discovered that one participant among the officials present was, in fact, was not an insider and had no business being in that video conference. Corrective measures were taken and a policy-level message sent out to ensure that from now each participant in such should be placed on record with designation and name, and inclusion will only be on a need-to-know basis.

AHEAD OF KERALA CIVIC POLLS

Minority votes in mind, CPM flays Cong understanding with Jamaat wing

amir, M I Abdul Aziz, sparking a

debate in political circles about

UDF's electoral understanding

with WPI in the civic body polls.

a day after the LDF welcomed

the Jose K Mani faction of re-

gional Christian party Kerala

Congress (M). Balakrishnan's re-

marks are seen as an attempt to

woo Catholic votes mainly in

central Kerala districts. In Kerala,

minority Muslim and Christian

voters have traditionally backed

the UDF. But with the Jose Mani

faction in LDF now, the CPI (M) is

seen as trying to divide this tra-

ditional vote-bank and winning

over a section of Christian voters.

ploit an anti-IUML stand which

has developed recently in Kerala

Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC)

mainly on two issues. The Council had criticised IUML

when the latter hailed conver-

sion of Hagia Sophia into a

mosque, and also IUML's attempt

to enter into a local-level alliance

Congress, called the develop-

ment a "growing influence of

Opposition leader Ramesh

Chennithala of the Congress said

UDF will not forge any alliance

with any party outside the coali-

tion. "However, in civic body

elections, UDF local leaderships

can decide on local-level elec-

toral adjustments. Such parties

should have anti-fascist ap-

proach. It is up to the local lead-

ership of UDF to decide on such

Jamaat-e-Isami and WPI

have backed LDF in the past. A

few panchayats in north Kerala

are governed by LDF with the

backing of WPI. But the Jamaat

pan-Islamic politics".

The powerful bishops' organisation, traditionally pro-

with WPI for local body polls.

Besides, CPI(M) hopes to ex-

The CPI(M)'s critique comes

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 23

THE CPI(M), the leading constituent of ruling LDF in the state, on Friday accused opposition Congress of "surrendering" its secular stance before the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), stating that it is now "led by Jamaat-e-Islami's ideology".

This comes on a day the Congress-led UDF decided on local-level electoral adjustments with organisations such as Welfare Party of India (WPI), political arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, for the coming local body elections in the state.

CPI(M) Politburo member and party's state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan told the media that IUML had "strongly opposed" Jamaat-e-Islami in the past. "Now, IUML has abandoned that stand and has no reservations to work with Jamaat-e-Islami, which wants to establish Islamic country. It is parallel to the stand of RSS, which aims at Hindu Rashtra. The decision of Congress to work with WPI would have far-

reaching consequences," he said. The Jamaat, he said, has "supported reconversion of Istanbul's Hagia Sophia museum into a mosque. Stating that IUML had endorsed Jamaat's stand on Hagia Sophia, he said, "The Congress has surrendered its secular outlook before IUML for a few votes. In the past, UDF had been led by leaders like Ooomen Chandy (former CM), P K Kunhalikutty (of IUML) and K Mani (of Kerala Congress).But it is now led by leaders such as M M Hassan (UDF convener), P K Kunhalikutty and Jamaat-e-

Hassan had recently held dis-

boycott polls over 'police crackdown' NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

108 tribal

villages to

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE RESIDENTS of 108 villages in Bihar's Kaimur plateau have announced that they will boycott the forthcoming Assembly polls to protest an alleged police crackdown on the area's tribal population last month. The police action came when the tribals were protesting, among other issues, the declaration of the area as a tiger reserve.

The protests were led by Kaimur Mukti Morcha (KMM), which alleged that 25 activists

DECISION

from the area were arrested charges. The villagers accused Forest Depertemt of

forceful evictions and bulldozing of crops, despite a Supreme Court stay on evictions.

KMM has demanded that the government declare Kaimur a scheduled area. The creation of a tiger reserve in the region must be done only after consent by the gram sabhas and approval of the tribal population, it has said.

A report on this by a fourmember panel from Delhi was released Friday. CPI(M) politburo member Brinda Karat, who released the report, told The Indian Express, "In this instance, there has been criminal negligence by the Bihar government that hasn't implemented the Forest Rights Act."

According to the report, on September 10, thousands of adivasis from the 108 villages mobilised peacefully in front of the Forest Department office at Adhaura. The police then "unleashed a crackdown", in which seven activists were fired upon, lathi-charged, and picked up by the police. On October 16, all seven were released on bail. The report alleged that Prabhu, an adivasi, was killed by a police bullet that went through his ear.



THIRD FRONT STEPS UP

BSP chief Mayawati, whose party is contesting the Bihar polls as part of a third front, at a rally at Jagjiwan Ram Stadium in Rohtas district of Bihar on Friday. Upendra Singh Kushwaha, president of RLSP—an alliance partner—was also present. PTI

MP BJP leader moves top court over HC curbs on bypoll rallies

Election Commission moves separate plea citing Article 324

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

MADHYA PRADESH BJP leader Pradyuman Singh Tomar has moved the Supreme Court against a Madhya Pradesh High Court order imposing limits on physical campaigns for the forthcoming state bypolls.

Tomar, contesting from Gwalior, contended that the October 20 order violates the right to organise election campaigns through physical gatherings as permitted by election rules and sought a stay on it.

The Election Commission, too, has approached the top court against the high Court order, citing Article 324 of the Constitution which vests in it the authority to conduct the elections and oversee the electoral The commission has con-

rections regarding gatherings as well as the state's Covid-19 protocol that lays down the limitations for allowing such congregations.

The High Court order came on a PIL which pointed out that various political parties were holding physical campaigns ignoring the Covid-19 risk and that authorities were turning a blind eye to this.

The High Court said: "In a contest/clash between right to campaigning and right to health and life, it is obvious that the right to health and life takes precedence. Right to health and life is comparatively more exalted, sacred and precious right when compared with the right to canvassing & campaigning. Thus, the right of candidate to campaign has to yield to the right to health and life of the electorate.'

It asked District Magistrates not to grant permission for phys-

proved that conduct of a virtual campaign is not possible, subject to EC approval.

before the meeting/congrega-

ical congregations for election campaigns unless it can be

The High Court added that even in the event such approval is granted, "the holding of physical congregation.. can take place only after the political party/candidate intending to hold a congregation deposits money with the District Magistrate which is sufficient to purchase double the number of masks and sanitizers required for protecting and sanitizing the number of persons expected in the congregation and also when candidate files an undertaking on affidavit that he shall be personally liable to distribute masks and sanitizers to all the members of the congregation tion starts"

The bypolls to 28 seats are

dled in a one-on-one meeting

with Housing Minister and close

confidante Jitendra Awhad at Y

B Chavan Centre as senior NCP

ministers and leaders waited at

the party office for over an hour

for the party chief to arrive for

Khadse's induction. The Pawar-

Ahwad meeting triggered spec-

ulation about a cabinet reshuffle

to accommodate Khadse. But

giving him a berth would have

Khadse into the party, Pawar said

the ex-BJP veteran had joined

without any pre-conditions and

there were no plans of a cabinet

Eventually, as he welcomed

meant dropping a minister.

surveillance.

News agency PTI quoted Lekhi saying "Amazon has refused to appear before the panel on October 28 and if no one on behalf of the e-commerce com-

The panel, she said, is unanimous in its opinion that coercive action can be suggested to the government against the e-com-

It is learnt that panel members questioned Facebook India representatives on its advertisement model, how it targets audiences, their earnings out of India, the tax paid by them, the data storage model and transfer

"privacy Bill", it is intended to protect individual rights by regulating the collection, movement, and processing of data that is personal, or which can

FB gets 2 weeks to reply to House panel, Amazon to skip hearing

MANOJCG

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

FACEBOOK INDIA'S Public Policy Director Ankhi Das was among its representatives who ap-Friday peared before Parliament's Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill.

It is learnt that the panel, headed by Lok Sabha MP Meenakshi Lekhi, has given Facebook India two weeks to furnish written replies to the guestions posed by its members.

Meanwhile, e-commerce giant Amazon has declined to appear before the committee on October 28, and the panel has taken strong exception to this.

Amazon, Twitter, PayTM and Google have been directed to appear before the committee at its next sitting

pany appears before the panel, it amounts to breach of privilege.'

merce company.

of data. December

Parliament approved sending the Personal Data Protection Bill to the committee headed by Commonly referred to as the

Data localisation debate

Officials have long argued that data localisation will help law-enforcement access data for investigations and enforcement. Currently, much of cross-border data transfer is governed by mutual legal assistance treaties, a process that almost all stakeholders agree is cumbersome. Civil society groups have criticised the openended exceptions given to the government in the Bill, saying it will allow

identify the individual.

The Bill gives the government powers to authorise the transfer of certain types of personal data overseas, and has given exceptions allowing government agencies to collect personal data of citizens.

It also makes way for government-led technological solutions. One example is the power $given \, to \, the \, central \, government$ to direct any entity to provide "non-personal" or anonymised data "to enable better targeting of delivery of services or formulation of evidence-based poli-

It also requires companies and social media intermediaries which are "significant data fiduciaries" - based on factors such as volume and sensitivity of data handled as well as their turnover - to enable users in India to "voluntarily verify their accounts" resulting in a "demonstrable and visible mark of verification. which shall be visible to all users of the service".

ED summons Amarinder son over FEMA 'violation

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR OCTOBER 23

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED), Jalandhar, has summoned Raninder Singh, the son of Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, to appear before it on October 27 in connection with the alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

Raninder had already appeared before the ED in 2016 and had stated then that he would cooperate with the investigating agency. The ED officials said they needed some more information from Raninder because of which he was summoned now.

The development is being seen as the fallout of the three agricultural Bills passed by the Punjab government led by Amarinder to negate the three Central farm laws. Congress leaders called it vendetta politics by the BJP.

"After 2016, what has happened now that the CM's son was summoned just three days after passing the Punjab agri Bills?" asked a senior Party

The ED had filed three applications in a Ludhiana court in August this year where income tax cases are going on against Punjab CM and his son-two against Raninder and one against the Chief Minister.

The agency sought inspection of new records filed by the income tax department. The case is still pending in the Ludhiana court.

A senior ED officer said they had initiated an investagtion against Raninder under FEMA following a complaint by the Income Tax Department that he had misled the department about the trusts owned by him in the British Virgin Islands. Raninder could not be

reached for comment.

FORMER BHARATIYA Janata Party (BJP) leader Eknath Khadse was inducted Friday into the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in the presence of party chief Sharad Pawar, who immediately scotched speculation that he would be rewarded with a cabinet berth in the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

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The NCP leader was categorical that there was no plan of a cabinet reshuffle anytime soon.

Khadse, who resigned from the BJP on Wednesday blaming former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for his decision, continued with his tirade against the former chief minister as he joined the NCP.

"I was hounded and humiliated. In 40 years of my political life I have not backstabbed anyone. Never in my political life



Khadse, kin join NCP; Pawar scotches

speculation on cabinet berth reward

Former BJP leader Eknath Khadse (left) with party chief Sharad Pawar at the NCP office in Mumbai. Ganesh Shirsekar

have I used women to attack my opponents. However in the last five years I have had to face all this including a false case of molestation by my opponent. Before quitting the party I was warned that the ED would be sent behind me. All that I have to say is if you have ED then I have a CD," Khadse said while giving a cryptic warning during his speech post induction.

Along with Khadse, his wife and daughter, and 70 of his supporters also joined the NCP.

Khadse's NCP joining function was delayed by about 90 minutes. Sharad Pawar was hud-

reshuffle anytime soon. "There are talks that he de-

manded a place in the cabinet. I would like to clarify during our meeting he has not laid down any expectations from the party. While joining us all that he said was that he was planning to serve the the state without any expectation," Pawar said.

IN New Structure, More Comfortable Seating, Digital Interfaces, Separate Offices For MPs

New Parliament construction to begin in Dec, end by Oct 2022

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THE CONSTRUCTION of the new Parliament building will commence from December this year and is likely to be completed by October 2022, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said on Friday.

The timeline regarding the construction of the building was disclosed during a review meeting chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and was attended by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing & Urban Affair Hardeep Singh Puri and senior officials.

It was also informed that the existing Parliament building will be suitably retro-fitted "to pro-

vide more functional spaces for parliamentary events, to ensure its usage along with the new building". "During the meeting, Shri

Birla was informed that the construction of the new Building will commence in December 2020 and is likely to be completed by October 2022," the Lok Sabha Secretariat said in a statement.

Birla was briefed about the progress made in the shifting of facilities and other infrastructure from the area proposed for the construction of the new building, the statement said. It was decided to constitute a monitoring committee to oversee the day-today execution of the construction

work of the new building. "The Monitoring Committee



The existing building will be retro-fitted 'to provide more functional spaces for parliamentary events'. File

will include, among others, officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, CPWD, NDMC and architect/designer of the project," said

the statement. Birla stressed on the smooth

coordination and resolving issues between various agencies involved on a regular basis. He emcompromise in ensuring qualitycontrol and timely completion of the work, said the statement.

phasised that there should be no

The statement said that the new building will have separate offices for MPs. Besides, each seat for members in the chambers will be "comfortable" (with blocks of two seats) and equipped with digital interfaces, "which will be a step forward towards a paperless office".

It said that besides the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Chambers, the new building will have a grand 'Constitution Hall', which will house, among other things, the original copy of the Constitution and digital displays for showcasing India's democratic heritage, said the statement.

given access to the hall "to help them to appreciate and understand India's journey as a parliamentary democracy". "The barricading plan and

The new building will also

have a MP's lounge, a library, six

committee rooms, dining areas

and parking space, the statement

It said that visitors will be

added.

the various mitigating measures to control the air and noise pollution during the construction process were elaborated. The officers of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs further briefed Shri Birla about the proposed movement plan of VIPs and staff during this period, including during the Parliament Sessions, it said.

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shifted loyalty towards UDF in cussions with Jamaat's Kerala 2019 General Election.

moves," he said.

2008 GUJARAT SERIAL BOMB BLASTS CASE

HC rejects accused's plea to examine news reporters, editors

SOHINI GHOSH AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 23

AN AHMEDABAD special court conducting the trial of the 2008 Gujarat serial bomb blasts case on Thursday rejected an application by the accused that had sought that the defence be permitted to examine editors, reporters and photographers of certain newspa-

pers at the time. The 26 July, 2008 blasts are alleged to have been carried out by the Indian Mujahideen across several sites in Ahmedabad and Surat, in which 58 people were killed and more than 200 were injured.

According to a source, the accused had prayed before the special designated judge to examine reporters so as to authenticate their sources for the reportage published in the period following the commission of offence and prior to the arrest of the accused.

As recorded in the order of October 22 by Judge Ambalal R Patel, who has been specially designated for the speedy trial of the bomb blast cases, the reporters and photographers

whom the defence wanted to examine included those from vernacular dailies Sandesh and Divya Bhaskar, and English dailies The Indian Express and Ahmedabad Mirror, pertaining to reportage involving alleged purchase of timers (for bombs) and site of alleged training of the accused, in editions of these dailies in the period of six to 12 days, prior to the arrest of the accused on August 16, 2008. As per the accused's application, the reportage in these dailies pointed out inconsistencies in the case.

The application was opposed by the state government through its public prosecutors on the ground that similar applications had been filed earlier which had been rejected by the trial court.

The court while rejecting the application, stated in its order that any information that is disseminated in daily newspapers is provided by the reporters who "manage to bring information from somewhere and by some means and editors publish stories brought by reporters and it may be the case that the said in-

Yogi launches women help desks at all police stations

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday launched women help desks at the 1.535 police station in the state under the government's Mission Shakti campaign.

Adityanath said the government would strive to ensure that respect for women is inculcated as a "sanskar" (culture) and thus awareness campaigns would be organised in schools, colleges and institutions across the state. He emphasised that during morning prayers or cultural events, people should be made more

aware of women's security and asked women and intellectuals, too, to participate in the initiative.

said the CM has directed that a "secret glass room" should be readied at every police station, providing a separate space to aggrieved women for speaking to female police personnel at ease and without any hesitation.

After the virtual launch, Adityanath said, "Mahilaon ke samman ko sanskar banana hoga" (We must inculcate respect for women a culture). He directed that all the helpline numbers, including 1090, 181, 112, 1076, 1098 and 102, should be promi-

Govt imposes stock limits on onion to check prices; traders doubt its impact

HARIKISHAN SHARMA& **PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS**

NEW DELHI, PUNE, OCT 23

WITH RETAIL prices of onion reaching nearly Rs 100 per kg in some cities, the government on Friday invoked provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 2020, and imposed onion stock limits of 25 metric tonnes (MT) for wholesalers, and 2 MT for retailers.

The stock limit, which comes into effect immediately, will continue until December 31.

But the decision may not have much effect on prices, according to market sources. Most of the produce is still with farmers, who are in no hurry to liquidate their stock, traders across wholesale markets in Maharashtra said.

"The stock limit is applicable for us, traders. There is no such limit on farmers. And since the next crop is delayed, most are holding on to their stock in the hope of better prices," said a trader operating out of

UP STF probes

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Special Task Force (STF) has started investigating four cases lodged in three districts in connection with an alleged conspiracv to incite caste violence in the state, Additional Superintendent of Police (STF) Vishal Vikram Singh said on Friday.



Traders said most of the onion is still with farmers, who are in no hurry to liquidate stock. File/Narendra Vaskar

Lasalgaon's wholesale market in Maharashtra's Nashik district.

With the new kharif crop being delayed by several weeks, prices are also unlikely to see a drastic drop in immediate future, they said.

month after the government amended Essential Commodities Act, 1955, to exclude onions, pulses, potatoes, edible oils and oilseed from the list of essential commodities.

The move comes barely a

Addressing the media digitally, Consumer Affairs Secretary Leena Nandan said the government had to invoke the Essential Commodities (Amendment) law, which allows it to regulate perishable commodities in an extraordinary situation of pricerise, and called it a "decisive step".

Under provisions of this law, any action on imposing stock limit will be based on price-rise, and an order for regulating stock limit may be issued only if there is "hun-

fifty per cent increase in retail price of non-perishable agricultural foodstuffs", over the price prevailing immediately preceding 12 months, or average retail price of last five years, whichever is lower.

Exemptions from stock-holding limits will be provided to processors and value chain participants of any agricultural produce, and orders relating to the PDS, the law states.

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said in a statement, "The all-India average retail price variation of onions as on 21.10.2020 when compared to last year is 22.12% (from Rs 45.33 to Rs 55.60 per/kg), and when compared to last 5 years average is 114.96% (from Rs 25.87 to 55.60 per/kg). Therefore, prices have increased by more than 100% when compared with the average of the last 5 years and thus the price triggers under EC Act have been reached."

Retail prices of onion were

over Rs 100 per kg in Bengaluru and Puducherry this week.

Earlier this week, the government had relaxed the import norms for onions. It had also said that an estimated kharif crop of 37 LMT is also likely to start arriving in mandis, which will add to the availability of onions.

While the decision on stock limit has evoked strong reactions among farmers and farmers' leaders, most traders feel this would not see any drastic effect on prices. This summer, farmers in Maharashtra, one of the country's largest onion-growing states, had stored around 27 lakh tonnes of their summer crop in on-field storage structures, called 'kanda chawl'. Sources in wholesale markets said that till now farmers have 10 lakh tonnes in storage, which they are selling in tranches.

Lasalgaon, the country's largest onion market, has reported an average traded price of around Rs 60 to Rs 65 per kg since the last few weeks.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com **Uddhav declares** Rs 10,000-crore relief for those hit by heavy rain

VISHWAS WAGHMODE MUMBAI. OCTOBER 23

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Friday announced a Rs 10,000 crore relief package for those affected by the heavy rainfall, including farmers. He said directions have been given to district administrations to provide assistance to farmers and villagers ahead of Diwali.

Incessant rain last week damaged crops in Western Maharashtra and Marathwada. Crops on over 10 lakh hectares have been destroyed this month with areas in Solapur, Pune, Satara and Osmanabad being the worst hit. Earlier this week, Thackeray visited the areas in Solapur and Osmanabad district to assess the damage.

Thackeray also pointed out the delay on the part of the Union government in releasing Rs 38,000 crore, which is due to the state towards compensation of GST and devolution of taxes, and said that amount could have been used for the relief package.

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A government spokesperson

nently displayed.

THE UTTAR Pradesh Police

According to sources, investigation teams are already in Mathura, Hathras and Aligarh, collecting details of the cases from the local police. The next course of action would be decided after examining the details, said a police officer.

Out of labour board, Uttarakhand minister says won't contest 2022 polls

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 23

LABOUR UTTARAKHAND Minister Harak Singh Rawat on Friday said that he will not contest the 2022 Assembly elections. Rawat's announcement came three days after he failed to find a place in the reconstituted Uttarakhand Bhawan Evam Anya Sannirman Karmkar Kalyan Board, a board for construction labourers under the state Labour Department.

Before its reconstitution, Rawat had been the chairman of

Speaking to reporters at his residence, the minister said, "I

have taken the decision to not contest the Assembly election in 2022. I have informed the party high command and party state general secretary (organization) Ajay Kumar."

The minister did not give any reason for his decision to not contest the 2022 polls. However, sources said that he is upset because he was not consulted before the Uttarakhand Bhawan Evam Anya Sannirman Karmkar Kalyan Board was reconstituted. Considered a heavyweight

politician in the state, Rawat, a six-time legislator, also holds the Wildlife, and Environment, Employment Generation, Skill Development and AYUSH portfolios.

Mumbai couple awarded life term, NCB approaches Qatar authorities Tabassum Qureshi, the authorities found that a well-organized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) has approached authorities in Qatar through diplomatic channels in the case of a Mumbai-based couple sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in Oatar. The couple was convicted there for carrying 4.1 kg of hashish.

NCB DG Rakesh Asthana reviewed the case when he visited Mumbai on Thursday.

The couple identified as Mohammad Shareeq and Oniba Kausar were on their honeymoon and reached Hamad International Airport in Qatar on July 6 last year. On checking a baggage provided

to them by Shareeq's aunt

found hashish and the couple was placed under arrest. A fast track court sentenced them to life imprisonment. However, on September 29

last year, Oniba's father Shakeel Qureshi filed a complaint with DG, NCB alleging that his daughter and son-in-law were deceived by the aunt and her associate Nizam Kara.

Under the garb of a honeymoon package the accused had sent the couple to Qatar, also giving them a bag to carry with contraband concealed in it. Oureshi said in his complaint. He also provided NCB with relevant documents and a CD containing the audio recordings between his son-in-law and Tabussum.

The NCB began a probe and

drug trafficking syndicate was being allegedly run by Kara involving Tabussum and others. A close surveillance was mounted against these drug syndicate members by NCB.

In December 2019, both Kara and Tabassum were arrested by Mumbai police in another narcotics case.

After Kara was released on bail, the NCB recorded his statement on October 14. An official said that he admitted that the couple were sent to Qatar by him and his associate Tabussum.

An official said, "We are in the process of sending the necessary paperwork to Qatar to show how the couple were innocent and had been cheated by their









Festive shopping is here

With the arrival of festive season, it is time to go out shopping for your festive essentials such as apparels, jewellery, home decoration pieces, gifting sets and much more while taking all the necessary precautions against COVID-19

ITH the festive season ringing in with Navratri and Durga Puja celebrations and the country already in Unlock 5.0, it is clear that the government is keen on providing respite to businesses to spur economic activities in the country. Now, slowly and slowly, life is trying to come to terms with the COVID-19 crisis. Seeing the enthusiasm of customers for shopping-related activities, the Indian business community has geared up to serve their customers during this festive season. Obviously, the celebrations will be different this time, given the current situation the country is in. However, this will not dampen the festive spirit of people. With the government affirming that the coronavirus has passed its peak in September, this certainly brings in a renewed hope for the entire economy.

With the PM Modi's clarion call for Atmanirbhar Bharat gaining momentum, the Indian business community is taking a new approach towards conducting their businesses. The idea now is to manufacture locally, buy locally and stay in tune with the 'Vocal for Local' initiative.

People are now moving away from Chinese products, and this certainly presents a great opportunity for our local business community to manufacture festival-related products, such as fancy lights, home decoration goods, kitchenware and appliances, idols of Indian Gods, toys, wall hangings, lamps, home furnishing items, footwear, garments and apparels, gifting sets, electrical gadgets and other items, to provide stimulus to our indigenous market.

Both standalone retails stores and shopping malls have revamped their whole shopping experience, wherein all government guidelines are being followed. The stores have placed disposable gloves, sanitisers, and masks for customers entering their shops. Stores have also been encouraging cashless transactions and, at some places, even the POS machines and cards of customers are also being sanitised after every use.

Currently, there's a restriction on the number of guests who can attend a wedding. Consequently, the budget required for a wedding has decreased because the size of

the wedding has decreased. Therefore, family members are currently investing a lot of money on expensive gifts and jewellery sets. This has led to a surge in the demand for jewellery sets and gifting items.

Moreover, do follow the mandatory precautions as per the government-issued guidelines then shopping will not only be fun

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but also safe. The shopping stores are also following government-mandated guidelines to ensure a safe and happy shopping experience for shopaholics. However, the onus of following the safety guidelines also rests heavily on people who need to depart from their pre-COVID-19 shopping habits to shop worry free in times of COVID-19.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

CENTRE'S BUREAU?

States withdrawing general consent should worry the CBI onus is on the agency, not its masters, to ensure its credibility

HE MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT'S decision to withdraw the "general consent" given to the CBI to investigate cases in the state is disquieting. Maharashtra is not the first state to flag this distrust of the federal agency: Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh have done the same in recent times. On each such occasion, the state government had hinted that it suspected the agency of acting at the behest of the Centre. The CBI has, in the past, been called a "caged parrot" that sings the Centre's tune. There is a formidable body of evidence to establish that through much of the last three decades and even now, when an investigation is not being monitored by the court, the agency has served as pretty much its master's voice — especially when it comes to its role as anti-corruption watchdog. Preliminary enquiries, FIR, cases, chargesheets, all are filed, dropped, put on hold depending on who is in power and what they want. The current confrontation strengthens the perception that states in opposition see the Centre as weaponising the agency to keep the heat on Opposition-led governments.

 $That doesn't \ help \ the \ agency. \ More \ so, when \ despite \ Prime \ Minister \ Narendra \ Modi's$ refrain of "cooperative federalism", Centre-state relations have been on a downward spiral. The Uddhav Thackeray government's decision on the CBI seems to be driven by the suspicion that the agency may take over a case regarding the manipulation of TV viewership figures that the state police is investigating. A day earlier, the CBI had, quietly, taken over a similar case in UP. Previously, the CBI had taken over the Sushant Singh Rajput investigation from Maharashtra police on a plea by the NDA government in Bihar. To ensure due process, the courts, of course, can and should ignore the state government's reservation and order the agency to investigate a case. However, when the Centre and the state play tug-of-war with the investigation, it diminishes the credibility and authority of the CBI.

And yet, the CBI remains the first port of call for governments to signal that they favour a fair probe insulated from politics that may hobble the local police. This is the agency's strength and it needs to leverage it. For, the onus of ensuring the CBI's reputation is primarily on the CBI – helped by an independent judiciary – since there will be no incentive for the political executive to ensure that. The Supreme Court's terms on the director's appointment – by including the Opposition in the selection panel and fixing terms — has brought some reform but much more needs to be done. In the end, it is up to the parrot to decide what kind of a cage it has been put in - and whose tune it should sing.

HEAT FROM WASHINGTON

Despite contrasting views of fossil-fuel use in US, both Trump and Biden are a challenge to Delhi's climate change standpoint

HE MORE RESTRAINED debate on Thursday night (Friday morning India time), in contrast to the rude and contentious first one, between President Donald Trump and his challenger, Jo Biden, may not move the needle too much in the US presidential election campaign — millions have already voted and most seem to have made up their minds. Although the race has tightened in the last few days, Biden still holds a relatively comfortable lead. But the debate is of interest to the rest of the world, for its focus, though limited, was on foreign policy. The arguments generated some heat but did not shed much light on where the next administration's policies might be headed. But there was one exception — climate change, on which the two leaders offered radically different approaches to addressing the challenges of global warming.

Trump's comments on India's "filthy air" came with reference to the 2015 Paris Accord that sought to limit global temperature rise to below two degrees centigrade. Trump, who walked out of the accord, has said is unfair to the US and that he is not willing to pay the costs of mitigation while countries such as India, China and Russia continue to pollute. Biden and the Democrats, in contrast, promise to re-join the pact — they believe climate change is the single most important threat to humanity and needs to be addressed urgently. In the last four years, Trump has gutted most of the regulations on fossil fuel use, instituted over the last two decades, in the name of economic growth and job creation. The Democrats say the phasing out of fossil fuels will help America transition to a green economy, which will create jobs as well as save the planet.

This debate has significant implications for India. If he returns to power, Trump will continue to demand that India take a greater share of the burden of mitigating climate change. The Democrats are likely to arrive at the same conclusion through a different route — by imposing environmental standards on trade issues as well as developmental lending. The Narendra Modi government has taken a positive approach to mitigating climate change and expanding India's investment in renewable energy. However, Delhi's reluctance to abandon coal will come under pressure from the Democrats. Meanwhile, anticipating pressure from a Biden presidency on climate change, China is offering serious negotiations. In India, the government is yet to take international ramifications of the air pollution challenge seriously. Delhi may have to take a fresh look at its energy-mix, and prepare for a new round of international political battles on limiting global warming.

SIR GEOFF'S SULK

The difficulty of saying goodbye when you are white, male and 80

I'S HARD NOT to like Sir Geoffrey Boycott, innit? That quaint Yorkshire accent, that intolerance to "roobbish", that unapologetic straight-speak, that allergy to political correctness. But guess what's immensely harder? To gracefully depart, to know your time is up, to make way for the new — especially if you are white, male and 80. That explains why, four months after he retired from the BBC's Test Match Special (TMS) radio commentary team, Boycott's being a bit of an old uncle.

In an interview to the Daily Telegraph, he has blamed his departure not on being vulnerable to COVID-19 but a new BBC fad of choosing "equality over quality". A few months ago, he had darkly prophesied that no woman cricketer could replace him at TMS because she didn't have the experience of the "power and pace" of the real thing — men's cricket, stupid! A bit rich considering we are talking cricket, and TMS — a British institution where listeners power their beloved (mostly white) commentators with generous

gifts of cakes and scones. The astonishing thing about Sir Geoffrey's sulk is that it's not a woman who has replaced him, but two white men, Alistair Cook and James Anderson. His jibe appears to be aimed at Isa Guha, an Indian-origin woman cricketer who has worked with the BBC for a decade. In the past, when reminded of his conviction for domestic violence in France, Boycott has famously said, "I don't give a toss". He does give a toss, however, for the old order in which white knights never had to reckon with change. That time's up, and so he hits out at the one thing that doesn't belong to his Neanderthal era: Women of colour in a BBC box. Let's just say: This is not quite cricket.

Riders to the sea



Time has come for an Indo-Pacific Concord of regional democracies with a maritime security charter

NAVIES ARE, INDEED, fortunate in that, unlike armies and air forces, they have many roles to play, even in peacetime. This was driven home by Soviet Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, many years ago, when he said. "Demonstrative actions by the fleet, in many cases, have made it possible to achieve political ends without resorting to armed action, by merely putting pressure... Thus, the navy has always been an instrument of policy and an important aid to diplomacy in peacetime." This unique attribute of navies enables their use in support of foreign policy objectives, to deliver messages of reassurance to friends and of deterrence or coercion to adversaries.

The fact that it has taken a border confrontation in the Himalayas to bring focus on India's maritime domain clearly indicates that the salience of maritime power is not yet understood in India. The stark reality is that given the huge economic, military and technological asymmetry between China and India, and the active China-Pakistan nexus, the best that India can hope for is a stalemate on its northern and western fronts. Attention has, therefore, been focused on the maritime domain, where it is believed that India may have some cards to play.

This is the lens through which one must see the progressive evolution of Exercise "Malabar", from a bilateral event involving just the Indian and US navies, to a tri-lateral that embraced Japan in 2015, and now to a four-cornered naval drill that will also include Australia. Apart from its geo-political significance for the Indo-Pacific, this development poses two conundrums. Firstly, given the same composition, what is the distinction, now, between "Malabar" and the "Quad"? Secondly, if Malabar 1992, was emblematic of India's emergence from its chrysalis of nonalignment, does Malabar 2020 mark the release of Australia from China's thralldom?

China's extreme concern about Malabar as well as the Quad arises from the suspicion that they are precursors to "containment" -America's Cold War geopolitical strategy which eventually brought about the collapse of the USSR. China's intimidatory conduct has aroused trepidation amongst Quad memUsing the Quad and Malabar templates, a shore-based secretariat can be established in a central location like Port Blair, in the Andaman Islands, which would schedule and conduct periodic multinational naval exercises. The exercises could be structured to hone the skills of participating navies in specialisations like humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, countering non-traditional threats, undertaking search-andrescue operations and establishing networked maritime domain awareness. The Concord could also designate forces to uphold maritime security or 'good order at sea

bers, and marked caginess has been evident in their actions and articulations. For India, which faces a massive Chinese military mobilisation on its borders, accompanied by blatant territorial claims, the time for ambivalence is over. While preparing to fight its own battles with determination, it is time for India to seek external balancing — best done via the maritime domain.

While Malabar is the code name given to a naval exercise, the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad has its roots in the Core Group of four senior diplomats representing the US, India, Japan and Australia, formed to coordinate relief efforts after the Great Asian Tsunami of December 26, 2004. Hailing it as "a new style of diplomacy", its US member, Marc Grossman, says "...it was an organisation that never met... never issued a communiqué, never created a secretariat, and took as one of its successes, its own demise."

The present Quad has obviously retained this tradition and its members have neither created a charter nor invested it with any substance, leading China to describe it as a "headline grabbing idea which will dissipate like sea-foam". The Quad is 16 years old now, and Malabar 28. Both have served a useful purpose, and a reappraisal of the roles and relationship of the Quad-Malabar concepts is, therefore, overdue. Since it is India which faces a "clear and present danger", it should boldly take the initiative to do so.

Given China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative and its predicted trajectory as an economic and military superpower, it is clear that no nation would like to burn its bridges with Beijing. At the same time, in order to rein in China's hegemonic urges, there is need for affected nations to come together to show their solidarity and determination in a common cause. In this context, there is need to create a broad-based "Indo-Pacific Concord", of like-minded regional democracies, not as an "Asian NATO" but as an organisation with a maritime security charter, which has no offensive or provocative connotations.

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Returning to the current context of Quad, there are muted expressions of satisfaction in New Delhi on two counts — the prospect of Australia belatedly joining the Quad and of India signing the BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement) with the US. These are expected to reinforce the Quad and enhance its credibility, but there are reasons for India to be circumspect in both cases.

While Australia's admission to the Quad is to be welcomed, memories are still alive of its past political ambivalence towards India, its trenchant criticism of our naval expansion and its vociferous condemnation of the 1998 nuclear tests. Nor should one overlook Beijing's recent influence on Australia's foreign policy, which prompted its flip-flops over the sale of uranium to India as well as its peremptory withdrawal from the Quad in 2008.

The signing of BECA, last of the four 'foundational agreements", after more than two decades of negotiations, would eliminate a source of frustration in the Indo-US defence relationship and enhance interoperability between the respective militaries. However, there is need to pay heed to valid concerns, regarding the possible compromise of information impinging on India's security and whether these agreements will barter away the last vestiges of India's strategic autonomy.

To conclude, Indians, given our history, should never lose sight of the truism in international relations, that it is the unerring pursuit of national interests that guides the actions and policies of every nation.

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THE TWO-FRONT CHALLENGE

Struggling on eastern, western borders, Pakistan has hit a spot of political turbulence

KHALED AHMED

ON OCTOBER 15, terrorist attacks in southern Balochistan and Waziristan killed 20 Pakistani troops, including an officer. In Waziristan, of the former Tribal Areas, the Pakistani troops were guarding the frontier with Afghanistan. In Balochistan, a convoy of the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) was attacked by terrorists who were killed by the Pakistani security forces. Add to this regular aggression on the western border, and the daily routine of cross-Line of Control (LOC) rocket-fire on the eastern border with India, and you have a pincer of assaults on a state that is currently proving to be politically unstable too.

The following day, the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) held its "mammoth" rally in Gujranwala, demanding the removal of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government of Prime Minister Imran Khan. Gujranwala is a stronghold of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN), whose leader Nawaz Sharif is in exile in the UK, convicted at home of corruption and money-laundering. Gujranwala, like most cities in Pakistan, hates PM Khan for the rise in food prices, thanks to the government's incompetence. The procession of the grand opposition, from Lahore to Gujranwala – led by Sharif's daughter Maryam – has become popular because of Khan's incompetence at controlling price rise.

Imran Kĥan's popularity has sagged because sugar and wheat shortages brought pressure on a population already haunted by the coronavirus pandemic, floods and locust Corruption has always been the main flaw of a state made unstable by its unrealistic revisionism. Imran Khan has added to that an abysmally low-grade political discourse. What takes place on the TV screens of Pakistan, when the hired hands go at each other's throat, is also at times seen on Indian TV channels. What is needed in the region is a normalisation of relations between the two nuclearised states attacked by a pandemic that may not go away for a long time

attacks. His habit of using a language of violence against an opposition, which everybody agrees was most corrupt when in power, has not helped. Yet, the question of rough language will remain at the root of the decline in his popularity. The political discourse in Pakistan is set low because of the savage vocabulary used against each other by its politicians.

Pakistan was supposed to be a "revisionist" state on its eastern and western borders. It challenged the "occupation" of Kashmir by India and used covert war and "jihad" against India for years to the point that in 2020, not a single politician in India will speak in favour of "normalisation" with Pakistan. This was once, ironically, mooted by a BJP leader — the great statesman, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The other side of the "pincer" is the western border called the Durand Line, which Pakistan is in the process of wire-fencing to prevent cross-border terrorism in "sensitive areas".

The conflict with India has taken a more ugly turn under the BJP government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On August 5, 2019, India revoked the autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir. It also revoked Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution, On the Pakistan side, Imran Khan was determined to pursue a conciliatory policy towards India, unconsciously reviving Vajpayee's "status quo" doctrine of "normal-India-Pakistan relations. Unfortunately, Pakistan's belated attempt to

change tack on Kashmir came too late. On the western border, Pakistan was en-

become a part of the world movement against the Soviet Union and its Afghan policy. It began nurturing the "non-state-actors" of jihad and used them across both borders, east and west. In the process, it allowed "international terror" to base itself in Pakistan, while fighting the Soviet-supported governments in Kabul. Two provinces of Pakistan, Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, were sacrificed to this westward policy; but the Tribal Areas in the north were allowed to be literally occupied by international warriors. Today, the Tribal Areas and Balochistan are giving "external trouble" to Pakistan by a mixture of foreign and indigenous elements.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

OCTOBER 24, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

BOAT MISHAP

ABOUT 100 PERSONS were feared drowned in the Yenamaduru drain in West Godavari when a launch, carrying about 150 persons, capsized in the drain this morning. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister T Anjaiah, who returned here from a tour of the flood-ravaged Srikakulam district, ordered an enquiry into the tragedy by the collector of West Godavari. He also announced an exgratia of Rs 1,000 to be paid to each of the bereaved families. He told newsmen on arrival that the rescue operations were in full swing. Senior revenue and police officials have immediately rushed to the spot and are directing the operations.

POLICE REFORM

THE CONSTITUTION OF a security commission for each state to prevent political interference in the functioning of police has been suggested by the National Police Commission, it is reliably learnt. The Police Commission has identified "transfers and suspensions" as the major political weapons employed by politicians against those who fail to toe their line of thinking and has suggested that matters dealing with the service conditions of policemen, right from the recruitment stage, should be dealt with by the security commission. The security commission should be a statutory body with a chairman and six members. The chairman should

be the minister in charge of the police. Of the six members, two should be from the state legislature, one from the ruling party and the other from the opposition party. The two legislators should be appointed on the advice of the Speaker of the legislative assembly.

Kosygin Resigns

SOVIET PRIME MINISTER Alexei Kosygin, who suffered a heart attack a year ago, has resigned, it was announced in Moscow by President Leonid Brezhnev to a session of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament. He said the 78-year-old Kosygin would be replaced by Nikolai Tikhonov, 75, currently first deputy prime minister.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

powers as well as global actors must pledge not to interfere in the country's internal matters, and leave the Afghans to chart out a peaceful future for their battle-scarred motherland."

"If a genuine peace agreement is to work, all of Afghanistan's neighbours, regional

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Lockdowns don't work

Lockdowns were an unnatural experiment and, around the world, they have not worked in achieving their major health objective of less infections or slower pace of infections



SURJIT S BHALLA

IT IS NOW slightly more than 300 days since COVID-19 exploded on an unsuspecting and unprepared world. The second wave is upon us and we are again faced with Lenin's existential but practical question: "What is to be done?" The previous time around, in mid-March, epidemiological experts advised whoever was willing to listen, and the world did listen with rapt attention, that schools, businesses, etc. should close shop and the virus will be contained.

January 22 was the first unnatural experiment – Wuhan, China entered into a lockdown. On March 10, Italy went into a lockdown, and, over the next month, the world followed.

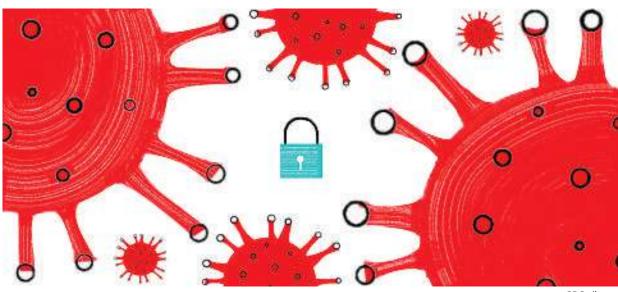
On the advice of experts, the world confronted the virus in an unprecedented manner – closures of schools and workplaces and lockdowns became commonplace. The effectiveness, or lack thereof, of lockdowns in containing the spread of the virus is examined in a detailed paper entitled, "Lockdowns vs. COVID 19: Covid Wins", a preliminary version of which is available on my website ssbhalla.org. Herewith, some highlights about the lockdown crisis that deserve mention.

WHO director Tedros Adhanom said as early as March 11 that history does not have a precedent for controlling a pandemic. Yet, lockdowns were recommended. By end March, 170 countries had closed their borders, 140 countries had several WHO containment measures, as compiled by OxGRT (border closures, restrictions on gatherings, etc) in place, and there were 8,81,000 COVID-19 cases and 43,000 deaths. With lockdowns, cases were expected to reach their terminal level, perhaps, 10 times higher at 8.8 million? Today, cases are 40 times, and deaths 24 times higher. This has occurred during the most intense period of lockdowns and controls around the world. These are not statistics about even partial success; rather, indicators of massive failure.

The world has gone through many pandemics since the Spanish Flu of 1918. In the six month October 1957-March 1958 period, excess deaths in the US numbered 62,000. In the three-month February-April period in 1963, excess deaths numbered 57,000. In these two instances, excess deaths were 36 and 30 per cent higher than "normal". In the US, at the peak of the crisis March-May, excess deaths were 1,22,300 and COVID-19 deaths around 9,50,00. Expected deaths — around 6,60,000, so excess deaths about 18 per cent. Eighteen per cent too many deaths, but what did the US do to confront the nearly double excess death crisis in both 1957-58 and 1963?

It did absolutely nothing. It is worth quoting a paper by David Henderson and his colleagues, published in 2009 — Public Health and Medical Responses to the 1957-58 Influenza Epidemic. The late Dr Henderson had a major responsibility for setting up the CDC influenza surveillance programme in the US: His stature as an authority was similar to Anthony Fauci today. The paper explicitly rejects even partial lockdowns and states:

"The 1957-58 pandemic was such a rapidly



spreading disease that it became quickly apparent to US health officials that efforts to stop or slow its spread were futile. Thus, no efforts were made to quarantine individuals or groups, and a deliberate decision was made not to cancel or postpone large meetings such as conferences, church gatherings, or athletic events for the purpose of reducing transmission." (Public Health and Medical Responses.., p. 7, emphasis added)

More evidence against the unexpected and unprecedented world and WHO response to the crisis in 2020 is provided in this 91-page 2019 WHO report entitled "Nonpharmaceutical public health measures for mitigating the risk and impact of epidemic and pandemic influenza". The word "lockdown" (one form of a non-pharmaceutical intervention or NPI) does not appear in this report. Nor does the WHO report even recommend masks (a favourite 2020 NPI) in case of an epidemic, though it does advocate their use for symptomatic individuals.

On the effect of NPIs, the report stated: The evidence base on the effectiveness of NPIs in community settings is limited, and the overall quality of evidence was very low for most interventions. There have been a number of high-quality randomised controlled trials (RCTs) demonstrating that personal protective measures such as hand hygiene and face masks have, at best, a small effect on influenza transmission, although higher compliance in a severe pandemic might improve effectiveness" (emphasis added). Yet, for COVID-19, NPIs were recommended in bundles by WHO and other experts.

As is universally acknowledged, the WHO is the apex body for advice and guidance for health problems. It houses leading epidemiological experts and before COVID, they were advocating policies reminiscent of earlier confrontations with viruses.

Given this history, it remains a mystery as why the world entered into a lockdown. In my paper, I report the result of various studies on the effectiveness of lockdowns; except for a few, most of these studies report that the lockdowns were highly successful in saving hundreds of thousands of lives. Since the average death rate from COVID is 2.5 per cent, these results imply that somewhere between 10 to 20 million less infections resulted from this unnatural experiment.

Examination of the contradiction between the observed reality of 40 million cases, and the experimental reality of lockdown research, is the purpose of my above-mentioned paper.We replicate the variety of tests available

tant test of lockdowns — a before-and-after comparison for over 150 countries, and for one, two, and three months from the date of lockdowns. No matter what the test, the dominant result is that not only lockdowns were not effective, but that, in a large majority of cases, lockdowns were counter-productive i.e. led to more infections, and deaths, than would have been the case with no lockdowns. My analysis stops in end-July and, therefore, ignores the post-July second wave of infections. If these data are included, the fate of lockdowns would be a lot worse

My analysis makes a small contribution towards documenting what did not work. Unfortunately, there are no answers to the question of what would have worked in confronting a virus without a vaccine. Note that in the late 1950s, influenza vaccines were available in the US and yet excess deaths were higher than the 2020 episode of no vaccine.

It is not as if no scientist forecast that lockdowns would be a disaster. Sweden, for one, followed the herd-immunity approach, the same approach that was followed by the US (and all other nations) in all previous epidemics. An epidemic is like an earthquake it hits you hard, and then you do the best you can, and live with it.

John Ioannidis, professor of medicine at Stanford University, has shouted himself hoarse against the advocates of lockdown. In a short piece (with colleagues, entitled 'Forecasting for COVID-19 has failed'), they write: "Failure in epidemic forecasting is an old problem. In fact, it is surprising that epidemic forecasting has retained much credibility among decision-makers, given its dubious track record. Modelling for swine flu predicted 3,100-65,000 deaths in the UK... Eventually only 457 deaths occurred." Another example of prediction failure: Up to 10 million animals were slaughtered because 1,50,000 deaths were expected from foot-and-mouth disease - eventually only 50 deaths occurred.

It is likely that post-COVID, epidemiological experts will suffer a worse fate than economists did after their Waterloo in 2008. In the iconic movie Jerry Maguire, a talented player asks his agent to "show him the money" in order to retain the contract to manage him. The world is now asking the lockdown experts — show me the evidence.

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Freeing the farmer

Farmers' Produce Trading and Commerce Act only threatens rent-seeking by APMC mandis under the cover of regulation



RAMESH CHAND

THE DEBATE ON the Farmers' Produce Trading and Commerce Act 2020 (FPTC Act) has seen some misinformation and qualms among stakeholders, especially farmers in some states. It is imperative to understand the background and intentions underlying the new farm laws and put their implications and scope in perspective rather than being guided by the imaginary, ideological and vested narratives.

From the 1960s, there have been concerted efforts to bring all wholesale markets for agricultural produce in various states under the Agriculture Produce Market Regulation (APMC) acts. All states, except Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir and Manipur, enacted such laws. The APMC Acts mandated that the sale/purchase of agricultural commodities is carried out in a specified market area, and, producer-sellers or traders pay the requisite market fee, user charges, levies and commissions for the commission agents (arhtiyas). These charges were levied irrespective of whether the sale took place inside APMC premises or outside it and the charges varied widely across states and commodities.

In the initial years, APMC acts helped remove malpractices and freed the farmers from the exploitative power of middlemen and mercantile capital.

The golden period for APMC markets lasted till around 1991. With time, there was a palpable loss in growth in market facilities and by 2006, it had declined to less than onefourth of the growth in crop output after which there was no further growth. This increased the woes of Indian farmers as market facilities did not keep pace with the increase in output and regulation did not allow farmers to sell outside APMC markets. The farmers were left with no choice but to seek the help of middlemen. Due to poor market infrastructure, more produce is sold outside markets than in APMC mandis. The net result was a system of interlocked transactions that robs farmers of their choice to decide to whom and where to sell, subjecting them to exploitation by middlemen.

Over time, APMC markets have been turned from infrastructure services to a source of revenue generation. In several states, commission charges were increased without any improvement in the services. And to avoid any protests from farmers against these high charges, most of these were required to be paid by buyers like the FCI. In Haryana and Punjab, mandi fees and rural development charges for wheat and non-basmati rice purchased by FCI are four to six times the charges for basmati rice purchased by private players. This not only results in a heavy burden on the Centre but also increases the logistics cost for domestic produce and reduces trade competitiveness.

These drawbacks were recognised by experts and stakeholders and pressure started mounting for changes in market regulations. Successive governments at the Centre made repeated attempts to persuade the states to make appropriate changes in their APMC acts. But for 18 long years, the progress in reforms remained slow. The only choice for the Union government was either to ignore its responsibility towards farmers or use the constitutional route to address long-pending issues of market reforms.

The FPTC Act gives farmers the freedom to sell and buy farm produce at any place in the country — in APMC markets or outside the mandated area – to any trader, like the sale of milk. The Act also allows transactions on electronic platforms to promote e-commerce in agriculture trade.

The effect of the FPTC Act on APMC mandis will depend on the treatment meted out to the mandis and the charges and levies therein. Out of the 25 states with APMC acts. no commission is levied under the Act on notified crops in 12 states. Service charges like mandi fees on major crops in these states vary from zero per cent to one per cent in nine states and it is two per cent in Madhya Pradesh and Tripura. There is no threat from the FPTC Act to APMC mandis and their business in these states as private traders and sellers will get benefits commensurate with the mandi charges.

The second category of states — Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana — is where service charge for mandis is one per cent of the value of produce and commission varies from one to two per cent. Uttarakhand also comes in this category. Karnataka follows these states closely, with total charges at 3.5 per cent. These states can easily bring down mandi charges to 2 per cent or less.

The third set of states includes Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, where the total charges, including commission, varies from five to 8.5 per cent, the highest being in Punjab followed by Haryana. Punjab and Haryana will not face any challenge from sale outside of mandis as long as paddy and wheat are the dominant crops and are procured by the government. It is in the long-term interest of these states to bring down market charges and commissions to 2 per cent or less to enable APMC mandis to compete with sales outside their premises.

The real threat in some states to APMC

mandis and their business is from excessive and unjustified charges levied under the APMC acts. The FPTC Act will only put pressure on APMC markets to become competitive. Discussion with mandi officials reveals that a maximum 1.5 per cent of total charges, distributed between market fee and commission, are adequate to maintain and run mandis. This will not wean away traders from APMC markets as they will receive the benefits of mandi infrastructure, bulk produce available in one place and save costs required for individual transactions outside the market. The states which are actually interested in farmers' welfare should keep mandi charges below a reasonable level of 1.5 per cent. This will ensure the co-existence of APMC mandis and private channels permitted under the new Act in a true competitive spirit.

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G20, under Saudi Arabia's presidency, is working towards a more resilient world

Saud Bin Mohammed Al-Sati

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of India are rooted in history, mutual trust and bilateral cooperation that has withstood the test of time. Our two nations have shared trade and cultural links dating back to the third millennium BCE. Today, these foundations remain as strong as ever. These historic bonds were further reinforced during HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's first state visit to New Delhi in February 2019. The visit paved the way for unparalleled decisions, heralding a new dawn for the ties between our two formidable economies. With Saudi Arabia's G20 presidency, we are at the cusp of another transformation in our strategic cooperation, one that will reap benefits for the global community.

Mutual respect and continued international cooperation are values at the heart of the Saudi G20 presidency - a presidency that has coincided with a delicate global period and that is determined to lead global actions to address the common global challenges. Across the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought innumerable challenges to families and communities. It has plunged the global economy into one of the worst recessions in decades, exacerbating existing gaps.

As major global economies, the G20 member countries have a responsibility to lead collective action for a coordinated global response to the ongoing crisis. Saudi Arabia's presidency

is up to this task. Having proved its mettle in dealing with social and economic hurdles back home through its transformative Vision 2030, the Kingdom now has an opportunity to replicate this forward-looking approach on a global scale. Not only has Saudi Arabia been ranked the top reformed and top improver among 190 countries by the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law 2020 report, it is also the most improved country in the world for doing business, having implemented a record number of reforms.

It is with this intent of all-inclusive prosperity that the Saudi G20 Presidency is seeking to deepen global cooperation with the theme of "Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All". The Presidency is working with G20 members on three essential pillars which are vital to the world's progress: Empowering people with a focus on youth and women, and tackling inequalities; safeguarding the planet by fostering collective efforts to protect our natural resources and putting sustainability at the heart of the agenda; and, finally, shaping new frontiers by adopting long-term and bold strategies to share the benefits of innovation and technological advancement to build a resilient future for the world.

The Saudi G20 Presidency believes that everyone, especially women, should have the required access and tools to take advantages of the opportunities ahead of us. The Private Sector Alliance Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation (EMPOWER), a forum constituted by G20, is developing an action plan to identify key focus areas and conduct global research to advocate for the advancement of women in leadership positions in the private sector.

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The use of innovation and technological advancements to shape new frontiers, such as deploying artificial intelligence to improve health outcomes and the education system, has been at the forefront of discussions and has found unequivocal relevance as the world grapples with an unforeseen pandemic.

Under Saudi Arabia's presidency, G20 has been resilient and spearheaded global action needed to deal with the pandemic. The G20 Leaders' Summit held in March was instrumental in developing a consensus among G20 countries to contain the spread of the pandemic and laid a foundation to the subsequent G20 ministerial meetings. A landmark outcome of these deliberations was the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors agreeing to the historic Debt Suspension Service Initiative for the world's poorest countries. This benefitted 46 countries, providing an estimated \$14 billion of immediate liquidity relief by the bilateral official creditor in 2020. The G20 is also working with international organisations to complement these

efforts, including multilateral development banks, who are planning to commit \$75 billion for DSSI-eligible countries between April-December 2020, part of their \$230 billion commitment for emerging and low-income countries as a response to the pandemic. Together, G20 countries have contributed over \$21 billion to support health systems and the hunt for a vaccine and injected an unprecedented \$11 trillion to safeguard the global economy.

We see India as an important partner in this journey to ensure a better tomorrow for all. India is carrying out ambitious reforms to modernise the country. As leading economies, Saudi Arabia and India can leave a mark on the global community through synergies and contribute to the roadmap for a prosperous future for all.

Hosting the Presidency of G20 this year marks a historic step for Saudi Arabia. Many more battles and uncharted paths lie in front of us and we are determined to work closely with the government and people of India, who share the same sense of responsibility towards the global community. As India prepares to hold the Presidency in 2022, we are certain that this mutual counsel will help us realise opportunities of the 21st century for all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORST IUMLA

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, The wrong dose' (IE, October 23). Of all the freebies offered by political parties during elections, the promise of a free corona vaccine by the BIP to Bihar's electorate is the most opportunistic and dim-witted. Aware that such a selective benefit will be thrashed by the courts on grounds of unnatural division, it has tried to play on the emotions of people. Besides, going by the growing awareness about the impracticability of application of election jumlas voters of Bihar are unlikely to be swayed.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, The wrong dose' (IE, October 23). The vaccine promise may be a self-serving desperate bid for a party to win the election, but it reflects cynicism because until now Bihar has fallen short of complying with the national guidelines of COVID-19 management. The promise is also at odds with the national vaccine policy of priority allocation to frontline health workers, and people with co-morbidities.

LR Murmu, Delhi

OPEN TO CHANGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A question of survival' (IE, October 22) Reforms in agriculture were long overdue given the sorry state of our farmers. Unfortunately, the protests against them are patchy and ignore small farmers. It is only well-off farmers who've made fortunes, especially in Punjab and Haryana. The farm bills could indeed do better but the fear

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that MSPs will be hit certainly is unfounded. We must march forward and be open to change

Garima Tanwar, hhhh

MILLETS FOR MASSES

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Healthy and wise' (IE, October 23). The institutional support like public procurement and marketing for coarse grains has been anything but encouraging. As a result, the total area under millets in India has shrunk over the years. The private sector has been able to market millets as a premium superfood by cultivating a niche segment within health-conscious urban consumers. The premium tag has made it out of bounds for a large section of the urban middle-class. There is a need for a cam-

paign to popularise millets. Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

BRIEFLY

M Sangeetha.

TAMIL NADU

Employee held

for killing trans

Chennai: Two days after

the killing of a well-known

transgender entrepreneur

and activist in Coimbatore

city, the police arrested a

23-year-old man working

in her restaurant in con-

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Rajesh, killed M Sangeetha,

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said a senior officer prob-

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was also the head of a trans

association in Coimbatore

district. Police said the ac-

cused stole Rs 20,000 from

her house after the killing

and bought a phone. **ENS**

entrepreneur

PUNJAB CM ORDERS PROBE

6-yr-old raped, killed, body set on fire; 2 held

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 23

A SIX-YEAR-OLD girl was allegedly raped, killed and then set on fire in a village in Hoshiarpur district. Police said her half-burnt body was discovered on Wednesday evening. She was cremated on Friday amid tight security.

A 21-year-old youth and his grandfather have been arrested in connection with the case. The victim's body was found in their house, said police.

The duo were booked on charges of murder, rape and other relevant sections of the IPC, relevant sections of the POCSO Act as well as provisions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, police said. The grandfather has also been booked for allegedly helping erase evidence. Medical reports of the duo are awaited, police said.

On Friday, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh directed the state's DGP to conduct a swift investigation in the case. "Extremely sad and shocking incident of rape & murder of 6-year-old in Hoshiarpur. Though police have arrested the accused, I have directed DGP to ensure proper investigation & that challan is presented speedily. Call for fast trial & exemplary punishment to the guilty by the court," he tweeted.

LUDHIANA WOMAN RAPED IN CAR, 2 HELD

Ludhiana: A 30-year old woman was allegedly raped in a moving car in Ludhiana in the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday police said. The woman said in her complaint that she was invited by a friend to celebrate the birthday of his acquaintance. She said she was pushed into a car and raped by the acquaintance while her friend drove drove the vehicle. She was then dumped on a road. Accused were arrested Friday. ENS

The victim's father is a migrant labourer. He said the 21-year-old accused allegedly took the girl to his home where he raped her. Then, the man and his grandfather allegedly killed her and tried to burn the body, he said.

At the funeral on Friday, the family demanded capital punishment for the accused.

The government has announced a compensation of Rs 8.25 lakh for the family. A delegation of Congress MLAs on Friday handed over a cheque of Rs 4 lakh to the family. Teams of the state's Commission for Scheduled Castes and the Women's Commission also met the family.

BODY FOUND BURIED IN FIELD, SAY POLICE

UP: Two held for murder of woman missing for a year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

THE POLICE in Unnao district have arrested two men in connection with the murder of a 26-year-old woman missing since October 2019. The duo, along with a third person, allegedly buried her body in a field in Pandit Khera village.

One of those arrested was identified as Suraj, whose wedding to the victim, Shalu Rawat, had been fixed. The second accused is Suraj's neighbour Sunil. Police are now looking for Surai's friend Ashok, who is on the run.

Suraj told the police that he

and their marriage had been fixed. On October 2, Shalu came to meet him and allegedly started pushing him to marry her at the earliest. According to the accused, they argued after he told her that he would tie the knot only after his elder brother gets married. At the time, Sunil and Ashok

were reportedly passing through the area. Surai said that on his reauest, Sunil decided to drop him and Shalu to Makhi. The couple again argued in the vehicle, police said. "In a fit of anger, Suraj killed her," said Ajgain SHO Santosh

The duo were produced in a local court and sent to judicial custody, police said.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

RECOVERED: 69,48,497 **CASES:** 77,61,312 DEATHS: 1,17,306 TESTS: 10,01,13,085 | DOUBLING RATE: 97.18**



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Police make 9th

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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MUMBAL OCTOBER 23

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OMKAR GOKHALE

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

THE BOMBAY High Court on

Friday remarked that the media

has become "highly polarised"

and that journalists were neutral

Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice

Girish S Kulkarni was hearing PILs

by eight former police officers

from Maharashtra, as well as ac-

tivists, lawyers and NGOs, seeking

restraining orders against "media

trial" in the Sushant Singh Rajput

Anil Singh — representing CBI,

NCB and ED - said the petition-

ers' claims that the central agen-

cies were leaking information

from the investigation into the sui-

cide and allied cases to select me-

sought to know from Republic TV

how its statements asking view-

ers who should be arrested in the

actor's death case amounted to in-

vestigative journalism. It also

asked the News Broadcasters

Federation (NBF) why no suo

motu action could be initiated for

"irresponsible coverage" of sensi-

tive criminal cases and media trial.

On October 21, the HC had

dia was "misconceived".

Additional Solicitor General

death case.

A division bench of Chief

and responsible in the past.

DAILY IN, DAILY OUT

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SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT DEATH CASE

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the spread of disease Data as on October 22, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitive

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Missing for 14 days, Covid patient found dead in hospital toilet

SAGAR RAJPUT & TABASSUM **BARNAGARWALA** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

THE BODY of a 27-year-old tuberculosis patient who had tested positive for Covid-19 was found in a toilet in TB Hospital, Sewri, 14 days after he went missing.

The body had gone unnoticed for 14 days even though the block toilets are supposed to be regularly cleaned and were being used by other patients. The BMC has ordered a high-level inquiry and issued notice to atleast 40 hospital staffers who worked in the ward

The body was so badly decomposed that initially, the hospital could not identify the gender of the person. They looked into their records and found a 27-year-old patient, named Survabhan Yadav, missing from the same ward since October 4. "We had filed a missing report

Media highly polarised now; was

responsible in past: Bombay HC

On October 21, the HC had sought to know from

'Republic TV' how its statements asking viewers

who should be arrested in the actor's death case

amounted to investigative journalism

On Friday, the court made the

observations after advocate Ankit

Lohia representing Zee News, one

of the respondents, maintained

that the channel was not guilty of

allegations made by the petition-

ers. He submitted a report au-

thored in 1947 by a European in-

stitute, which analysed options

between self-regulation and

statutory regulation for the media

and had suggested that there was

no need for government control.

ruled by the rule of law in India.

How do you advocate that people

who go around accusing others

can find shelter of freedom of

press? Journalists back then were

responsible and neutral, now the

Justice Kulkarni then asked

Lohia as to why he referred to the

1947 report, when a 1983 Law

Commission report had com-

pared the media regulation model

in India with the European coun-

tries along with other interna-

tional models and had suggested

media is sharply polarised."

To this, CJ Datta said, "We are

then, But it is common for TB patients to go absconding from hospital," said Superintendent Dr Lalitkumar Anande.

Yadav had come to the hospital with a positive Covid-19 positive on September 30, after being referred by a medical official in Goregaon. A doctor from the hospital said Yadav did not give his proper address while getting admitted. The hospital has 11 Covid positive patients. Yadav was kept on the first-floor ward for male patients. It is suspected that on October 4 he went to the toilet and collapsed due to breathlessness.

Hospital management said no patient or staffer complained of a foul smell until October 18 when a ward boy realised one of the three locked cubicles was stinking. He climbed in the next cubicle to look over the wall and found a lifeless form on the toilet floor. The hospital then informed police and sent the body to KEM hospital for a postmortem, they said.

that there was a need for checks

and balances in the functioning of

the media was not averse to being

regulated, the bench said, "This is

not a question of regulation. This is

a question of checks and balances.

People forget where to draw lines.

Do it within lines. You (news me-

dia) want to criticise government,

do it. The issue in the present case

is that someone had died and the

Advocates Alankar Kirpekai

allegation is you are interfering."

for India TV news and Zeeshan

Hashmi for News Nation submit-

ted that the media trial in the ac-

tor's death is one case and hence

the court should not insist on hav-

ing statutory regulation on the

electronic media. They further

submitted that the media was

controlled by the government in

countries such as China and

Bangladesh, which resulted in low

ranking of media independence

in these countries. The court will

continue hearing on October 29.

When Lohia responded that

the media in India.

When asked why no staff member discovered the locked cubicle while cleaning, Anande said, "The toilets are cleaned thrice in a day. Sometimes it is occupied by patients so the cleaner goes away. But patients use those toilets regularly, and should have smelt the body. We have issued notices to all staffers

on duty in ward," Anande said. One of the doctor's at the hospital said the staff is apprehensive of entering the Covidcare ward. When a missing report was filed, a police official said they also refrained from entering the ward or checking the toilets as it was a Covid ward.

Dr Harish Pathak, head of forensic department at KEM hospital, said Yadav died due to natural causes.

Senior police inspector Sunil Sohoni of RAK Marg police station said, "We will call hospital staffers for questioning to understand how this happened. We initiated an investigation to determine if there is any foul play."

HC restrains Republic TV from using

THE DELHI High Court on Friday restrained Republic TV from us-

In the suit, the Times Network had argued that 'THE NEW-SHOUR' is its registered trademark and 'Nation Wants to Know' was coined by its teams.

Court said marks like 'Arnab

Goswami's Newshour', prima facie would be deceptively similar to the trademark. It also said that whether 'The Nation Wants to Know' was used as trademark or a form of speech by Times Now is an aspect that has to be gone into af-

'Newshour'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

ing the trademark 'NEWS HOUR'. or any other mark deceptively similar to it, but declined to pass any interim order to stop the use of the tagline 'Nation Wants to Know' by the channel. The court passed the order in

suit filed by the Bennett Coleman & Co. Limited against ARG Outlier Media Pvt Ltd, seeking a decree of permanent injunction against Republic TV from using the trademark and the tagline.

Goswami, in reply, had questioned registration of the trademark granted to Times Now, saying it lacks distinctiveness, and that the tagline has been used by him frequently and consistently.

ter evidence is completed.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Government Registered Travels Agencies. (i) For hiring of 3 (Three) TATA HARRIER XE NEW (Silver) (Petrol AC Car) on monthly rental basis. (ii) Form (Financial Bids & Technical Bids) & other details are available from 27.10.2020 to 04.11.2020 on our official website: www.sbi.co.in (under the head Procurement news) The last date of submission of bid is 04.11.2020 (iii) Bank reserves the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning ar eason. For any details, please contact Liaison Deptt. On 0612-2209044. AGM (Administration

TENDER NOTICE

State Bank of India, LHO, Patna, invites sealed tenders from the interested

Mumbai: The Bombay High

Court has directed TV Today Network Ltd to deposit with it the Rs 5 lakh fine imposed on

it by the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) in lieu of protection from possible co-

A division bench of Justice Nitin M Jamdar and Justice Milind N Jadhav was hearing TV Today's plea against a July 31 BARC order and warning letter imposing the fine on the network and alleging "viewership malpractice" and viola-

conduct. The BARC order was based on a showcause notice to TV Today alleging that there was 'a significant abnormal jump' in the daily average reach of its channels without any distribution improvement. It had said that the same may be due to influencing the panel households which was strictly

prohibited. Counsel for TV Today said dence to prove allegations. The bench noted, "It will be

open to TV Today Network without prejudice to its rights and contentions to deposit the amount of Rs 5 lakh as directed by the BARC's Disciplinary Council in the registry of this court. If this amount is deposited no coercive steps will be taken... in the meanwhile."

The court will hear the case next on November 5.

siblings, rape' Mumbai: The police Friday arrested a 20-year-old

MAHARASHTRA

Man held for

'killing four

man who allegedly raped a 13-year-old adivasi girl at her home before killing her and her three siblings in Jalgaon district. The accused allegedly entered the house on the night of October 15 when the parents were away. He struck the necks of the two girls (13 and 6) and two boys (11 and 8) with an axe, said Jalgaon Mundhe. The police filed an FIR under relevant sections of POCSO Act. ENS

GUJARAT Two more held

in BJP leader 'murder' case Vadodara: Dahod police

from Madhya Pradesh late on Thursday in connection with the alleged contract killing of Jhalod councillor and BJP leader Hiren Patel. One of the arrested, Balram Bhuvanii, is the owner of an eatery in MP's Mahidpur. He allegedly facilitated the accused to meet on his eatery's premises to allegedly plan the "staged" September 27" hit and run". Bhuvanji also allegedly helped the accused procure the SUV through a local acquaintance, Salim Baju Shaikh alias Kala, who has also been arrested. ENS

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3.	Yamuna Vihar (NE2)		Rs. 413000/-	23.10.2020	02 Years	23.11.2020 upto 1.00 P.M. Tender ID2020_DJB_195978_3
4.	Dwarka		Rs. 118000/-	23.10.2020	02 Years	23.11.2020 upto 1.00 P.M. Tender ID 2020_DJB_195978_4
5.	Giri Nagar (SZ2)		Rs. 177100/-	23.10.2020	02 Years	23.11.2020 upto 1.00 P.M. Tender ID 2020_DJB_195978_5
6.	Vasant Kunz (SW2)		Rs. 236200/-	23.10.2020	02 Years	23.11.2020 upto 1.00 P.M. Tender ID 2020_DJB_195978_6
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Bombay HC directs TV Today Network to

deposit Rs 5 lakh fine imposed by BARC

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN Government of India, Ministry of Finance, (Department of Financial Services) 2nd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra. Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK. - 248171 PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 63 OF 2020

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEB RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME Date: 22.10.2020

Allahabad Bank Vs M/s Biotech & Foods System Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. 6. Jaideep Singh Rathor S/o Narendra Rathor, Resident of Apartment No. PPJ-013, DLF City, Phase-5, Park Place, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana. Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 63 of 2020 against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 1,12,95,721/- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 21.10.2020.

Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on 03.12.2020. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief(s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitione within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.

NOTE: For appearance in person or through legal representative on the next date of hearing through V.C., contact the Registrar on Mobile No. 95600-72676 or through e-mail on the official e-mail ID of the DRT registrar-drtddn@gov.in, at least three days in advance along-with details of e-mail ID as well as whatsapp enabled mobile number. So that V.C. link could be provided in advance to participate in the hearing through V.C. Given under my hand & seal of this Tribunal on this the 22nd day of October, 2020. By Order of Tribunal

Registrar Debt Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun (M) 95600-72676 (O) 0135-2720854

Rajasthan man hacks into four schools, says not following RTE rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, OCTOBER 23

ALLEGING HARASSMENT of students enrolled under the Right to Education Act, an unidentified man in Sikar allegedly accessed computer systems of four schools and issued transfer certificates of 130 students "to teach the schools a lesson."

In a letter sent to district authorities, the man, identifying himself as a "common man", claimed that he is a retired government official aged between 50 and 70 years and is a resident of Palsana in Sikar.

He said two months ago, he read in the news that the government would release RTE funds in 15 days, and most schools got the funds. "However, despite receiving funds, the management of multiple schools were troubling parents of children enrolled under RTE, saving that the government has not re-

leased funds and the parents should pay up," the letter says. The man said he studied

the RTE rules and found that students are entitled to free textbooks, uniform, etc, but the schools have been charging fees under various pretexts and troubling parents of poor children, who are not aware of the rules.

The man claimed he took the help of a computer expert to gain the school identity and password used for accessing the Private School Portal (PSP) of the Rajasthan government. He said he posed as a parent wanting to enrol his child under RTE. At the time of enrolment, he allegedly recorded the identity and password used by the operator to login to the PSP website.

private educational institutions has approached the district authorities, and Sikar's Ranoli police station lodged an FIR under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act.

The local association of

Three held for assault, threat on Dalit man in Meerut

AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, OCTOBER 23

THREE PEOPLE have been arrested in Sikhera village of Meerut, in western UP, for allegedly assaulting and threatening a Dalit man from the same village.

According to police, the victim, Sandeep, 32, stated that the incident took place on October 16 after he had objected to the beating of a dog. As the row escalated the accused allegedly threatened him and asked him to leave the village. The FIR was registered four

days later, on October 20. "Initially there was no complaint following the incident of assault. The accused were challaned under Section 151. In the following days, a panchayat was held and there was pressure put on the victim. On October 20, a complaint letter was received and an FIR was filed immediately," Circle Officer, Sadar Dehat, Brijesh Kumar said. "It also came to our notice that the victim was being threatened to leave the village. We will ensure there is no migration from the village," Kumar said.

Three other accused persons are absconding, the police said.

'ANTI-RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS', SAYS OUTFIT, WANTS 'ACTION IN 24 HOURS'

ABVP seeks action against Goa professor, many profs back her

SMITA NAIR

PANAJI. OCTOBER 23

A LAW college in Panaji has initiated an inquiry through its grievance committee against Shilpa Singh, an assistant professor of Political Science, after members of ABVP, the students' wing of RSS, complained that she "promotes socially hateful thoughts about a particular religion, community and group of people'

În a letter to VM Salgaocar College of Law, ABVP's Konkan unit joint secretary Prabha Naik has asked the college to "take action within 24 hours", failing which the outfit will be "forced to start a severe agitation against the institution" and approach

În reply to ABVP, the college authorities said that "it's not pos-

On Friday, Political Science professors from across Goa colleges met online; supporting Singh and "academic sanctity inside a classroom", they have sent a resolution to the college to conriving at any decision.

Singh, 31, who has been given time to respond, told The Indian Express: "This is muzzling academic freedom. For me, doing humanities is to shoulder some social responsibilities, especially being a woman. If you curtail this freedom, it's equivalent to me

Confirming that the letter was sent, ABVP's Naik said, "We have evidence. In her lectures. she was teaching many anti-religious things.

Singh, however, said ABVP members verbally conveyed four topics which they found offensive. "I was informed that they had issues with my teachings of Manusmriti and were not comfortable bringing Rohith Vemula, M M Kalburgi and (Narendra) Dabholkar into my teachings. They also objected to my stand on beef."

 $Prof\,M\,R\,K\,Prasad, one\,of\,the$ three members of the grievance committee who will now hear Singh, said: "This is a law college and we have to follow rules. The professor has been given a copy

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her response. We do not know what has been said, and the context and the background of each thread. We will have to hear both sides before we come to a conclusion.... In the letter, they have not expressed what was anti-re-

Since Monday, Singh has begun to record her online classes-as they now form "evidence of her style of teaching".

ligion.'

The college is also probing how virtual classroom footage was recorded and leaked. "Only the medium has changed. Classroom still is the same, so is its sanctity," Prasad said.

On Political Science teachers from different colleges supporting Singh, Prof Rahul Tripathi, HoD, Political Science, Goa University, said: "We came together to support the idea of a classroom. A classroom is a sacred space. What a Political Science teacher discusses in classroom is as per norms, which have evolved through so many procedures, in which many academics have contributed. A nonexpert has no local stand to what "In this particular case,"

Tripathi said. "what disappointed the most was that we did not hear a student directly but through a third party—a politically-affiliated group using a language which is highly intimidating. Critical politics and conservative politics is taught in classrooms all over the world. We have a strong reason to believe that the point was not academic, and was to scare (the teacher).

Singh said she was teaching 120 first year LLB students through Google Meet, and had begun with a chapter on nature, scope and significance of political theory.

Singh said trouble began when she started lectures explaining "perspective on power". She used reading materials of D D Kosambi, Devi Prasad Chattopadhyay and other scholars to explain Manusmriti's views on women in a specific context, as it "used superstitious idealism as a tool for social control to suppress women".

भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंघान संगठ bepartment of space भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंघान संगठन / Indian Space Research Organisati द्रव नोदन प्रणाली केंद्र / LIQUID PROPULSION SYSTEMS CENTRE लियमला पी.ओ., तिरुवनंतपुरम/ Valiamala. P.O., Thiruvananthapuran – 693

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तिरुवनंतपुरम के निकट विलयमला तथा बेंग्लूरु में स्थित एलपीएससी यूनिटों में वैज्ञानिक / इंजीनियर 'एससी' [स्तर 10 (वेतन मेट्रिक्स: ₹56,100 - 1,77,500/-)] के पद हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। Applications are invited for the posts of Scientist/Engineer 'SC' [Level 10 (Pay Matrix : ₹ 56,100- 1,77,500/-)] for LPSC Units located at Valiamala near Thiruvananthapuram and at Bengaluru

अनिवार्य अपेक्षाएं / Essential requirements

POST NO.	INO. OF VACATICIES	·	
736	02* (कुल दो रिक्तियों में, एक पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच/ पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच/अनारक्षित के लिए आरक्षित है।) (Out of 02, one vacancy is reserved for PWBD-OH/ PWBD-HH/Un-Reserved)	यांत्रिक / वांतरिक्ष इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई/बी.टेक या समतुल्य + नोदन इंजीनियरिंग / नोदन में विशेष अद्ययन सहित यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग / नोदन में विशेष अद्ययन सहित यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग में एम.ई./एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E/B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering + M.E/M.Tech or equivalent in Propulsion Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering with Specialisation in Propulsion/Aerospace Engineering with Specialisation in Propulsion	अंक (सभी सेमस्टरों का ओसत) या 10 स्केल में सीजीपीए 6.84 के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में बी.ई/बी.टेक या समतुल्य B.E / B.Tech or equivalent should be in
737	01	यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई/बी.टेक या समतुल्य + विश्वसनीयता इंजीनियरिंग /गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन में एम.ई./एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E/B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical Engineering + M.E/M.Tech or equivalent in Reliability Engineering/ Quality Management	First class with an aggregate minimum of 65 % marks (average of all semesters) or CGPA 6.84 on a 10 scale. কুল ন্যুন্নন 60 % अंक যা सीजीपीए/ सीपीआई
738	03	इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी एवं संचार इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई/बी.टेक या समतुल्य + वीएलएसआई एवं अंतः स्थापित प्रणाली में एम.ई./एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E/B.Tech or equivalent in Electronics & Communication Engineering + M.E/M.Tech or equivalent in VLSI & Embedded Systems	वा साजावार, सावाजाब ग्रेड 10 रकेल में 6.5 या उसका समतुल्य के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में एम.ई / एम.टेक या समतुल्य M.E / M.Tech or
739	01* (पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच/ पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच/ अनारक्षित I) (PWBD-HH/ PWBD-OH/Un-Reserved)	यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई/बी.टेक या समतुल्य + मशीन अभिकल्पना में एम.ई./एम. टेक या समतुल्य B.E/B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical Engineering + M.E/M.Tech or equivalent in Machine Design	equivalent should be in First class with an aggregate minimum of 60% marks or CGPA / CPI grades of 6.5 on a 10 scale or equivalent.

पद 736 एवं 739 में उल्लिखित पीडब्ल्यूबीडी रिक्तियों के संबंध में, उल्लिखित अधिमान के क्रम में रिक्तियां भरने हेतु प्रयत्त किय जाएगा। अगर उपयुक्त अभ्यर्थी उपलब्ध नहीं है तो, भारत सरकार के आदेशों के अनुसार इस पद के सामान्य अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पद भर दिया जाएगा। / * In the case of PWBD vacancies identified in Posts 736 & 739, effort will be made to fill up the vacancies in the order of preference mentioned. If no candidates are found suitable, the same will be filled by General candidates as per Govt. of India orders issued on the subject. [पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएचः निर्देशित (बेंचमार्क) अपंगता-शारीरिक रूप से अपंग व्यक्ति, पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएचः निर्देशित (बेचमार्क) अपंगत

पिडिक्ट्यूबाइ-आएव. निर्पार्शत (बयनाक) अपनेता-सारारिक रूप से अपने व्यक्ति, पिडिक्ट्यूबाइ-उपरिव. निर्पार्शत (बयनाक) अपनेता-स्वर्णकर्षणंगता [PWBD-OH: Persons with Benchmark Disabilities - Orthopaedically Handicapped, PWBD-HH: Persons with Benchmark Disabilities - Hearing Handicapped]
09.11.2020 को आयु सीमा 35 वर्ष है। पूर्व सैनिक, विभागीय अभ्यर्थी तथा निर्देशीत (बेचमार्क) अपंगता व्यक्ति (पीडिक्ट्यूबीडी) भारत सरकार के नियमानुसार उपरी आयु की सीमा में ढील के पात्र हैं। आवेदन ऑनलाइन के माध्यम से ही प्राप्त किया जाएगा। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवेदन प्रपर्व भरने हेतु वेबसाइट **www.lpsc.gov.ln** देखें। ऑनलाइन भर्ती पोर्टल 27.10.2020 को

1400 बजे से 09.11.2020 को 1400 बजे तक उपलब्ध होगी। Age limit as on **09.11.2020** is 35 years. Ex-Servicemen, Departmental candidates and Persons With Benchmark Disabilities (PWBDs) are eligible for upper age relaxation as per Govt. of India orders Applications will be received **only through on-line**. Interested candidates may visit the website www.lpsc.gov.in for detailed information and filling-up on-line application form. The on-line recruitment porta from 1400 hrs on 27.10.2020 to 1400 hrs on 09.11.2020.

IMD launches guidance system for South Asia to tackle flash floods

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, OCTOBER 23

THE INDIA Meteorological Department (IMD) Friday launched the South Asian Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) to help disaster management teams and governments formulate timely evacuation plans ahead of flooding.

India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal will share their hydrological and meteorological data to help forecast flash floods, India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) the Central Water Commission, too, have partnered in this system.

An FFGS centre will be established in New Delhi where weather modelling and analysis of rainfall data from member countries will be carried out.

"Based on the rainfall and potential flooding scenario, flash flood warnings will be issued to respective nations. Flash flood threat warning will be issued 6 hours whereas flood risk warning will be issued 24 hours in advance. Warnings at watershed level will be issued 12 hours in advance," said IMD director general Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.

An estimated 80 per cent of natural disasters in all these countries are due to erratic weather. "Among these, flash floods have significant contribuWorld Meteorological

lives and to property. In addition, the impact over South Asia increases many folds due to varying topography-mountains, oceans, Eastern and Western Ghats, Myanmar hills and others," said Mohapatra.

Secretary M Rajeevan, who launched the system at an online event, said the frequency of extreme rainfall events has increased due to climate change and that South Asia is highly prone to flash floods.

battered by heavy rain, resulting in massive flooding that led to the death of around 70 people. In the following days, districts in Maharashtra also faced intense rain and flooding that killed over 30 and damaged standing crops.

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ISHRAT JAHAN ENCOUNTER CASE

Court rejects discharge pleas of four officers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 23

A SPECIAL CBI court in Ahmedabad, presiding over the trial of the extrajudicial killing of Ishrat Jahan on Friday, disposed the discharge pleas filed by four accused officers—JG Parmar, Tarun Barot, GL Singhal and Anaju Chaudhary—with a direction to the CBI to seek sanction from the state government to prosecute the accused officers. Of the four, JG Parmar passed away on September 21 and hence, abated from the case.

Ishrat Jahan, Pranesh Pillai and two others who were said to be Pakistanis-Amjad Ali Rana and Zeeshan Johar-were killed near Kotarpur waterworks on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on June 15, 2004 by officers of the Ahmedabad Detection of Crime Branch, then led by DG Vanzara. The DCB had claimed the four were operatives of Lashkar-e-Taiba and out to kill the then Guiarat chief minister Narendra Modi

The CBI had originally filed the case in 2013 against seven policemen, three of whom now stand discharged - P P Pandey, DG Vanzara and NK Amin.

At the time of making submissions before the CBI court, the present accused had pointed out that CBI was expected to obtain sanction to prosecute them prior to framing of charges. In the case of the earlier accused DG Vanzara and NK Amin, it was only owing to the court's instructions that the CBI had sought sanction for their prosecution, both of whom had filed discharge pleas at the time. The sanction was later declined.



Organisation statistics suggest that world over, about 5,000 people die annually due to flash floods. Despite such high mortality, there is no robust forecasting or warning system for flash floods available.

tions, which incur heavy loss of

Ministry of Earth Sciences

Recently, Hyderabad was

AGRA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION **NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Sealed Applications are invited for "Selection of consulting firm to provide advisory Services, for design, implementation and monitoring of integrated solid waste management system to achieve objectives of SWM Rule-2016 and other related activities in accordance to Swachh Bharat Mission and Swachh Survekshan-2021 under jurisdiction of AMC." in conformity with the Terms & Conditions of the detailed RFP notice in a two cover system i.e Technical and Financial proposal from intending applicants fulfilling the terms of eligibility laid down in the RFP document. Please refer to Website www.etender.up.nic.in for complete details and downloading the document. The document shall be available on the website from 27.10.2020. The Last date & time of submission of proposal is 04.11.2020 till 05:00 PM. **Municipal Commissioner**

Agra Municipal Corporation



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EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION PANCHDEEP BHAVAN: C.I.G. ROAD: NEW DELHI- 110002 (http://esic.nic.in)

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(A Statutory Body established under the ESI Act, 1948)

ESI Corporation invites application from Officers with outstanding track record to the post of Additional Commissioner on deputation (including short-term contract) basis:

	SI. No.	Name of Post	Method of Recruitment	Level in the Pay Matrix	No. of Posts
	1.	Additional	Deputation	Level 13A	12
		Commissioner	(including short-term	(Minimum Pay	
l			contract)	Rs. 1,31,100/-)	

The advertisement giving full details has been published in the 3rd-9th October 2020 issue of Employment News. Those who are interested may go through the issue for details or can log on to ESIC website www.esic.nic.in for details and downloading Biodata/Curriculam Vitae proforma.

> P. B. Mani **Insurance Commissioner (P&A)**

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during forthcoming Festival Season, Railways have decided to run the following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-00002/00004 Kata Chri Mata Vaiahna Davi Katr

Kota Express Special (Weekly)					
TRAIN NO. 09803 STATIONS TRAIN NO. 09804					
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHONS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	14:30	_ Kota	23:50	_	
14:55	_ \	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	_	21:55	
Days of Run: 09803 from Kota on every Saturday from					

24.10.2020 till further advice and 09804 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on every Sunday from 25.10.2020 til

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)

Stoppages: Indargarh, Sawai Madhopur, Ganganagar City, Hindaun City, Bayana Jn., Bharatpur Jn., Mathura Jn., Faridabad New Delhi, Bahadurgarh, Rohtak Jn., Jind Jn., Narwana Jn. Tohana, Jakhal Jn., Sangrur, Dhuri Jn., Malerkotla, Ludhiana Phagwara Jn., Jalandhar Cantt., Mukerian, Pathankot Cantt. Kathua, Jammu Tawi, & Udhampur stations.

09805/09806 Kota-Udhampur-Kota Express Special (Weekly)					
TRAIN NO. 09805		STATIONS	TRAIN N	O. 09806	
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHUNS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	14:30	Kota	11:10	_	
12:15	_ \	Udhampur	_	14:20	

Days of Run: 09805 from Kota on every Wednesday from 28.10.2020 till further advice and **09806** from **Udhampur** on every **Thursday** from 29.10.2020 till further advice.

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Indargarh, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bayana Jn., Bharatpur Jn., Mathura Jn., Faridabad, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi, Sonipat, Panipat Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala Cantt., Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar Cantt., Pathankot Cantt., Kathua & Jammu Tawi stations

02183/02184 Bhopal-Partapgarh JnBhopal Express Special (Tri-Weekly)					
TRAIN NO. 02183		STATIONS	TRAIN N	O. 02184	
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHONS	ARR.	DEP.	
_	19:15	Bhopal	08:50	_	
09:00	_ \	Partapgarh	_	19:10	

Days of Run: 02183 from Bhopal on every Tuesday, Friday & Sunday from 25.10.2020 till further advice and 02184 from Partapgarh on every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday from 26.10.2020 till further advice

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Vidisha, Bina Jn., Lalitpur, Jhansi Jn., Orai, Kanpur

Central, Lucknow, Rae Barell Jn., Jais & Ametri stations.						
01449/01450 Jabalpur-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Jabalpur Express Special (Weekly)						
TRAIN N	NO. 01449	TRAIN NO. 01450				
ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.		
_	07:10	Jabalpur	07:15	_		
14:55	_	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	_	21:55		

Days of Run: 01449 from Jabalpur on every Tuesday from 27.10.2020 till further advice and 01450 from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on every Wednesday from 28.10.2020

Accommodation: First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & & Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Katni Murwara, Damoh, Saugor, Khurai, Malkheri, Jhansi Jn., Gwalior, Morena, Agra Cantt., Mathura Jn., Faridabad, Tuglakabad, Okhla, Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi, Delhi Kishanganj, Shakurbasti, Bahadurgarh, Rohtak Jn., Jind Jn., Narwana Jn., Jakhal Jn., Sangrur, Dhuri Jn., Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt., Kathua, Jammu Tawi & Udhampur stations.

043	321/04322	Bareilly-Bhuj - Bareilly	Festival	42
		Special Express		Trips
TRAIN N	IO. 04321	STATIONS	TRAIN NO	04322
ARR.	DEP.	SIAHONS	ARR.	DEP.
_	06:35	Bareilly	20:35	_
09:30	_	Bhuj		17:05

<u>Days of Run:</u> 04321 from Bareilly on every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday from 25.10.2020 to 29.11.2020 and **04322** from **Bhuj** on every **Wednesday**, Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 28.10.2020 to 02.12.2020. Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)

Stoppages: Milak, Rampur, Moradabad, Amroha, Gajraula Jn. Hapur, Pilkhua, Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn., Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt., Palam, Gurgaon, Garhi Harsaru, Pataudi Road, Rewari Jn. Khairtal, Alwar, Malakhera, Rajgarh, Bandikui Jn., Dausa, Getor Jagatpura, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Jaipur, Phulera Jn., Naraina Kishangarh, Ajmer Jn., Beawar, Marwar Jn., Falna, Abu Road, Palanpur Jn., Disa, Bhildi, Diyodar, Radhanpur, Santalpur Samakhiali, Bhachau, Gandhidham, Adipur & Anjar stations

		Special Express		Trips		
TRAIN N	IO. 04311	STATIONS	TRAIN N	O. 04312		
ARR.	DEP.	SIATIONS	ARR.	DEP.		
_	06:35	Bareilly	20:35	_		
12:05	_ `	Bhuj	_	14:05		
Days of Run: 04311 from Bareilly on every Tuesday,						

04311/04312 Bareilly-Bhuj - Bareilly Festival 32

Thursday & Saturday from 27.10.2020 to 01.12.2020 and 04312 from Bhuj on every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 26.10.2020 to 30.11.2020.

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & &

Second Seating (Reserved).

Stoppages: Milak, Rampur, Moradabad, Amroha, Gajraula
Jn., Hapur, Pilkhua, Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn., Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt., Palam, Gurgaon, Garhi Harsaru, Pataudi Road, Rewari Jn., Khairtal, Alwar, Malakhera, Rajgarh, Bandikui Jn., Dausa, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Jaipur, Phulera Jn., Naraina, Kishangarh, Ajmer Jn., Beawar, Sojat Road, Marwar Jn., Falna, Abu Road, Palanpur Jn., Mahesana Jn., Ambli Road Viramgam Jn., Dhrangdhra, Halvad, Samakhiali, Bhachau Gandhidham, Adipur & Anjar stations.

REROUTING OF CLONE EXPRESS 09065/09066 Surat-Chhapra-Surat Clone Superfast Special will be re-routed as under:-TRAIN NO. 09065 **TRAIN NO. 09066 STATIONS** ARR. DEP. ARR. DEP. 08:30 Surat 13:45 Paldhi **Pass** 12:40 Pass 09:00 13:10 13:15 Bhusaval Jn. 07:35 07:40 Pass 15:30 Khandwa 06:10 Pass 17:40 17:50 Itarsi Jn. 03:45 03:55 21:20 21:30 Jabalpur Jn. 00:05 00:15 Pass 01:30 Manikpur Pass 19:55 03:05 03:10 Prayagraj Chheoki 17:40 17:45 06:00 Jeonathpur 06:50 07:00 Varanasi 14:50 15:00 08:40 08:50 13:40 Jaunpur Jn.

NOTE: Earlier Halt provided at Shahganj will be withdrawn and additional halt at Jaunpur Jn. will be provided with effect from (09065) Ex-Surat from 02.11.2020 and (09066) Ex-Chhapra from 04.11.2020.

Chhapra

14:30

REVISION IN TIMINGS OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Revised Timings between Manikpur and Khandwa of 09090 Gorakhpur-Ahmedabad Special Train (Daily) w.e.f. 04.11.2020

STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 09090			
SIAHONS	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE		
Gorakhpur	-	10.00		
Manikpur	Pass	20:05		
Satna	21:15	21:25		
Katni	22:55	23:00		
Jabalpur	00:25	00:30		
Itarsi	04:05	04:15		
Khandwa	06:20	06:25		
Bhusaval	08:40	08:45		
Paldhi	Pass	10:15		
Surat	14:35	14:40		
Vadodara	16:30	16:35		
Geratpur	Pass	18:10		
Ahmedabad	18:35	_		

Revised Timings of 04029 Muzaffarpur-Delhi Superfast Special

at пајіриг	Station wi	ın eneci iro	III 29. IU.2U	20		
	TRAIN NO. 04029 (Muzaffarpur-Delhi)					
STATIONS	Existing	Timing	Revised Timing			
	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.		
Haiinur	17:10	17:15	16:20	16:25		

The above Festival Special shall run fully reserved.

The passengers are requested to get the reservation of berths/seats done beforehand. Passengers having reserved tickets will only be allowed to

enter the platform to board the train. NOTE: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be

followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured. For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

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SRDEN/III/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 10.11.2020 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 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.

Tender No. Date 92-DRM-N		92-DRM-N	/IB-20-21 Date : 23.10.2020
II . I			Room, IPS Room & Battery Room on UP Lin lance work of old El Building at SAR station in th
Tender Closing Date Time			10.11.2020 16.00
Advertised Value (Rs.)		(Rs.)	51,18,995.74
Earnest M	loney (R	s.)	102400.00
Bidding S	tart Date)	27.10.2020
Validity of Offer (Days)		ays)	20 days
Period of	Complet	tion	02 months
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Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debt's Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELH

STATE BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT Versus M/S BALAJI STORE **DEFENDANTS** To, D1 - M/s BALAJI STORE, THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHRI PAWAN KUMAR

S/O SHRI NANK CHAND MITTAL, D-500, VILLAGE-AICHER, KAPIL CHAUDHAR) MARKET, GREATER NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P.-201308. ALSO AT:- M/S BALAJI STORE THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SHRI PAWAN KUMAR HOUSE NO. 208, VILLAGE-BIRONDHI, CHAKRASENPUR, THANA -SURAJPUR,

GREATER NOIDA-21308. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way.

Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 20.11.2020 At 10.30 A.M. Take Notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal he case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing pandemic situation, all the matter will be taken up through vide conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i)All the advocate/litigants shall download the Cisco Webexapplication/software

ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that , the advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. 23748469

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 14th day of OCT. 2020. By Order of the Tribunal, Assistant Registrar, DRT - III, New Delhi



Karnataka State Drug Logistics & Warehousing Society (R)

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No.: KDL/EQPT(2)/TND/DPL&A/08/2020-21(IND-743) Date: 23.10.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Nation wide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTTP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders: 1. Tender for Supply & Installation of Double Puncture Laproscope and Accessories under FW programme IND-743.

The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement Department may participate through e-tendering system.

Details regarding specification, EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information is available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website: https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in from 23.10.2020. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders in e-procurement platfrom for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office during working hours.

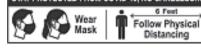
Sd/-Commissioner,

Food Safety and Standard Authority and Director, KSDLWS, Bengaluru

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TAMIL NADU STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION (CBE) LTD. 37, METTUPALAYAM ROAD : COIMBATORE-641 043 TENDER NOTICE NO: 01 / 2020-21 Sealed Tenders with two cover system are Invited in the prescribed format for the supply o Deepavali Sweet for employees and Retro Reflective Tape, Hand Sanitizer, Body Building Hardware materials for TNFRS vehicles, Fitment of TNFRS items with accessories, Transport cost of

Paint consignments and Contract labour charges from the eligible tenderers. The tender schedules containing EMD, specifications, terms and conditions can be obtained person from **M/s.TNSTC(CBE) Ltd., 37 Mettupalayam Road, Coimbatore-641 043** upto **24.11.2020** • **1.00 pm** on payment of Rs.500/- and Rs.100/- extra for Speed Post / Courier charges (except labour ontract) and for labour contract schedule Rs.200/- and Rs.50/- extra for Speed Post/Courier charges The last date for submission of tender is 24.11.2020 - 3.00 PM. (except Sweet and Hand Sanitize

* For supply of Sweet and Hand Sanitizer Tenders can be obtained upto **07.11.2020- 1.00 PM** The last day of submission of Tender **07.11.2020-3.00 PM**.

The tender forms can also be downloaded at free of cost from www.tenders.tn.gov.in MANAGING DIRECTOR

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पत्रांक :- 1367 / लेखा / ई-निविदा / 2020-27 दिनांक : 23 अक्टूबर, 2020 <u>ई-निविदा सूचना</u> मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से निम्न कार्य हेतु ई–निविदा, टू–बिड सिस्टम

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द्वारा देय होगा।

- 1. निविदा प्रपत्र की उपलब्धता तथा ई—टेण्डंरिंग की प्रक्रिया की समस्त जानकारी वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।
- 2. निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 24.10.2020 को प्रात 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 09.11.2020 को साय: 05:00 बजे तक
- डाउनलोड / अपलोड किया जा सकता है। 3. तकनीकी बिड खोले जाने की तिथि 10.11.2020 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे निर्धारित है।
- 4. ई—निविदा हेतु प्रिबिड मीटिंग हेतु तिथि 29.10.2020 को अधीक्षण अभियन्ता कार्यालय, 95—राजपुर रोर देहरादून में प्रातः 11:00 बजे निर्धारित है।
- 5. निविदा[ँ] प्रपत्र हेतु निविदादाता को डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर प्रमाणपत्र (डी०एस०सी०) किसी प्रमाणित / प्राधिकृत संस्था द्वारा निर्गत किया होना आवश्यक है।
- 3. उपरोक्त निविदा सूचना में यदि कोई संशोधन किया जाता है तो संशोधित निविदा सूचना सीधे वैबसाई० www.uktenders.gov.in पर ही अपलोड की जाएगी। संशोधित निविदा सूचना का प्रकाशन समाचार पत्र में नहीं किया जाएगा।
- किसी भी निविदा अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार विभाग में निहित है निविदा हेतु न्यूनतम अर्हता स्वचालित 30 एम0एल0डी0 स्वचालित एस0टी0पी0, एस0बी0आर0 पद्धित

का 02 वर्षों के संतोषजनक संचालन एव रख-रखाव का अनुभव वाली फर्म ही अर्ह होगी। शेष विस्तृत समस्त नियम एवं शर्तें निविदा प्रपत्र में देखी जा सकती है। (मनीष सेमवाल) अधिशासी अभियन्ता (दक्षिण) जल संचय–जीवन संचय

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

1. TENDER NOTIFICATION . Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed

Tender Notice No:-11/2020-21

1.1. General: - UMB division of northern railway invites Open tender through E tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Ca shed, KJGY Saharanpur". 1.2 The key details are as follows

Open Tender No.	:	30-EL-MEMU-T-11-20-21
Name of works	:	Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos.
		EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from
		MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed, KJGY
		Saharanpur
Approximate Cost	:	₹14,04,175/-
Earnest Money	:	₹28,100/-
Completion Period	:	90 (Ninety) days from the date of issue of the letter of
		acceptance.
Validity of offer	:	45 days.
Tender papers issued by	:	Sr.DEE/MEMU/SRE.
Dt. of closing /opening	:	06.11.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter
Cost of tender document	:	Free of cost.
Minimum Eligibility	:	Participating Firm should have completed at least one
criteria		single work of shifting/commissioning of EOT crane of same or higher capacity in Railway premises over zonal Railways/Metro Rail in last seven years OR OEM or its authorized dealers.
		Related document must be uploaded on web portal with their offer, failing which offer shall be summarily

NOTE:

KJGY Saharanpur.

 The required earnest money will only be accepted through on line payment mode available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. up to tender closing date and time. Exemption from submission of Earnest Money for tendere shall be as per Railway Board Guideline

rejected

E-Tender Notice No. IRTMTC/202021/01

Tender No.

IRTMTC-2020-01

- Manual payments through demand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed. Offers which are not complying above will be considered invalid.

 Tender must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of the constant of the con
- Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Di 16.03.2018 shall be followed. The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under : Website Porta
- https://www.ireps.gov.in 2343/2020

Name of Work

of GST Act/Laws/Rules/Guidelines will be applicable

Name of Work

Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2-Post Hydraulic Lifts and Pneumatic guns along with allied fittings at Regional Workshop at State Motor Garages Department, Bemina, Srinagar.

to 11-11-2020 (18.55 hrs.) in two (02) covers.

No: MHCHD /TS / 5064-67

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🔞 NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Principal, Indian Railways Track Machines Training Centre, P.O. Subedarganj, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of President ol

India, invites the E-tenders for the following works up to 15:00 hrs on 19.11.2020. The details of the tender are as under:-

Approx Cost

of work

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00

hrs. of the due date of tender closing. 2. Bids other than E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For

this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature

Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally

shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall

be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the

Tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice will be uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in only for wide

publicity. 6. Tender Document Cost & EMD should be deposited through net banking or payment gateway only. 7.

In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 8. Relevant provisions

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING

DIVISION SRINAGAR

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

Gist of e-tender NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2020-21/175/e-tendering

(In rupees

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Parameter 10 accessed in Food and the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders, valid for 190 days, are invited

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Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantitie (B.O.Q). Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental websit www.jktenders.gov.in from 22-10-2020/18.00 hrst.

Opening of Bids: The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 12-11-2020at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinsgar,

ing: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic formation the above web site from 23-10-2020(10.00 hrs)

from the Registered , reputed & experienced firms as detailed in the NIT for below mention

Operation, Maintenance ₹3724684.43 ₹74500.00

& Repair of electrical and electronics installation of IRTMTC

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION,

Date.: 22.10.2020 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

Online percentage rate E tenders in two bid system by Notice no. **2048/Nivida/66**, Dated 22.10.2020 for Pipeline Extension, Repair of Over Head Tank, Repair of Boundary wall, Repair of Pump House, Other Buildings Works, Painting works and providing Functional Household Tap Connection in Various Schemes of Block Haldaur, District Bijnor under JJM. are here by invited U.P. Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors having requisite worl experience & financial capabilities. Tender documen shall be available on e procurement website http:// etender.up.nic.in. latest by 27.10.2020 Interested bidders may view and download Tender Document and upload their tender, duly filled online latest by **04.11.2020 up to 12:00 Hrs**. Uploaded Technical & Financial capacity evaluation cum technical bid shall be opened on dated 04.11.2020 day at **15:00 Hrs**. The non refundable cost of e-tender document is Rs. 10,000, 5000, and 3000 plus 18.00% GST or ir accordance with GST. Details of work of e-tender will be available on U.P. Jal Nigam website www.upjn.org.

Date: 16.10.2020

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Cost of Tender

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U.P.JAL NIGAM, BIJNORE Letter No.: 2048/Nivida/66

y. CME/ Carriage Workshop, Ajme orth Western Railway acting for and o ehalf of The President of India invite behalf of The President of India invites Tender No. Carriage-13-2020 Date 22.10.2020. 1. Name of work with its location: Sale and Removal of Rubbist from Carriage Workshop Ajmer (As pel scope of work), 2. Approx cost of the work: Rs. 42.70.000.00, 3. Approx. City of the work: 5000 Cubic meter. 4. Tende Document Cost: Rs. 3,000.00, 5 Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs 85,000.00, 68,000.00, 68,000.00, 68,000.00, 69,000.00, 60,000.00, 22.10.2020 to 19.11.2020 to 19.11.2020 at 15.15
hrs. 7. Location of NIT where it can be seen & Office where tender document can be purchased: 1. Notice Boarcarriage workshop Ajmer, 2. Office of Dy CME (C)/ Carriage workshop, Jonsganj Ajmer. 8. Eligibility Criteria: No Applicable 19.5R/24

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NOTICE OF INVITING OPEN TENDER

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, U.P. JAL NIGAM, BIJNORE

NIT. No. 2049/Nivida/67 Date 22-10-2020 E-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate E tenders in two bid System notice no. 2049/Nivida/67 Dated 22.10.2020 for CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP HOUSE, R.C.C. OHT of 50KL/10 M STG, RISING MAIN OF DI CLASS K-7 100 MM DIA, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF PVC 6kg/Cm² PIPE 63MM DIA TO 160 MM DIA, BOUNDARY WALL & GATE AND OTHER APPURTENANT WORKS ETC IN BEGAMPUR CHAIMAL ZONE-1 "REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF WORK VILLA "ATER SUPPLY SCHEME UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION PROGRAMME in District Bijnor U.P. are here by invited on behalf of the Chairman, UP. Jal Nigam, from the reputed contractors having requisite work experience & financial capabilities, Tender document shall be available on eprocurement website http://etender.up.nic.in latest by 27/10/2020 Interested biddens may view-and download Tender Document upload their tender, duly filled online latest by 06/11/2020 up to 15:00 Hrs. Uploaded Technical & Financial capacity evaluation cum technical bid shall be opened on dated 07:11.2020 day at 15:00 Hrs. The non refundable cost of e tender document is Rs 10,000 plus 18.00% GST or in scordance with GST. Details of work of e-tender will be available on U.P Jal Nigam website:www.upjn.org.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Government of Maharashtra State Water and Sanitation Mission 1st Floor, CIDCO Bhavan, South wing

CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614 Phone No 022-27562546, 27562363, Website: www.wsso.in

RFP Ref No.: WSSD/SWSM/JJM/PMC/07/2020

Selection of Project Management Agency to support in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

JAL Jeevan Mission (JJM), is a flagship program of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India (Gol). The mission is aimed to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household i.e., Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (HGNSJ) by 2024. State

Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM), Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Government of Maharashtra is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission in Maharashtra. The Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, State Water and Sanitation

Mission (SWSM) is inviting online proposals from eligible consulting firms for Selection of Project Management Agency to support in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State of Maharashtra. Interested agencies who qualify as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in the tender document, may submit their bids online on https://mahatenders.gov.in latest by 24.11.2020 up to 3.30 PM. RFP document is available on https://mahatenders.gov.in www.wsso.in www.water.maharashtra.gov.in. If there is any change in scheduled dates and other terms and conditions, it will be published on https://mahatenders.gov.in, www.water.maharashtra.gov.in and www.wsso.in only.

> R. Vimala IAS **Mission Director**

DGIPR-2020-2021/1022

scheme

working hours.

Jal Jeevan Mission State Water and Sanitation Mission



No.DITE/TRG/PUR-6/CR-8/2020-21

Date: 23.10.2020

Tender Notification The sealed and superscribed tenders under Two Electronic Tender Document system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 through e-procurement portal are invited from the eligible and registered suppliers for the Procurement of Tool Kit (Short Term Tender) and Stationery Kit for SC & ST Trainees of Govt., Grand in Aid and Pvt Industrial Training Institutes in the State under SCP TSP

	SI. No	Scheme	Description	Tender Days
	1	SCP TSP	Tool Kit	Short term Tender-15 Days
	2		Stationery Kit	15 Days
,	(1).Ten	der doc	ument is ava	ilable for download from

24.10.2020 (2).Last date of receipt of Tender through e-portal: 09-11-2020 till 5.00 PM. (3). Date of opening of Technical Bid through e-portal: 11.11.2020 At 11.30 A.M. To obtain this document and tender processing fee details is available in e-procurement portal and for further details visit e-procurement website https://www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in, Helpdesk- Phone No.080-25501216/ 25501227 or may also contact this office during

DIPR/DDU/SSC/1480/2020-21 Industrial Training & Employment

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority



PT. B.D. SHARMA PGIMS ROHTAK PUBLIC NOTICE / TENDER NOTICE Dt 23 10 2020 Nodal Officer /Contact Details / email ebsite of the Deptt. No. UHSR/ Gen SHORT TERM e-TEN OPENING www.uhsr. ac.in General Branch Contact DER NOTICE NO 24.10.2020 25000/www.etenders. No. 281300, 281301 2020/ 3092 Dt. 23.10.2020 nrv.nic.in JHSR/Gen/2020/02 281302, 281303 2938 Dt. 23.10.2020 for cre instructions EXTENSION: ation of admission W portal for the adm sion to MBBS/MDS. are available on these websites CLOSING 2954 Email: general@uhsr.ac.ir 29.10.2020 UPTO 04.00 PM

NOTE:

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1.Corrigendum, if any, will not be advertised/published in the news papers but will be available on the website www.etenders.hry.nic.in



No.UHSR/Gen/2020/3092

OFFICE OF THE **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** (JSD) PHEDIVISION, PULWAMA email: xenphepulwama@gmail.com از دفتر ایکزیکیٹیو انجیئنر(جل شکتی) ہی۔ایج۔ای۔ ڈویژن پلوامہ



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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT S. No. 56/PHEP/Fresh of 2020-21

E-NIT S. No. 56/PHEP/Fresh of 2020-21

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders (Two cover System) are invited on Turn Key basis including DLP of six monthsanc maintenance for a period of Three Years after completion of DLPfrom reputed and resourceful contractors /Firms/companies/joint venture of repute in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/Failways and other state Governments for the following works, which should be uploaded on the Procurement web portal http://jktenders.gov.infor the subjected work(s) referred below to be received by the Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama/Superintending Engineer, Hydl. Circle, Shopianand as per the details mentioned in this e-tender notification and to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed e-NIT /Tender Documents/ PV/D Form No:- 25 double are accepted. The detailed tender document and Specifications etc. can be downloaded on the e-procurement portal http://jktenders.gov.in. The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/Non-Transferable) should be the shape of e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Receipt in favour Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama.

Cost

₹131.51

Estimated Cost of Earnest

Money Deposit

	ment with 21 mtrs staging height including providing, laying and fixing of supply main, rising main, washout connecting with supply system with 12mm thick flanged joints cost of pipes, nuts, bolts, washers, M/S lid with frame and cover including construction of hand railing around the stair, sluice valves, covels, heavy duty of WAGE make or Kiloskar make, boulder filling inside the tank upto ground level. Levelling of ground including disposal of excavated material from premises upto 5 Kms lead. Angle iron door with frame including construction of sluice chamber as required at site with M/S Lid and ladder, including Providing, laying å titting of pipes for mains, sub-mains, distribution system including carriage all leads, lifts complete on Turnkey basis. Adopt bearing capacity of soil 6.85 M.Ton/ Sym (report enclosed). Architectural aesthetics shall be kept in consideration to make the structures appealing for WSS NilooraPachlipora under Languishing Programme JKIDFC Ltd) LUP 2400	LdCS	Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama under MH 0215)	to the Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama.	monus	JSD (PHE) Division Pulwama	resourceful contractors/ Firms/Compa nies/Joint Venture of republe in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.
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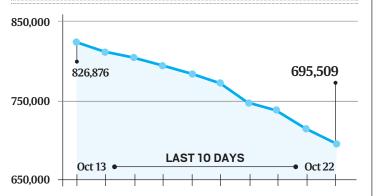
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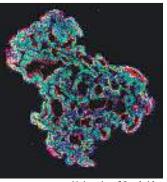


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Scientists grow 'mini-lungs' in lab, infect them with coronavirus and watch battle in real time





University of Cambridge

(Left) Representative image of 3D lung organoid showing alveolar stem cell marker; (right) image by Arvind Konkimalla shows how a single lung stem cell copied itself to generate thousands of cells and generate a structure resembling breathing tissues.

NEW RESEARCH

THE NOVEL coronavirus is known to attack primarily the lungs, but how the attack unfolds is still a subject of research. Now, two studies have thrown light on these processes by using the same approach. Scientists have developed lung models in the lab, infected these with SARS-CoV-2,

and watched the battle between the lung cells and the virus.

Both papers are published in the journal Cell Stem Press. One study is by South Korean and UK researchers, including from the University of Cambridge; the other is by researchers from Duke University and University of North Carolina.

In both studies, scientists observed how the virus damages the alveoli in the lungs. Alveoli are balloon-like air sacs that take up the oxygen we breathe and release the carbon dioxide we exhale. Damage to alveoli causes pneumonia and acute respiratory distress — the leading cause of death in Covid-19.

Both teams developed the model using "mini-lungs" — or lung organoids. The organoids were grown from the stem cells that repair the deepest portions of the lungs where SARS-CoV-2

attacks. These are called AT2 cells.

The UK and South Korean team reprogramed the AT2 cells back to their earlier "stem cell" stage. They grew self-organising, alveolar-like 3D structures that mimic the behaviour of key lung tissue. When the 3D models were exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the

virus began to replicate rapidly. In six hours, cells began to produce interferons - proteins that act as warning signals to neighbouring cells. After 48 hours, the cells started fighting back. And after 60 hours from infection, some of the alveolar cells began to disintegrate, leading to cell death and

damage to the tissue. In the other study, led by Duke University biologist Purushothama Rao Tata, the team got a single lung cell to multiply into thousands of copies and create a structure that resembles breathing tissues of the human lung. Once infected with the virus, the model showed an inflammatory response. The team also witnessed the cytokine storm – the hyper reaction of immune molecules the lungs launch to

fight the infection.

KABIR FIRAQUE

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

What determines onion prices

In back-to-back moves aimed at controlling onion prices, the government has relaxed import norms and now reintroduced stock limits. Why have prices been rising, and how far can these moves check the rise?

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS

PUNE, OCTOBER 23

WITH LESS than a week to go for the Bihar elections, the Centre on Friday reintroduced

the stock limit on onions — a move aimed at controlling rising prices, which crossed Rs 80 per kg in many cities on Friday, including nearly Rs 100/kg in Mumbai. Barely a month ago, Parliament had

amended the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to exclude onions — besides potatoes, edible oils, oilseed and pulses — from the list of essential commodities, thus freeing them from stock limits. Since then, possibly with the Bihar elections in mind, the government has acted twice towards controlling onion prices; it relaxed import norms on Wednesday, followed by Friday's reintroduction of the stock limit.

A look at the dynamics of onion prices and the impact of the government intervention:

Why have onion prices been rising? They have been rising since the last week

of August, as reports started coming in of massive losses to kharif onions caused by heavy rainfall in north Karnataka. This crop was meant to arrive after September and was expected to feed the markets until the arrival of the kharif crop from Maharashtra towards the end of October. There are three main onion crops - kharif

(June-July sowing, post-October harvest), late kharif (September sowing, post-December harvest), and rabi (December-January sowing, post-March harvest). The rabi crop has the least moisture content, making it amenable to storage. Farmers, especially in Maharashtra, store it in on-field structures called kanda chawls to protect it from moisture and light. This crop feeds the markets till the next one arrives.

The heavy rain in September not only destroyed the new crop in Karnataka but also took a toll on stored onions in states like Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. Farmers in Maharashtra alone had marketable onions, having stored around 28 lakh tonnes at the start of summer. But even Maharashtra farm-



At APMC market in Navi Mumbai on Friday. Narendra Vaskar

ONION RETAIL PRICES, OCT 23 Delhi ₹58/kg Mumbai ₹97/kg ₹83/kg Source: Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs

ers, in fact, have suffered more than their usual storage losses - 50-60% as against 30-40% normally. Rain in the onion belt of Ahmednagar, Nashik and Pune had caused water seepage into the structures.

Also, agriculture officers say, the shelf life of the onion is lower this year due to overuse of urea by farmers. "Last year, onion prices were good and farmers were extra-indulgent with urea to increase yield. Unfortunately, this reduces the shelf life of onions," an officer said.

season was 10 lakh hectares as against 7 lakh hectares of 2018-19. But the additional wastage has constrained supply.

The national acreage for rabi onions last

Of the 28 lakh tonnes stored in

Maharashtra, around 10-11 lakh tonnes remain now. The yearly consumption of onions in India is slated to be 160 lakh tonnes with Maharashtra alone consuming around 4,000-6,000 tonnes per day.

How has the government reacted to this?

The Centre applied the first brakes on rising prices on September 14, when it banned the export of onions. This was done when the amendment to Essential Commodities Act 1955 took away the power of the government to put stock limits on onions and a few other commodities. Stock limits have been a potent weapon for controlling prices. But even after the export ban, prices continued to rise due to a supply-demand mismatch. Last week, income tax officers from Pune inspected the books of nine principal traders in Nashik.

This was followed by the relaxation of import norms on Wednesday, to allow easy shipping in from Iran, Turkey and other onion-producing nations. In Mumbai, the Vashi wholesale market got 600 tonnes of onions, which made its way to markets in South India.

And on Friday, the government reintroduced the stock limit. Wholesale traders are

onion, and retail traders up to 2 tonnes. These limits were set after taking into consideration the rise in prices year-on-year.

Will imports help bring prices down?

The landed cost of onions from Iran at Mumbai port works out to around Rs 35 per kg. Taking into consideration transport, handling and other charges, the final retail cost for such onions come to around Rs 40-45 per kg. However, traders said the demand for onions from Iran comes from the hotel and hospitality industry rather than from the retail buyer. Such onions, they point out, lack pungency and are larger than Indian ones.

In its statement, the Centre has expressed hope that the kharif crop will soon hit the markets which will help in cooling down the prices. However, reports of heavy crop losses have started coming in from Nashik due to exceptionally heavy rainfall in the last few days. Farmers say the rain has not only damaged the almost market-ready crop but also taken a toll on the nurseries where farmers were raising saplings for the late kharif and rabi crops.

feel that chances of Maharashtra's crop arriving by the first or second week of November are slim. "It's mostly going to be delayed until the end of November," said Suresh Deshmukh, a commission agent operating out of the wholesale market in Dindori, MP.

Given the crop damage, market sources

While the imports can see prices move downward in the short term, most say the real price correction can happen only when the new crop hits the market. That will be only post-November.

What are the prospects for the next crop? Farmers and agricultural officers have

talked about a dire shortage of onion seeds, which can cast a shadow on the all-important rabi season. Normally, farmers generate their own seeds by allowing a portion of the crop to flower and then produce seeds. However, this season, they skipped this step and sold their entire crop in view of the good prices being offered. Non-availability of good seeds has caused concerns and the available seeds are being sold at a premium.

Is death in Brazil a blow to AstraZeneca vaccine?

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI OCTOBER 23

A PARTICIPANT in the late-stage clinical trials of AZD1222, the Covid-19 vaccine developed by The University of Oxford and Swedish-British drugmaker AstraZeneca, has died in Brazil. What does this mean for the closely watched vaccine candidate - a version of which is at the forefront of India's own Covid-19 vaccine race?

What happened at the trial, and why is it important?

The volunteer for the trial in Brazil died this week, according to the country's health surveillance agency, ANVISA. While the regulator, University of Oxford and AstraZeneca did not elaborate further, a report by CNN Brasil said the volunteer was a 28-year-old man living in Rio de Janeiro and had died of Covid-19 complications.

The vaccine uses a weakened common cold chimpanzee virus to carry instructions to create the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, like a Trojan horse. The spike protein is the part of the virus that allows it to infect

humans in the first place. The body's immune system is expected to recognise this spike protein as a threat, and develop antibodies to fight it, so that it will be ready to attack the real virus if infection happens.

Brazil is among the major sites for testing this vaccine globally, with phase 3 human trials there enrolling around 5,000 volunteers. The participants were either given the Covid-19 vaccine or were administered doses of a previously approved vaccine against meningitis - a viral, bacterial or fungal infection that causes inflammation of the brain and spinal cord membranes.

Does the death mean the vaccine is unsafe?

From the information available so far, it does not mean the vaccine is unsafe. According to reports, the participant was not given AZD1222, which would mean that his death was not a result of the vaccine.

AstraZeneca has said that this issue, like all significant medical events, was "carefully assessed" by trial investigators, an independent safety monitoring committee, and regulatory authorities.

"These assessments have not led to any



Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine given to a volunteer in trial in Pune. Express A rchive

concerns about continuation of the ongoing study," the company has said in a statement.

But have there not been other issues at

trials with this vaccine?

world as a result.

This is the first reported death during this trial. Previously, the vaccine candidate had hit a roadblock in September, when a participant in the UK reportedly given the Covid-19 vaccine developed a serious adverse reaction. The trials were put on pause across the

Following reviews that led investigators, a safety monitoring board and the UK government to conclude that the reaction was not caused by the vaccine, trials have resumed at most sites except in the US. The US Food and Drug Administration is still looking into this adverse event and is yet to approve the restart of the trials there.

How are trials in India progressing? Pune-headquartered Serum Institute of

India (SII) has an agreement with AstraZeneca to manufacture this vaccine for low- and middle-income countries. It is currently conducting late-stage trial of the candidate in India targeting around 1,600 participants. The UK incident had led to a brief paused in the trial in India, too, but it has now resumed.

What happens to the trial in Brazil?

Brazil's regulator has said that the trial will continue. Testing would have been suspended if the participant had been vaccinated with the Covid-19 candidate. However, as it has been suggested that this person was part of the meningitis vaccine control group, there is no question of the trial being halted as a result of this death.

Tocilizumab: initial excitement, disappointing trials, yet trusted by many

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TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI. OCTOBER 23

A STUDY published this week suggests that the drug tocilizumab may not prevent mortality in Covid-19 patients. It is the second such study on this drug. And tocilizumab is the second drug, after hydroxychloroquine, that had quickly earned global popularity as a Covid-19 treatment before its efficacy came under question in the wake of poor trial outcomes.

Between May and July, tocilizumab was widely used across India for moderately ill Covid-19 patients. Even today, doctors are divided on its efficacy against Covid-19.

What is tocilizumab?

It is an immunosuppressant, commonly $used \, for \, rheumatoid \, arthritis, and \, marketed \,$ as Actemra by Swiss pharma company Roche. It was repurposed in January to fight severe lung infection in Covid-19 patients. Once it reached India by April-end, many Indian doctors initially reposed faith in the drug, some even calling it a "miracle drug". At one point, demand was so high that patients had to wait for days to get a vial.

Roche supplied it to Cipla, which supplied to distributors and hospitals. Mumbai a queue of 200-300 people daily to buy the drug. Then came the two study results.

had three distributors and each witnessed

What are the latest findings?

On October 21, the New England Journal Medicine published a study on 243 patients that found tocilizumab was not effective in preventing death in moderately ill, hospitalised Covid-19 patients. At the end of 14 days, those given tocilizumab had no significant clinical improvements, except fewer serious infections, compared to those not administered the drug. While 18% of the patients in the tocilizumab group had worsening of disease against 14.9% in the placebo group, 24.6% were still on oxygen support in the tocilizumab group against 21.2% in the other group.

What were the previous findings?

On July 29, Roche published results of a phase-III trial, called Covacta, which found that tocilizumab did not meet the primary endpoint of clinical improvement or the secondary endpoint of reduction in mortality. Since then, the drug's demand has plummeted. The trial was on severely infected Covid-19 patients with pneumonia. At the end of four weeks, it found no significant difference between outcomes in the group given tocilizumab and in the placebo group. or in the percentage of people who had died. There was, however, a faster discharge rate in patients administered tocilizumab. On September 18, Roche published results

of another phase III trial, Empacta. These results were slightly more encourag-

ing: 44% of patients given tocilizumab are less likely to progress into ventilation requirement, but there was again no difference in mortality rates.

To what extent is it still being used?

In a web seminar of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations in September, Dr Severin Schwan, Chief Executive Officer of Roche, said the company has not reduced supply of tocilizumab after the July 29 trial results. "We are using it in com-

are awaited. There is enough supply," Dr Schwan said. While some doctors continue to give it to patients, others have ceased to do so after the trial results. J B Mantri, Joint Commissioner in Maharashtra's Food and

bination with other drugs and trial results

Drug Administration (FDA), said demand for the drug has plummeted since August. Until July-end, 12,000 vials of tocilizumab had been consumed in Maharashtra. "After that, there is negligible demand for Covid-19 patients," Mantri said.

Dr Gunjan Chanchalani, Head Intensivist in Mumbai's Bhatia Hospital, said, "I have reduced use of tocilizumab. And the patient outcome has not got affected much in its absence." Doctors also point to the cost - a400-mg dose costsRs 40,500, and not every patient can afford multiple doses.

And yet, one section of doctors continue to prescribe tocilizumab.

Roche has partnered with

Why are some doctors continuing with tocilizumab?

Gilead Sciences for another trial. Remdata, of tocilizumab in combination with the antiviral remdesivir, manufactured by Gilead. Although the results of the trial, which began in June with 450 patients, are not yet out, doctors are optimistic based on their anecdotal experience.

Pulmonologist Dr Jalil Parkar said remdesivir-tocilizumab combination has

of time". "One must understand that trials look for a specific outcome and select a specific pool of people. We can't say the drug failed because the specific outcome was not achieved. I have treated more than 1,000 patients and clinical acumen has taught us better use of tocilizumab now," he said. In April, Dr Parkar was the first in India

"turned around patients if used in the nick

to use tocilizumab, on a 52-year-old Covid patient in Lilavati Hospital. Then in short supply, the drug was imported. The patient died despite plasma therapy and three doses of tocilizumab. But Parkar insists that only a delay can render the drug ineffective.

Dr Mohan Joshi, Dean of Sion Hospital, mentioned favourable outcomes in patients given tocilizumab as part of a trial study in Nair Hospital. Dr Balkrishna Adsul, Dean of Seven Hills Hospital, said he has treated 900 patients with tocilizumab. "Whatever the trial results say, if given on time this drug helps improve oxygen saturation level in 24 to 48 hours." Dr Adsul agreed that the drug is not useful in all patients, and said he uses it in just 3-4% of hospitalised Covid-19 patients along with remdesivir. "The key is using it at the right time for the right person," Adsul said.

What are the alternatives?

Remdesivir has not yet fallen out of

New Delhi

favour, although results of the World Health Organization (WHO) Solidarity trial found this drug — and a few other treatments including hydroxychloroquine - were not effective in preventing mortality. On Thursday, remdesivir became the first drug to get US FDA approval for Covid-19 treatment. Until now US FDA has only given emergency-use authorisation to treatments for Covid-19. Many doctors find remdesivir effective if used early. Plasma convalescent therapy too remains

under debate. An Indian Council of Medical Research trial (PLACID) on 464 patients in 39 hospitals has found this therapy ineffective in preventing mortality. Experts have, however, questioned these results as the donors were not selected on the basis of neutralising antibodies present in their plasma.

Dr Jayanthi Shastri, Head Microbiologist in Mumbai's Kasturba Laboratory, said ever since the test became available, they are now selecting donors based on antibody titres and history of symptoms to ensure good-quality plasma. Several hospitals also insist on testing donors before extracting their plasma to ensure the antibodies are effective.

The steroid dexamethasone and the blood thinner heparin too are being used for treatment of Covid-19.

The number of dead seals found washed ashore on the coast of Namibia has risen to more than 7,000, non-profit group Ocean Conservation Namibia (OCN) said Friday. OCN said last week thousands of dead seal pups had washed ashore at Pelican Point peninsula, a tourist destination known for its colony of seals. The reason for the deaths have not yet been established.



Edward Snowden

RUSSIA

Snowden gets permanent residency in Russia: lawyer

FORMER US security contractor Edward Snowden has been granted permanent residency in Russia, his lawyer said Thursday. Snowden, a former contractor with the US National Security Agency, has been living in Russia since 2013 to escape prosecution in the US after leaking classified documents detailing government surveillance programs. "Today, Snowden was handed a residency permit for an unlimited period of time," his Russian lawyer Anatoly Kucherena told Russia's state Tass news agency. Kucherena saidthe application was submitted in April, but because of the pandemic, it more time to consider it. AP

AUSTRALIA

Nationwide child exploitation probe: 44 held

AUSTRALIAN POLICE said on Friday they charged 44 men with possessing and producing child-abuse material after a year-long investigation into dissemination of abhorrent content on the internet. Police also removed 16 children from harm in an operation that saw arrests in almost all of the country's eight states and territories, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said in a statement. The AFP said it began the investigation after receiving a report that thousands of people were using an unspecified cloud storage platform to spread childabuse material. REUTERS

GERMANY

Hitler speeches sell at auction despite objection

HANDWRITTEN SPEECH notes by Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler sold at auction in Munich on Friday despite concerns from Jewish groups they could encourage neo-Nazis. The Hermann Historica auction house defended the sale of the manuscripts, all dated before the outbreak of World War II, saying they were of historical significance and belong preserved in a museum. The documents all sold to anonymous bidders for well above their starting prices. AP

In final Trump-Biden showdown, less chaos but plenty of clashes

Candidates offer starkly divergent views on Covid, health care, climate

ALEXANDER BURNS & JONATHAN MARTIN OCTOBER 23

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump and Joe Biden delivered starkly divergent closing arguments to the country in the final presidential debate Thursday, offering opposite prognoses for the coronavirus pandemic and airing irreconcilable differences on subjects from rescuing the economy and bolstering the health care system to fighting climate change and re-

shaping the immigration system. The debate was, on the whole, a more restrained affair than the first encounter between the two candidates last month, when Trump harangued Biden for most of an hour and a half and effectively short-circuited any policy debate. But if the tenor of Thursday's forum was more sedate, the conflict in matters of substance and vision could not have been more dramatic.

From the opening minutes, the two candidates took opposing stances on the pandemic, with Trump promising, in defiance of evidence, that the disease was 'going away" while Biden called for much more aggressive federal action in a "dark winter" ahead.

Trump, who badgered Biden

with increasing aggression over the course of the debate, appeared determined to cast his opponent as a career politician who was, as he jabbed toward the end of the debate, "all talk and no action." And the President used the event as his most prominent platform yet for airing unsubstantiated attacks about the finances of Biden and members of his family.

Trump, however, did little to lay out an affirmative case for his own re-election, or to explain in clear terms what he would hope to do with another four years in the White House. He frequently misrepresented the facts of his own record, and Biden's. And on his most important political vulnerability – his mismanagement



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Little has changed for candidates

TRUMP'S PERFORMANCE in the first debate, in which he repeatedly interrupted Biden, had a negative impact on his chances in the two crucial swing states of Florida and Pennsylvania, according to a New York Times/Siena College poll. But Thursday's debate is not likely to hurt his campaign, experts say. Biden's performance was also deemed adequate enough for it to not have a negative impact on his presidential bid. This means nothing has changed in terms of forecasts for the Nov 3 election, with Biden still maintaining a substantial lead over Trump, ac-

unswervingly to a message that happy days are nearly here again. Biden, for his part, stuck to the

core of the argument that has propelled his campaign from the start, denouncing Trump as a divisive leader who botched the federal response to the pandemic. Though Trump pushed him onto the defensive repeatedly, Biden also laid out a fuller version of his own policy agenda than he managed in the first debate, calling for large-scale economic stimulus spending, new aid to states battling Covid-19 and a muscular expansion of health care and worker benefits nationwide. NYT

cording most major polls. of the pandemic — Trump hewed

Trump and Biden during their last presidential debate in Nashville, Tennessee, Thursday. Reuters

KEY OUOTES: 'WE'RE ROUNDING THE CORNER' vs 'DARK WINTER'

On Covid-19

TRUMP: "We're fighting it and we're fighting it hard... We're rounding the corner. It's going away.

BIDEN: "Anyone who's responsible for that many deaths should not remain as president of United States of America... We're about to go into a dark winter, and he has no clear plan.'

JULIAN E BARNES

& DAVIDE SANGER

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 23

PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin of

 $Russia \, is \, most \, likely \, continuing \, to \,$

approve and direct interference

operations aimed at raising

President Trump's re-election

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cluded, a signal that intelligence

agencies continue to back their as-

sessment of Russian activities de-

of chaos and bloodshed will re-

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CHINESE LEADER Xi Jinping con-

demned "unilateralism, protec-

tionism and extreme egoism" in

a iab at the United States made

during a rally Friday to mark the

BEIJING, OCTOBER 23

The assessment was dissem-

spite the President's attacks.

ON OIL INDUSTRY BIDEN: "I would transition

from the oil industry... Because the oil industry pollutes, significantly.'

TRUMP: "Will you remember that, Texas? Will you remember that, Pennsylvania?'

ON RACE

TRUMP: "(I've done) the

Putin most likely directing election

interference to aid Trump, says CIA

inated in support of sanctions

imposed this month on Andriy

Derkach, a pro-Russian

Ukrainian lawmaker who has

spread information critical of Joe

Biden. It is consistent with intel-

ligence officials' warning to law-

makers in January that Russia

was interfering on Trump's be-

TALKS ON FOR WIDER AGREEMENT ON LASTING END TO YEARS OF BLOODSHED

Warring Libyan rivals sign ceasefire deal

Russian

President

Vladimir

criminal justice reform bill, prison reform, opportunity zones, I took care of Black colleges and universities.'

BIDEN: "(Trump) pours fuel on every single racist fire. He started off his campaign coming down the escalator saying he's getting rid of those Mexican 'rapists'. He's banned Muslims because they're Muslims."

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Republicans and eventually

helped oust Joseph Maguire

from his post as acting director

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gree of certainty than its 2016 as-

sessment of Putin's preferences,

in part because the intelligence

community appears to lack in-

tercepted communications con-

firming his direction of

Derkach's efforts. Putin, a former

intelligence agent, is careful not

to use electronic devices. NYT

The CIA has moderate confi-

of national intelligence.

Trump: Sudan will join UAE, Bahrain in recognising Israel

DEBRIECHMANN & MATTHEW LEE WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 23

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump announced Friday that Sudan will start to normalise ties with Israel, making it the third Arab state to do so as part of US-brokered deals

in the run-up to Election Day. The deal, which would deepen Sudan's engagement with the West, follows Trump's conditional agreement this week to remove the North African nation from the list of state sponsors of terrorism if it pays compensation to American victims of terror attacks.

It also delivers a foreign policy achievement for Trump just days before the US election and boosts his embattled ally, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Recently, the US brokered diplomatic pacts between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

"This is one of the great days in the history of Sudan," Trump said, adding that Israel and Sudan have been in a state of war for decades.

"It is a new world." Netanyahu said over the phone. "We are cooperating with everyone. Building a better future for all of us."



Sudan PM Hamdok thanked Trump for removing Sudan from the terrorism list ahead of normalisation of ties with Israel

Trump's announcement, the morning after the final presidential debate with Democrat Joe Biden, came after Sudan followed through on its pledge to deliver \$335 million to compensate American victims of past terror attacks and their families. The removal of the terror des-

ignation opens the door for Sudan to get international loans and aid needed to revive its battered economy and rescue the country's transition to democracy. Sudan's PM Abdalla Hamdok

thanked Trump for removing Sudan from the terrorism list and said he hoped to complete the process in a "timely manner". AP

New US Covid cases in single day near record

LISA SHUMAKER & MARIA CASPANI CHICAGO, OCTOBER 23

THE NUMBER of new Covid-19 cases reported in the United States on Thursday was the second highest on record, coming in just short of their midsummer peak as the spread of the novel coronavirus accelerates in nearly every region of the country.

Cases, hospitalisations and deaths are all accelerating as cooler weather descends on much of the country. With 76,195 new cases on Thursday, the United States was approaching its one-day record high of 77,299 new cases on

July 16, according to a Reuters US Health Secretary Alex

Azar attributed the increase in cases to behavior of individuals, saying household gatherings have become a "major vector of disease spread." Asked about an assertion by

President Donald Trump during Thursday night's presidential debate that the United States is 'rounding the turn" on coronavirus, Azar told CNN that Trump was trying to provide hope to Americans waiting for therapeutics and a vaccine, "But we do need to acknowledge, and he does acknowledge, that we're in a very serious moment right now," Azar said. REUTERS

Sri Lanka Parliament votes to strengthen presidential powers

WARUNA KARUNATILAKE COLOMBO, OCTOBER 23

SRI LANKAN lawmakers approved amendments to the constitution that strengthened the powers of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and took away Parliament's role in making key appointments such as judges and the police chief. The new amendments were

passed by Parliament late on Thursday with a two-thirds majority after a raucous twoday debate. Rajapaksa, a former defence

chief who oversaw the military defeat of Tamil separatists a decade ago, swept to power last November and has since consolidated control.

In August, his party overwhelmingly won a parliamentary



Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

election on an election plank that included doing away with a previous constitutional amendment in 2015 that had put more power in the legislature's hands. The government has argued

that strengthening the president's powers was required for better governance. Under the new law, Sri

Lanka's President will have the power to dissolve the legislature any time after it crosses the halfway mark of its five-year term.

The opposition has criticised the move, and some wore red $arm\text{-}bands \, in \, protest, \textbf{REUTERS}$

A first commercial **REUTERS** GENEVA, OCTOBER 23 passenger flight in over a year crossed frontlines LIBYA'S WARRING sides signed a from Tripoli to land in permanent ceasefire deal on Friday, but any lasting end to years Benghazi on Friday

quire wider agreement among would start immediately and myriad armed groups and the outthat under the agreement all forside powers that support them. eign fighters must quit Libya Acting UN envoy Stephanie Williams said the ceasefire within three months, while a

new joint police force would patrol disputed areas. As a first commercial passen-

ger flight in more than a year crossed frontlines from Tripoli to land in the eastern city of Benghazi on Friday, Williams hailed both sides for reaching a deal.

China as a major player on the

world stage and Friday's com-

memorations closely fit with Xi's

drive to promote patriotism and

the unquestioned leadership of

of unilateralism, protectionism

and extreme egoism leads

"In today's world, the pursuit

the ruling Communist Party.

"The road was long and difficult at times. Your patriotism was your way forward and you were able to reach a ceasefire agreement," she said after the

signing ceremony. The talks come after the inter-

nationally recognised Government of National Accord in June beat back Khalifa Haftar's easternbased Libyan National Army following its 14-month assault on the capital. Since then, front lines have stabilised west of the central city of Sirte and eastern forces ended an 8-month blockade of Libyan oil output and exports that was strangling state finances.

"Arrogance, always doing as

one pleases, acts of hegemony,

overbearance or bullying will

lead nowhere," Xi said, accord-

ing to comments released by the

China's relations with the US

have sunk to their lowest level

in decades. AP

The anniversary comes as

official Xinhua News Agency.



body slaps fresh corruption case on Nawaz Sharif

Xi takes jabs at US in Korean War anniversary **SAJJAD HUSSAIN** ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 23

PAKISTAN'S ANTI-CORRUPTION body has slapped a fresh corruption case on former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, compounding the legal woes of the embattled Opposition leader who has frequently attacked the powerful military as well as the government.

Sharif, the 70-year-old supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) who was ousted from power in 2017 by the Supreme Court on corruption charges, is currently in London for medical treatment.

The National Accountability Bureau also approved cases against Sharif's ex-personal secretary Fawad Hasan Fawad, former federal minister Ahsan Iqbal, former foreign secretary Aizaz Chaudhry and former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Aftab Sultan, Dawn newspaper reported.

On Thursday, a total of 11 cases were approved at NAB's Executive Board Meeting (EBM) presided over by its chairman, retired Justice Javed Jobal.

According to the NAB, a fresh case was approved against Sharif along with Chaudhry, Sultan and Fawad for "illegally" purchasing 73 high-security vehicles for the security of foreign dignitaries.

They are accused of favouritism and illegal use of vehicles, causing a loss of over Rs 1,952 million to the exchequer. PTI

stalemate, the war established 70th anniversary of China's ennowhere," Xi said.

try into the 1950-53 Korean War.

Although fighting ended in a

Chinese

President

Xi Jinping

The rich in New York confront an unfamiliar word: No

THE PANDEMIC SENT INEQUALITY SOARING, BUT THE RICH NOW FIND THEY CAN'T BEND THE WORLD TO THEIR WILL

GINIA BELLAFANTE OCTOBER 23

ON MONDAY, a group of Upper West Siders who had organised against the placement of 235 homeless men in a residential hotel in their neighbourhood received some unwelcome news. On the morning the men were supposed to move far downtown, a judge ruled that they could remain where they were. Relocating would be too disruptive and traumatic to people piecing their lives back together amid a pandemic

Until that point, it seemed the antagonists had civic power on their side; self-interest was com-

ing up ahead as it so often does. Last month, Mayor Bill de Blasio agreed to get the homeless men out of the complainants' way removing them from the Labradoodle serenity of the area, where a vocal minority was maintaining that their lives had been upended by ugliness and disorder.

The idea that it would take at least a month before the homeless men could be relocated prompted rage in a closed Facebook group, where little effort was made to conceal the most unsettling prejudices.

As one woman, a corporate executive, theorised, the men probably sought to stay in the neighbourhood, not in pursuit of



Homeless advocates painted slogans at the townhouse of the lawyer leading the charge to remove homeless men from a hotel in New York's Upper West Side. NYT

some stability but rather because there are "lots of stores to shoplift from" and "unmanned

vestibules they can vandalise." In fact, the overall crime rate in the neighborhood over the past month is down from the same period last year; there have been no murders, no shootings.

The anger among some of those opposed to the temporary shelter wasn't just that they hadn't been given what they wanted but that they didn't get what they paid for. In this instance, they had hired an expensive lawver. Randv Mastro, a former deputy mayor to Rudy Giuliani, to help them get the unhoused out of view. Now in their private social media postings they wondered where he was and what he had really done for them.

sufficient enough to ignite the fury protesters, who defaced Mastro's townhouse this week.

Clearly his contributions were

The fight over sheltering exemplifies just one of the ways the pandemic has deepened the class divide, while paradoxically revealing that old-style transactionalism no longer reliably yielded the same gifts. The privileged were now playing on a game board that had changed.

This bewildered entitlement is not confined to those hoping to buy their way to a version of the Upper West Side that felt like Westchester. It was echoed by parents in New York's privateschool world, as plans for reopening were announced in August. Many schools — because of teacher resistance, building constraints and so on — were not struction five days a week. This infuriated many parents, who believed that their high tu-

going to be able to offer live in-

ition fees ought to serve as a hedge against inconvenience during a global crisis. During the seven months the

pandemic has had us by the scruff, millions of people have been propelled into crises of joblessness grief, fear, faith, poverty, dislocation. But even as the rich have managed to accelerate their gains in a perpetual war against fairness, the victories have become more complicated. This has become especially obvious at the level of urban policy, where the disparity is the most pronounced. NYT

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GST COMPENSATION DEFICIT: BORROWING AT 5.19%, TENOR LIKELY TO BE 3-5 YEARS

Govt kickstarts market borrowing, transfers 76K cr to 16 states, 2 UTs

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

BEGINNING THE process of market borrowing to meet the comand Services Tax (GST) regime, the Centre has borrowed and transferred Rs 6.000 crore to 16 states and two union territories, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir, the Finance Ministry said on Friday. Out of these 16 states and 2 UTs,

tion, it said. The borrowing has been done at an interest rate of 5.19 per cent, implying the same rate for states in the back-to-back loan arrangement. Tenor of borrowing is likely

five states did not have any short-

fall on account of GST compensa-

to be 3-5 years, it said. Twenty one states and two

FINMIN INTENDS TO RELEASE 76K CR EVERY WEEK

Of these 16 states and 2 UTs, five states did not have any shortfall on account of GST compensation. ■ Twenty one states and

two union territories have opted for this special window involving back-to-back borrowing coordinated by the Ministry of Finance.

union territories have opted for this special window involving back-to-back borrowing coordinated by the Ministry of Finance. The ministry intends to release Rs 6,000 crore to the states every

"Today, the central government borrowed and transferred Rs 6,000 crore as first tranche to 16 states namely Andhra Pradesh, ■The Ministry intends to release Rs 6,000 crore to the states every week. ■The Finance Ministry had last week said the Centre would borrow from the market and then act as an intermediary to arrange back-to-back loans to pay the shortfall of Rs 1.1 lakh crore to states.

Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and two union territories: UT of Delhi and UT of Jammu and Kashmir," it

In a sharp retraction of its earlier position, the Finance Ministry would borrow from the market and then act as an intermediary to arrange back-to-back loans to pay the GST compensation shortfall of Rs 1.1 lakh crore to state governments. This arrangement will not reflect in the fiscal deficit

capital receipts for state govern-Some states such as Kerala, Punjab and Chhattisgarh have insisted on further clarifications and a no-strings attached borrowing mechanism along with asking to include the balance compensation deficit amount beyond the proposed borrowing of Rs 1.10 lakh crore also under the ambit of the back-to-back loan mechanism. Kerala's Finance Minister Thomas Isaac on Thursday had

conditional borrowing in the 2% borrowing already permitted. Let the GST Council meet and continue the dialogue.'

The total GST revenue shortfall for the current fiscal was estimated to be Rs 3 lakh crore, of which compensation cess collection was estimated to be Rs 65,000 crore, leaving a compensation deficit of Rs 2.35 lakh crore. Of this Rs 2.35 lakh crore, Rs 1.1 lakh crore shortfall has been estimated on account of GST implementation, while the rest of the amount is being estimated as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In August, the Centre gave two options to the states — either borrow Rs 97,000 crore from a special window facilitated by the RBI or borrow Rs 2.35 lakh crore from the market. The options have since been revised to Rs 1.10 lakh crore and Rs 1.8 lakh crore, respectively.

Former NCLAT Chairperson joins advisory board of the group he once hauled up the National Company Law Tribu-**During his tenure as**

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

FORMER NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Chairperson and retired Supreme Court judge Justice SJ Mukhopadhaya has been appointed to a 17-member global advisory board of the Gupta Family Group (GFG) alliance. The new board will help the alliance "in delivering its strategic priorities and achieving best practice in environment, social and governance", the alliance said in a state-

During his tenure as the NCLAT Chairperson, Justice Mukhopadhaya had presided over some cases of insolvency and bankruptcy, in which the Liberty House group was a bidder for insolvent companies.

The GFG Alliance which has the Liberty Steel Group, the Alvance Aluminium Group and the SIMEC Energy Group under its umbrella, had announced the appointment of these 17 experts on October 13. Justice Mukhopadhaya is the only appointee from India on the global board.

Mails sent to the GFG Alliance, seeking details about what would be the scope of work of Justice Mukhopadhaya and his tenure reNCLAT Chairperson, **Justice SJ** Mukhopadhaya had presided over some cases of insolvency and bankruptcy, in which **Liberty House group** was a bidder for insolvent companies

mained unanswered. Justice Mukhopadhaya, who was appointed as the first chairperson of NCLAT in 2016, had retired on March 13 this year, having completed his tenure.

The NCLAT has remained without an appointed head ever since. Justice Bansi Lal Bhat, a former judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, took over as the acting chairperson of NCLAT on March 15 and has been heading the appellate tribunal since then. He is likely to continue as the acting chairperson until at least December 31 this year, senior officials said.

Officials at the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), the nodal ministry for appointment of members to the NCLAT as well as

nal (NCLT), said they were not aware of Justice Mukhopadhaya's appointment to the GFG Alliance board. The officials, however, added there was no rule which mandates MCA being informed.

"There is no prescribed cooling-off period or the requirement of informing the MCA as such. Once a member retires after their tenure, what they do is none of our concern. There is no rule for informing the MCA either," a senior official said.

One such company, for which the Liberty House had bid and then withdrawn its offer was Amtek Auto.

The corporate insolvency resolution process of the company, which remains pending more than three years after it was initiated, had seen Justice Mukhopadhaya pulling up the Liberty House group for not following through with its resolution plan.

"You are a failure party ... all the time dragging your feet. You are in bad reputation. We will not allow you to take advantage of the appellate tribunal," a two-member Bench of the NCLAT, then headed by Justice Mukhopadhaya had observed.

> Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Eye on offline market, Flipkart buys 7.8% in Aditya Birla Fashion

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 23

WALMART-OWNED E-COMM-ERCE company Flipkart has picked a 7.8 per cent stake in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd (ABFRL) for Rs 1,500 crore in a deal that comes at a time when the retail sector has witnessed an uptick in M&A transactions, with sectoral analysts expecting more such deals to be announced in the near future.

Flipkart Group runs e-commerce platforms Flipkart and Myntra, and is the market leader in the online fashion category, while ABFRL houses lifestyle brands such as Allen Solly, Peter England, Van Heusen in addition to the Pantaloons chain of multibrand stores. The deal is part of a trend where online retailers are entering into financial and strategic partnerships with offline retailers to expand their presence.

"As far as India is concerned. the penetration of online is very small. So for them to grow their business and get customers experience their products, they need physical presence and the FDI regulations come in their way," said Arvind Singhal, CMD of retail consultancy firm Technopak,

Sources in know of the deal also pointed out that Flipkart and ABFRL will need to find a way around India's foreign direct investment (FDI) norms, which bar any entity in which an e-commerce firm or its group companies have a stake from selling on their online platform.

Through this transaction with ABFRL, we will work towards making available a wide range of products for fashion-conscious consumers across different retail formats across the country," said Kalyan Krishnamurthy, CEO, Flipkart Group.

In a statement, ABFRL said that it plans to use this capital to strengthen its balance sheet and 'accelerate its growth trajectory". "This deal also provides a tremendous opportunity to build scale of existing brands and expand its brand portfolio into emerging Dikshit, MD, ABFRL.

COVID-19 IMPACT

said, "Having reached a consen-

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and states can reach a consensus

on how much to borrow. Extend

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'High cost, low priority to hit sales growth of electric vehicles'

The pandemic is likely to delay the penetration of electric vehicles (EVs), as low affordability and the government's priority to revive conventional auto industry takes the focus away from EVs in the interim, rating firm Ind-Ra said

PV SEGMENT: The passenger vehicles (PVs) segment of e-mobility will face a double

Consumers would be wary to buy a costlier EV than an internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle

manufacturers (OEMs) would

refrain from incurring high

Original equipment

capital expenditure

whammy, as

20% Possible year-on-year decline in sales automobile industry could see in FY21 amid reduced affordability and lower economic activities due to pandemic

'May take years to regain lost GDP' line with our expectations. This

RBI MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBALOCTOBER 23

MONETARY Committee (MPC)of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has indicated that it "may take years" to regain the lost GDP output. On the other hand, the RBI panel, according to the minutes released on Friday, has signaled that there's "space for future rate cuts" if the inflation evolves in line with expectations.

"There exists space for future

Output recovery THE OUTLOOK for growth

and inflation for the next 3-4 quarters suggests the need for a policy environment enabling recovery of output.

rate cuts if the inflation evolves in

space needs to be used judiciously to support recovery in growth," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said. The ongoing transmission of past monetary policy actions would help ease financial conditions further, Das said in the minutes released by the RBI.

Meanwhile, the RBI's central board Friday held a meet to discuss, among other things, the economic situation. The meeting deliberated on issues concerning

BRIEFLY ——

PM to interact with CEOs of oil and gas firms

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact via video conference with CEOs of leading global oil and gas companies on Monday at an annual event organised by the NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Govt to sell up to 15% stake in RVNLvia OFS

New Delhi: The government is planning to sell up to 15 per cent stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) and has invited bids from merchant bankers for managing the share sale process.

India gets Chairmanship of ILO body

New Delhi: After a gap of 35 years, India assumed the Chairmanship of Governing Body of International Labour Organization (ILO), with Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra being elected to the post from October 2020 to June 2021, a Labour Ministry statement said Friday. PTI

Veggie burgers are still burgers, rules EU

Brussels: Voting to reject proposals backed by farmers, the European Parliament said on Friday that restaurants and shops in the European Union should be allowed to label products as 'veggie burgers' or 'vegan sausages', while calling for more curbs on labelling of plant-based dairy substitutes. **REUTERS**

Gilead's remdesivir first drug to get Covid treatment nod in US

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE UNITED States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday approved Veklury (remdesivir), an antiviral developed and patented by Gilead Sciences, for Covid-19 treatment of hospitalised adults and children above the age of 12 years. This is the first and only treatment so far to receive the American drug regulator's approval for Covid-19.

The nod, coming a week after interim results of a global trial sponsored by the World Health Organization(WHO)said remdesivir was ineffective in preventing Covid-19 deaths in hospitals, was given on the basis of other trials. Remdesivir, like other repur-

posed drugs, had been administered to patients across the world on the basis of emergency use approvals by regulators in various countries, including India, Veklury has been approved or authorised for temporary use as a Covid-19 treatment in nearly 50 countries, according to Gilead Sciences.

"The approval of Veklury was supported by the agency's analysis of data from three randomized, controlled clinical trials that included patients hospitalized with mild-to-severe COVID-19," said a US FDA release on the matter.

The trials taken into account include the ACTT-1 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled

trial conducted by the National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious

Diseases. This trial looked at 1,062

hospitalised patients with mild-



The future of the drug is still being assessed in India. especially after the interim results of a WHO-sponsored trial last week. Express file

to-severe Covid-19 to evaluate how long it took them to recover within 29 days of being treated.

"The median time to recovery from Covid-19 was 10 days for the Veklury group compared to 15 days for the placebo group, a statistically significant difference. Overall, the odds of clinical improvement at Day 15 were also statistically significantly higher in the Veklury group when compared to the placebo group," stated the release.

Over five drug makers here, including Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Cipla and Hetero Healthcare, have signed agreements with Gilead to make and supply generic versions of the patented drug in India as well as many low- and middle-income nations. However, the future of the drug is still being assessed in India, especially after the interim results of the WHO-sponsored Solidarity Therapeutics trial last week that said remdesivir and other repurposed drugs under study seemed to have "little or no "This trial has just been put up

(made public), their interim resu-Its have been put up on the website. This has not yet been peer reviewed, however, we find that these drugs are not performing as we had expected," Dr Balram Bhargava, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research said on October 20, during a briefing on the actions taken by the government to tackle Covid-19.

"So, debate and discussion is ongoing at the national task force and the joint monitoring group and we will take into cognisance results of these trials and issue the advisories accordingly," he said.

Meanwhile, some Covid-19 doctors said they found the drug beneficial in cutting down treatment timelines in some cases. Others are waiting on the final results of the trial to take a call on if and how they will use this drug. The size of the remdesivir

market in India was pegged at around Rs 121,29 crore in the 12 months ended September, according to estimates by pharmaceutical market research firm AIOCD Awacs PharmaTrac. However, these calculations were made using data available for only four of the several remdesivir brands - Desrem (Mylan), Remdac (Zydus Cadila), Cipremi (Cipla) and Covifor (Hetero), which means the size of the market may actually be much higher.

Sales of remdesivir here have risen substantially – nearly 96 per cent in July-September for the four aforementioned brands – PharmaTrac data showed.

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The last date for submission of e-bid is 18th Nov. 2020 up to 17.00 hrs (IST). For more details please visit website www.tenderwizard.com/NMML, www.eprocure.gov.in and http://nehrumemorial.nic.in/e-tenders.html

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement) BESCOM invites tender vide Enquiry No.: BESCOM/GM(M&C) DGM(SG&EV)/BC-53/2020-21/ENQ-02 dated: 21-10-2020 for 'ProvidingTransaction Advisory Services along with Bid advisory services for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in BESCOM".

Issue of Bid Documents: From 03.11.2020 at 17:00 Hrs onwards. Last Date for submission of Queries through e-portal: Upto 09.11.2020, before 17:00 Hrs. Pre-bid meeting: On 10.11.2020 @ 11:00 Hrs. at Board Room, Corporate Office, BESCOM, Bangalore. Last date for bid submission: upto 18.11.2020, 17:00 Hrs. Opening of bid documents 19.11.2020, 17:30 Hrs. All the payments such as tender cost EMD, etc. shall be made through e-payment mode. Further, bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at 080-25501216 and 080-25501227 or website https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in

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NIT No.	Brief Works Description	Estimated Cost (INR, Lakhs)	Cost of EMD (INR, Lakhs)	Prebid Meeting Date	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Bid Opening
AEML/DTPS/ 2020-21/06	Refurbishment of Fire Tender MH 04 DT 548	42.18	0.50	29.10.2020 10:30 Hrs	04.11.2020 16:00 Hrs	11.11.2020 16:00 Hrs
AEML/DTPS/ 2020-21/07	Renovation of Coal Yards	98.00	1.00	29.10.2020 10:30 Hrs	04.11.2020 16:00 Hrs	05.11.2020 16:00 Hrs

Cost of each tender :- Rs. 1180 /- All Materials & Services will be as per AEML-Dahanu Specifications / BOQ.

For details with respect to Service/ Material, Qualifying Requirement, Terms & Conditions, Services / Submission of Tender Documents, etc. please visit our website: www.adanielectricity.com> Tenders > Open Tenders. The Tender document will be available on the above link from 24th Oct 2020. Tenderer must submit their bids online / electronically. Vendor should visit the website www.adanielectricity.com

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Sept crude oil processing rises over Aug but still below pre-Covid levels highest level in this fiscal, accordral gas also fell by 6.1 per cent and **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

TOTALCRUDE oil processed by domestic refiners in September was 8.8 per cent lower than the yearago period. However, it grew 9.6 ing to data released by the Petroleum Ministry on Friday. Domestic refiners cited high

inventory levels and low demand for petroleum products due to Covid-19 as the key reason behind low processing levels. Domestic production of crude oil and natu10.7 per cent, respectively, from September 2019. Domestic refiners processed 17,707 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) of crude oil in September, down 8.8 per cent from September 2020, but higher than the total crude processing of 16,150 TMT in August

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PERSONAL

I,VINOD BUDHRAJA S/O KRISHAN LAL BUDHRAJA R/O B-111,THIRD-FLOOR,DERAWAL NAGAR, DR. MUKHERJEE-NAGAR DEI HI-110009. CHANGEDMY NAMETO VINOD KUMAR BUDHRAJA.

0040552371-3

I,Siddharth S/o Satya Pal Hora R/o 50-D,3rd Floor,Block-BW SFS Flats, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Siddharth Arora 0040552392-8 Permanently.

I,Santosh Kumar,S/o Devendra Prasad Singh,R/o-72, Kumhar Mohalla Jasola-Village, Okhla,Delhi-25,chabged my $minor\,daughter \hbox{'s name to}\\$ Manaswi to Manaswi Kashyap, for all Purposes.

0040552392-6

I,Sanskriti D/o Naveen Kandpal R/o, 4/2912, Gali.no 1-A,Bihari Colony Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Sanskriti Kandpal for,all 0040552392-7

I,Sangeeta W/o Umesh Chand Sethi R/o House.No.E-182, Krishan Vihar, Delhi-110086, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Sangita in my Delhi Police Service-Record (PISNo.-28892862) and as Sangeeta SR in my 10th-Class Educational Documents.Correct name is 0040552361-8 Sangeeta.

I,SONALI,D/O MANOJ KUMARH.NO-496, SAWANI ESTATE, ALPHA-2, GREATER-NOIDA, UP-201310, changed my name to SONALI YADAV, all future purposes.

0040552352-4

I,SHIV KUMAR,S/o-DARSHAN LAL,R/o-504/9,JANTA-COLONY.CIRCULAR ROAD, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR DAUGHTER NIKKI(AGED-11YEARS) AND SHE SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS 0040552392-4 NANDNI.

I,Rinipreet Saini W/O-Ranjeet Singh Randhawa R/O-1440/586.Block-B.Surdas Colony, village-Tilpat Amarnagar Faridabad-121003,Haryana,have Changed my Name to Rinipreet Kaur 0040552361-3

I,RAJIB LOCHANA ACHARYA S/O-KARTICK CHANDRA ACHARYA,R/o-V, EKTA-APPARTMENT, FLAT-1A, MUNDKA, WEST/DELHI. DELHI-110041, changed my name to RAJIB LOCHAN ACHARYA, all future, purposes.

0040552352-5

I,No-14704194N,Naik Updesh Sharma,S/o Late Shri Suraj Kumar Sharma,C/o 56 APO, 2 NAGA Regt, PIN-910372 do hereby declare that my mother name is wrongly-recorded in my service-document as Sangita Sharma instead of the correct-name Sangeeta Devi. I am applying for correction. Objection, if any may be conveyed to concerned

authorities within seven days. 0040552371-10

Vashisth.R/o-A-1B/93C, Krishana Appt., Vishal-Bharti Public-School, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi, inform that in school-documents of my son Dhruv Vashisth name has been wrongly-mentioned as Dhruv Vashishth and Dhruv Vashisht.The actual-name of my son is Dhruv Vashisth.

I, Mahesh Kumar S/o Suraj R/o A-3/49, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-

110089, have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar Mathur for all purposes. 0040552352-3 I.Mukul D/O Gopal Singh Jamwal

R/O H.No.863/1 Raja Garden Sector-19, Kheri Kalan, Faridabad.Harvana-121002, have changed my name to Mukul Jamwal.

0040552371-4

I.Krishnakumari A w/o Rajendramenon R/O-Ambrayeth-Veedu Chendangadu.Kottavi-i. Chennangad, Palakad, Kerala-678573. Have Changed my Name to Krishnakumari Ambrayeth.

I,Krishna Mohan Pandey,S/o,SitaRam Pandey,R/o,E-1551/52,2Floor,Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.Phase-2,M.B.Road,New.Delhi-110080, have changed my minor Son's name from Divya Pandey to Divya Kumar Pandey for, all 0040552361-1

purposes. I,Ishitwa,D/o Sharad Chandra,Resident of,E-23,Type VB,Sector-10,Nivedita-Kunj, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Ishitwa Chandra, for all, future purposes

I,Hari Ram Haldwani S/O-Deewan Chand, H.NO-430, Gali No-15, Chandan-Vihar Sant-Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084

have changed my name to Hari Ram. 0040552352-2 I,Fazeel Ahmad Khan,S/O Shakeel Ahmad Khan,R/0 1-B.FF.DDA.Flat Sarai Jullena, New Delhi-110025, have

changed name to Fazeel 0040552371-6 Ahmed Khan. I Ankita Om Prakash Jha W/O, Abhishek Kumar Jha R/o C 242, 1st Floor, Sector 19, Noida have

changed my name to Ankita Jha for all purposes

0040552313-1

Multani Dhanda, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Rana Sohail Kazi, permanently

0040552346-1

110022, have changed my name

0040552352-8

I,Bibikhushumud,W/o-Islamuddin,R/o-H.No.A-2, Priyadarshini Vihar, Road.No.64,Tahirpur, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Khushnuda Khatoon for all 0040552371-8

I,Chitwan,D/o Sharad

R.K.Puram, New Delhi-

to Chitwan Chandra, for

all,future purposes

Chandra, Resident of, E-23, Type

VB,Sector-10,Nivedita-Kunj,

I, Vijay Kumar R/o Village Chira, PO Lower Ghallour, Tehsil-Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176031. In my Army Record My Wife's name is wrongly written as Aradhana Sharma But Correct Name is Aradhna Sharma.

I, Trilok Singh S/o-Jagat Singh R/o-H.No.76-C, Gali.No.7-C.Munirka Kuni.Dinarpur. Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043,inform that above.address is my Permanent Address.My Aadhar.No is 766508503824.

0040552361-9 L Sweety W/o Vinay R/o 4/1482. Gali.No-14 A, Pandav Road, Vishwas-Nagar, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Gauri. 0040552352-6

I, Shama Gupta W/o Late Vinod Gupta R/o D-29,Harit Niketan, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34, have changed my name to SHYAMA GUPTA.

0040552361-4

L Saniav Rai S/O Kalvan Mal. Ho.no.105, GF.Kishan kunj part-1. Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092, changed my name to Sanjay Raj Meena. 004055235 0040552352-

I, Raj Kushal S/o, Kehar Singh R/o-1188, Sector-37, Arun-Vihar, Noida, Gautambuddha Nagar, U.P.-201303, have changed my name to Raj Kushal Singh Rathour.

0040552392-5

I, Rabiya W/O Sadiq Hasan R/O E-11/71 2nd Floor, Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 Have Changed My Minor Son Name from Mohd Salman Ansari to Abdul Ahad Hasan. Both Are Same Person The Correct D.O.B Is 20/09/2006. 0040552312-1

I, OMKAR BANSAL S/o-Late Sh. Gyan Chand Bansal,R/o-CA-187, Gali No.2/1, Netaji Gali, Thana Road, Bhajanpura, Delhi-110053..l.confirm that name ONKAR BANSAL and OMKAR BANSAL both name are same person. 0040552355-1

I,Anita devi,W/o Vinod kumar, Address-Subhash gali bichla bazar bhiwani haryana-127021,have Changed my name to Anita rani. 0040552352-7 to Anita rani.

I, Mahouria Ummi,D/o-Abdul Rashi Khan,R/o-35/36,Block R3-A2.Mohan Garden.Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to UME Akhter for all purpose.

0040552371-7

Kranti Anand W/o Anand R/o B-200, SPS Apartment Phase-II.Radhey Shyam Park, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Kranthi Bandi. 00405523 0040552392-2

I, KALLUKALAYIL THOMAS S/O SH. THOMAS CALLUKALAYIL MAMMEN R/O-21-G, POCKET-A-3 MAYIIR VIHAR-3 DEI HI-110096, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KALLUKALAYIL THOMAS THOMAS FOR ALL

PURPOSES. 0040552371-2 I, Jasvinder Singh R/o 106a/2 Govindpuri Kalka Ji New Delhi 110019 have changed my minor son's name from Rajindra Singh to Rajender Singh for all 0040552314-1 purposes.

I, Gugan Kumar Chachan, S/o Shankar Lal Chachan R/o-D-2, T-4,Bharat Apartment, ChanderNagar,Ghaziabad,hav e changed my name to Gugan

I, Dinesh Kumar,S/o-Tarachand,R/o-Flat-No-114, 2nd-Floor,Lampur-Road, Opp.MCD-Hospital, Narela, Delhi-40, that name of my son wrongly-written, in his Aadharcard as OM instead of OM

| Sunita W/O, Hari Pal Dabas R/o House Number 553, Village Kanjhawala, Delhi-110081 have changed my name to Sunita Devi for all purposes

ARYA.

I Som Vati W/o-Sh.Sudhir Vats, R/o-H.No.756/2, Near Sawati Modern School, Mundka, Delhi-110041, have change my name Som Vati to Somwati for all purpose.That Som Vati & Somwati is the one and same 0040552309-1

Savitri W/O, Ramesh Chander R/o H.no.139, Village Kanjhawala, delhi-110081 have changed my name to Savitri Devi for all purposes.

I Rekha Chauhan w/o Arvind Kumar resident of C-419, gokal puri, delhi-110094, have changed my name from Rekha Chauhan to Rekha Rani for all future purposes.

0040552321-1 Bhagwanti w/o Mr.Narain Das Arora d/o Hari chand Arora r/o 8A/20 Geeta Colony, Delhi-31, hereby change my name to Bhawna Arora for all future 0040552305-1 purpose.

I Rana Sohail Salim Kazi S/o Salim Kazi, R/o 8073, Gali No.8,

I Navjot Singh s/o Jatinder Singh R/o A4/68 Cottage

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to the public at large that my client namely Smt. Saraswatt Sharma wOctaet Vinod Kumar Sharma R/o c-36. DDA Flats Kalkaji. New Delhi-10019, being purchase A-150, First Floor, DDA Janta Flats, Kalkaji. New Delhi-110019, from its owner Shri Sunil Kumar Mittal Son of Jai Narain Mittal; fanyone has any objection, claim, rights, title, interest, ownership, possession, lien, encumbrances; mortgage, gift, agreement or any natural control of the same proposed son or short of the same short of the same short of the same along with valid documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this publication, falling which it shall be presumed that the above sald Enclave Paschim Vihar New Delhi-110063 have changed my miner daughter name from Krishveen to Krishveen Kaur the date of this publication, failing which it shall be presumed that the above said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges, claim, disputes etc of any nature whatsoever the above named owner are vested with absolute clean, clear and marketable title of the property and is fully empower to sell the said property to my client, the same shall proceed further to complete the sale transaction. 0040552328-I Gaurav Bharti (D.O.B-

PUBLIC NOTICE

AUGUST KUMAR (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Sh. Shiv Kumar Jindal S/O Sh. Jage Ram and his wife Smt. Santosh Jindal Both R/O H. No. 229/ 320, Upper Ground Floor, Pocket 2, Sector 22, Rohini, Delhi-110086, has severed all connection with their daughter Ms. Neha Jindal as she is out of their control and living separately at unknown place for the last about one year. She has taken car No. DL 12 C 0521 registered in the name of Smt. Santosh Jindal with her and using it without the permission of Smt. Santosh Jindal. My clients have debarred their

indal. My clients have debarred the

laughter Ms. Neha Jindal from all of heir movable and immovable properties. Henceforth my clients are not responsible for any act/deed done

by their daughter Ms. Neha Jindal. Sd/- (S.S. RATHEE) ADVOCATE Ch. No. C-77A, CL Joseph Block Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi- 110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that the original chain of title deeds including the Sale Deed in respect of Khasra No. 1833, Rangpuri, Vasant Kurj, New Delhi in favour of Smt. Snashi Sankhia W/o Shri D.C. Sankhia R/o 27, Rajpur Road, Delhi have been lost/ misplaced. If any body found the same please return the valuable documents to the undersigned and not to misuse the same in any manner. If any body misuses the said lost documents and deals with respect to said property then the undersigned shall not be

nen the undersigned shall not be able or responsible for the same.

PUBLIC NOTICE

y client (1) Sh. Harish Kumar S/o Late Sh. em Raj R/o H.No. 5503, New Chandrawal. hil-110007 is the owner of property No. 42/2/II, 5343/XII, 5346/XII and property 55474 49/XII, 6346/XII and property 55474 49/XII, 6341 No. 5, New Chandrawal. alhi-110007 situated in Khasra No. 276; (2) y client Sh. Lalik Kumar S/o Late Sh. Prem ja J/o H.No. 5504, New Chandrawal, Delhi-0007/S is the owner of property No. 5340R/XII

Isl Rich H.No. 5504, New Chandrawal. Delhi-10007 is the owner of properly No. 53408/XII. 340C/XII, 5346/XII. 5356/XII and properly 0.5557/XII. 6310 No. 8, New Chandrawal. selhi-110007 situated in Khasra No.278; 63 y client Late St. Rakesh Klumar Sto Late Sh. rem Raj (represented by his son Amit Kumar) 10 H.No.5496, New Chandrawal, Delhi-10007 is the owner of property No.5350/XII. 351/XII. 5352/XII. 5354/XII. 3543/XII. 3543/XIII. 3543/XII. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Bhim Singh Bhardwaj R/o 5265 Kolhapur Road, Kolhapur House, Kamla Nagar, Delhi-07 has severed all his relations with children of his real brother late Sh. Satya Narayan Bhardwaj, Namely Gaurav Bhardwaj, Saurav Bhardwaj, Seurchika Dikit Q Ruchika Di

Sanjay Padam Jain (Advocate) Ch. No. 463 A&B, Western Wings Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT MR. MOHAN DUTT SHARMA SON OF LATE PT. VIDDVA RATTAN RESIDENT OF D.7. KIRTI NAGRA, NEW DELH-110015 IS ONE OF THE CO-OWNERS AND IN LAWFUL POSSESSION OF THE SAID PROPERTY AND THAT MY CLIENT HAS RETHERE DEVELONING MR. SANLEEV WADHWA PROP MS. NEEV MIFFA, FAR, KIRTI NAGRA, FAR WE DELYH, EITHER TO DEVELOP THE SAID PROPERTY OF THE SAID FOR THE SAID THAT WAS AN AUTORISED TO SELL THE SAME OR ANY PORTION SELT THE SAME OR ANY PORTION T SELT THE SAME OR ANY PORTION T SELT THE SAME OR ANY PORTION THE FROM SET THE SAME OR ANY PORTION THEREOF. ANY

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RISKS, COSTS AND RESPONSIBILIT AND MY CLIENT SHALL NEITHER B BOUND BY ANY SUCH DEAL NOI RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME, IN AN

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is publicly notified that m client Mrs. Rachna Sharm

W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma while returning from copying

the title deeds in the compound

pertaining to flat No.193-A. GF

D-1, Sec-52, Noida, the original

HPTA Dt. 20.02.2003, Document No.1315-1316 in

favour of Sh. Suresh Kumai

Shah and original Lease Deed

egistered Doc. 2239 Dt. 27.08.

2009 in the name of Suresh

Kumar Shah in S.R. Noida.

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lodged a complaint with the

Police Station: Sec-24, Noida

regarding loss of these deeds.

If any one has got these deeds

is informed to handover these

deeds to the undersigned and

if any one has any objection or

claim pertaining to said property

or deeds, he/she may submit

his/ her objection in writing with

the office of the undersigned

alongwith sufficient proof

of Sub Registrar,

NEW DELHI-110003

Smt. Shashi Sankhla

Mob.No. 9871232222

15/11/2004) S/o-Sanjay Kumar R/o-D-91, Gali-No.7, Shardhanand Colony,Bhalswa Dairy.Delhi-110042 declare that my Mother & Father name wrongly-written in my School-Record as Pushplata & Sanjay Gupta.The actual name of my Mother & Father is Pushplata Devi & Sanjay Kumar respectively, which may be $amended\,accordingly.\\$

0040552334-1

I Dharmender Kumar S/o-Sh.Man Singh R/o-A-176,A Block, Gali-No.9, Nasirpur Colony, Palam Village, South Delhi-110045 have changed my Daughter's Name Nandini Kain to Nandani Singh for all purpose.That Nandini Kain & Nandani Singh is the one and same person. 0040552310-1

I,Ranjeet Singh S/O-Sukhwant Singh R/O-1440/586,Block-B,Surdas Colony,Village-Tilpat, Amarnagar Faridabad-121003. Harvana, have Changed $my\,Name\,to\,Ranjeet\,Singh$ Randhawa. 0040552361-2

I Dharmender Kumar S/o-Sh.Man Singh R/o-A-176, A-Block, Gali-No.9, Nasirpur Colony, Palam Village, South Delhi-110045 have changed my Son's Name Mridul Kain to Mridul Singh for all purpose.That Mridul Kain & Mridul Singh is the one and 0040552311-1 same person.

I, Madhu spouse of Sudesh Pal Singh resident of VPO-Gwarauli Tahsil-Khurja Dist Bulandshahar UP have changed my name from Madhu to Madhu Singh vide Affidavit dated 05.08.2020 before Notary, Khuria, Dist Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-203131.

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I, VIPIN KUMAR, S/o-Late shri.Jagdish kumar,R/o-96/144, DDA-flats, southenclave, Ambedkarnagar,Dakshinpuri,New-Delhi-110062, have Lost my originalproperty Documents-Demand letter-vide DDA file.no-J/5 (96)/82/DP,property address-DDA-janta flat.no-96, Ground-

Dakshinpuri,New Delhi-110062. 0040552352-10

PUBLIC NOTICE Pocket B Phase II Category C/GF Group C Dwarka New Delhi lost original documents of Flat advertised in HT dated 11.05.2019. He apprehends on 11.05.2019. He apprehends on forged ownership documents flat was sold and purchased by some persons. Inform immediately if anyone dealtwith this flat to me within 7 days.

Sd/- S.P Bansal Advocate Enrl.No. D4/2008
Ch. No. 229, Ilnd Floor, Lawyer's Chamber Block, District Court Rohini, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh Manish Bhardwaj S/o Sh Bhim Singh Bhardwaj and his wife Deept Bhardwaj both R/o 5265, 1st Floor Kolhapur Road, Kolhapur House, Kamle Nagar, Delhi-07 have severed all thei Nagar, Delni-IV, have severed all their relations with real cousins (children of Chacha late Sh. Satya Narayan Bhardwaj) namely Gaurav Bhardwaj, Saurav Bhardwaj, Saurav Bhardwaj, Saurav Bhardwaj & Ruchika Sharma @ Ruchika Bhardwaj @ Ruchika Dixt @ Ruchika all R/o Flat No 1803, Plot No. 5. Sector 4 New Jai Bharat Apartment Dwarka New Delhi with immediate effect due to their misdeeds and misconducts. My clients are not responsible for any acts. 4 depets done y them in past present and future

Sanjay Padam Jain (Advocate) Ch. No. 463 A&B, Western Wings, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54.

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Vashisth Pandey S/o Sh. Chhedi Pandey and Smt. Shobha Pandey W/o Sh. Vashisth Pandey both R/o H. No. B-251, D-Block, Kadai Vihar, kadi Pur, North Delhi-110036, has severed all their relations and lies from their son namely Sh. Ajay Panday, Daughter-In-Law namely Smt. Anju Pandey W/o Ajay Panday and their grandson namely Shiva sio Ajay Panday and to their disobedience and cruel behaviour towards my above named clients & my clients have disowned and behavior towards my above named clients & my clients have discowned and debarred them from all their moveable & immovable properties & anyone dealing with them in future in any manner whatsoever shall do so at their own risk and consequences and my clients shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds & things doep be used to any 5 deapths in things done by said sons & daughter-in Shrawan Babu (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that my client Mrs. Inderjeet Kaur W/o Late S. Bhupinder Singh is the legal heir of property 24/14B Tilak Nagar New Delhi 18. Notice is hereby given public at large that we are not selling aforesaid property to anyone. Some people are trying to sell said property without permission of my client responaible. If anyone need any larification he/she can contact Praveen Rastogi

Ch. No. 1410, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is informed that my client S
Chander Gupta Maurya aged 59 years s
Sin. Nanak Chand Maurya, Rio H. No. 478
Gail No.45. Raiger Pura, Karol Bagh, Ne
Delhi-110005 hereby notify to the public th
have severed and disconnected all in
relations with my son Lokender Maurya ar
inst family and have disowned / disinheritt
from all my moveable and immoveabl
properties and have no link or connectic
with them. Anybody dealing with them in a
manner shall be doins os at his / her oy

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known that my client Mrs. Ruma Taneja, W/o Mr. Narender Taneja, R/o 1957/151, Ganesh Pura, Tri Nagar, Delhi- 35 had severed all relations with her son Munish Taneja & daughter-in-law, Deepti Taneja by a publish in daily newspaper details of which are presently not known herein Currently, Mrs. Ruma Taneja & ner husband both are having cordial relations with them Therefore, my client willingly revoke & cancel all the previous publication(s) published by her in newspaper(s) or any other such nformation or any other documen which debars her son &/o daughter-in law from their right in

Pulkit Narang (Advocate Ch. No. D-419 Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

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री–टेण्डर सूचना कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या -**45/SE/EDCH/2020-21** जो दिनांक 04.10. 2020 को 12:00 बजे तक ई—निविदा के माध्यम से स्वीकार की जानी थी तथा जिनके खलने की नियत तिथि 04.10.2020 को 15:00 बजे तक की है. में किसी भी निविदाकार द्वारा भाग नहीं लिये जाने के कारण उक्त ई–निविदाओं को री– टेण्डर किया जाता है। अब उक्त ई–निविदाए दिनांक 02.11.2020 को 12:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा के माध्यम से स्वीकार की जायेंगी तथा इन ई–निविदाओं का तकनीकी भाग (प्रथम भाग) दिनांक 02.11.2020 को 15.00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा ई—निविदा की वेबसाइट पर

खोला जायेगा। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता वि०वि०मं०, हमीरपुर वि.वि.म.हं/पी-1(प्रकाशन)/नविदा/2020-21 दर्नाक 22-10-2020 राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

REPLACEMENT OF WATER COOLER E-Tender Notice No. Sr.DEE/ADI 22(20-21). dtd. 19-10-2020. Tender No EL-50-1-ADI-T-06-2020-21R (1) Name of Work: Ahmedabad Division Repairs/replacement to defective part of water coolers at various location fo the period of three years. (2) Estimated cost: ₹ 49,66,223.48 (3) EMD cost: ₹ 49,66,223.48 (3) EMD ₹ 99,300/-. Tender No. EL-50-1-ADI-T 15-2020-21R (1) Name of Work Replacement of water coolers on age cum condition basis of Ahmedabac division. (2) Estimated cost: ₹ 29,44,060/- (3) EMD: ₹ 58,900/-. For all tenders: (4) Date and Time of Submission and opening: Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 17-11-2020 and 17-11-2020 at 15:30 Hrs. (5) Address of the office and Website details: Sr. office (W.R.), Nr. Chamunda Bridge, Opp. G.C.S. Hospital, Naroda Road Amdupura, Ahmedabad-382345 Website: www.ireps.gov.in

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c) Walk-in-Interview for the recruitment of Temporary Faculty will be held on 5th and 6th November, 2020 at NIT Patna. The interested and eligible candidates may appear in the Walk-in-Interview with the duly filled form which may be downloaded from the website of the Institute d) Walk-in-interview for the post of Project Assistant under Unnat Bhara Abhivan will be held on 8.11.2020 at 9 AM.

For further details regarding qualifications, schedule etc. please visit Institue Website www.nitp.ac.in. Registrar



tender for following work: Tender No.: e -19/EE/M&G/DLR/2020-21 Name of the Work: Major Repairing of 01 Nos. 132/11 KV, 20 MVA

Generator Transformer Estimated Cost: Rs 74,75,000/- (GSTExtra) Date of availability of bid document in the portal: 23-10-2020, 17:00 Hrs Last Date for receipt of bid in the portal: 18-11-2020 up to 17:00 Hrs Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website www.ujvnf.com. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in

(Executive Engineer) "AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HASDEO CANAL W/M DIVISION, JANJGIR-CHAMPA **DISTT. JANJGIR-CHAMPA (C.G.)**

e-Procurement Tender Notice eProcurement Portal:https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(FIRST CALL) System Tender No. 68441 NIT No.:04/SAC/2020-21,

Dated:-20.10.2020 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 10-11-2020 at 17.30 Hour Name of Work- CONSTRUCTION OF TOE WALL IN FILLING REACH FROM R.D. 300 M. TO 700 M OF KIRARI DISTRIBUTARY OF HASDEO BANGO PROJECT.

Probable Amount of Contract:-Rs. 230.80 Lakhs The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from date 27-10-2020 at 17.31

Note:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process

> **Executive Engineer** Hasdeo Canal W/M Division Janjgir-Champa

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Auction Ref No: PUNB0042020 Date: 23.10.2020 SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

Interest Act, 2002 read with provise to Rule 8 (8) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the

earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the lable below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS A) Dt. Of Demand Notice als 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 Al Reservo Price Description of the Name of the Branch Po. in Laca) BEND Sort date of Immovable Properties B) Dutstanding Amount as on Name & addresses of the Mortgaged/ Owner's Name CI Presession Date als 1310 of SARFESI ACT 2002 Borrower/Guarantors Account deposit of EMDi (mortgagers of property(ies)) If Maters of Personalian Symbolic Physical Constructive EOM of property situated at Al. 13.12.2018 ARis 8,23,000 Lish N. NO. 575/483 khatoni No B) Rs.33,79,145.00 (Rs. Thirty Three BR: 1,82,300 Lish A) Rs 18,23,000 Lab?) (1) PNB(E-OBC) Gauray Enterprises

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M.11/1/2(0-11), 12/1(3-9)

Hundred Forty Five Only only) as on Clarify Pressor, 422, Indira vibar in 2 kittas Path Makhdoom 30.11.2018 with up to date future interest colony. Pagings, 133103. IBL SCHOOL PANIPAT 09.11.2020

Krishan kumar S/O Sh Ram other owner, South: 38'4" other owner, East: 53'3" Krishan kumar, West: Street.

04.00 PM colony Panipat-132103; Sh Zadgan Abadi known as ascontracted and other charges.
Gauray S/O Sh Krishan Kumar Indira Vihar Colony., Barsat C)25.02.2019
(Proprietor), R/O Opp. Bhola Road Panipat with in D) Physical Possession Oherem Kente, Berset Roed, Municipal Corporation Limit Panigat having area 7Maria 4 Sarsat/222 So Yards) Standing in the name of Sh Noorwala, Panipat-132103; Sh Krishan Kumar S/O Sh Ram Murtivida sala daed no 1639 dated 03.06.2016.Bounded as under: North: 37'4

Murti (Guarantor). R/O Opp. Bhola Dharam Kanta, Barsat Road, Noorwala, Panipat-132103 EQM of Factory Land & A)04.06.2019 (2) PNB(E-OBC)

132103; Sh Madan Lal S/O Sh 59'6' Factory of Jagdamba Handloom.

Dhani Ram(Partner), R/O Village Chhaj Pur, Tehsil Bapoli, Panipat-132103. (3) PNB(E-OBC)

132101. (4) BRANCH OFFICE : SIKKA | Shop No 49 part (western) (/31.01.19

within 07 days of the publication of this notice. (Rabi Narayan Rout, Advocate Kailash Plaza, A-/7, Achary Niketan Mayur Vihar, Pha Delhi - 110091 routadvocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to the public at large that Our Clients. Shri Chande

centaurlegal123@gmail.com.

Prakash Khanna S/o Shri Amai Nath Khanna, and Smt. Sarita Khanna W/o Shri Chande Prakash Khanna, both residents have severed all their ties and Kuldeep Khanna, owing to certain irreconcilable issues and therefore, our clients hereby specifically disown their said so Kuldeep Khanna from all thei assets, both moveable and immoveable. He shall have no right, title or interest in any of the properties owned by our clients Any person dealing with Kuldeep Khanna in respect of any matter shall be so doing in his own individual capacity and/or at his/her own aforesaid clients would incur no

> Raiat Aneia ENRL. NO. D-860/95

A) Rx 18,00,000 Lash 10.11.2020 No 749 B) Rs.18.55.326.44 (Rs. Eighteen Lakh M/S Rishab Textiles(Borrower), dated 66.05.1996) measuring Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred 03.11.2020
Des Raj Colony, Near Baniyon & Marta(242 Sq Yards) Twenty Six and paise Forty Four Only Jas standing in the name of M/S on 03.06.2019 with up to date future 132103. Sh Nand Lai SiO Sh Rishab Textiles situated at 132103. Sh Nand Lai SiO Sh Rishab Textiles situated at 132103. Sh Nand Lai SiO Sh Rishab Textiles attacked St Pls. 1, BD,000 Lak! MX.00.18 to Bank Ohani Ram (Partner), R/O Des Raj Colony Near Baniyon C)08.08.2019 Village Chhaj Pur Kalan, Ka Shamshan Panipat- D)Physical Possession Tehsil Bapoli, Distt. Panipat- 132103.Bounded as under: North: 39'0" Factory of other owner, South: 39'0" Road East: 59'6" Plot of other West.

ECM of Plot messuring 15 A)01.11.2019 10.11.2020 A) Rs 63.20,000 Lasts G.T. ROAD, SAMALIKHA Meria (459 Sq. Yards as 5/52th B) Rs. 1395776.00 (Rs. Thireen Lakh 8) Rs. 6,32,000 Lakh Goo Life Health Care; Jaurasi share of 7 Kanal 16 Marta Ninty Five Thousand Seven Hundred 31 (1,355) 11.00 AM to Bank Road, Samalkha, Distt. Panipat-comprising in Khewat No 356 Seventy six Only) as on 31 10 2019 with ti Ra 11,000 132101 Khalani No. 482 rect. No. 6, up to date future interest as contracted M/S Geo Life Health Care: Kila No. 8(7-16) stated near and other charges.

(Borrower) Jaurasi Road; M/S Charak Pharmaceutical C)09.01.2020 04.00 PM Samaikha, Distt. Panipat- on main Jaurasi Road in the D) Physical Possession.

132101. revenue estate of village Pawati, Tehsii Samaikha Disti Panipat. Bounded as under: North: 90 Jauras Road South: Darpan Arora (Proprietor) S/O Shi 35'3' street & other plot East: 44'8' Other Plot West: 75'0' Plot of Ramesh Bhardwaj. Name of the mortgagor: Smt Shiy Kumar Arora, HIS Shashi Arora WO Sh Shiy Kumar arora. Pharmaceutical Pvt.Ltd., Jaurasi Road, Samalkna Disti Panpet. Shashi Arora W/O Shiv Kumar Arora (Guarantor) R/O H NO 210/2, Parao Mohalla Gulati Road Samalkha, Distt Panipat

A) Rs 16,07,000; 8) Rs 1,60,700; COLONY, SONIPAT Side Southern Part at inside BI Rs. 21.78.630.00 IRs Twenty One Lakh

(1) Sh Naresh Jain S/O Ch abadi new sabzi Mandi, Near Seventy six thousand Six hundred Thirty selyl as

Chaman Lai, Smt Santosh Jain Murthal Chowk Sonepat an 31.03.2015, interest calculated up From 01.00 PM Murthal Chowk Sonepat in 31.03.2015, interest calculates up (Haryana) measuring 33.33 is 1831.12.2018, with Terther interest at contracted rate w.e.f. 01.01.2019 plus charges if deed no 9765-1 dated 08.10.2012 Regd. At S.R. (D.II.04.2019 04,00 PM Sonepat. B) Symbolic Passession (5) BRANCH OFFICE : SIKKA Residential House bearing 4)18.05.2015 A) 8: 34,73,000; B) Rs 3,47,000; 10.11.2020 COLONY, SONIPAT

(1) Smt. Unesh Rani We Sh.
Surender Singh Rie H.No. 1188/11
Rajeev Colony, Sonipat.
(2) Sh. Surender Singh Sio Sh.
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Rajeev Colony, Sonipat.
(5) Sh. Surender Singh Sio Sh.
Singh Rie H.No. 1188/11
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(6) 100 Representation of the sure of the 01.00 PM 09.11.2020 C1Rs.10,000 04.00 PM

Musalmanan, within M.C. limits Scripat which is bounded II) Physical Possession in the North: House Of Salkar Singh, South: Dairy Surender Singh, East: Door of House and Gali Rasta Sare Aam and West: Plot of Siys Nand, owned by Smt. Unesh Rani W/o Sh. Surender Singh S/o Zile Singh R/o H.No. 1188/11 Rajeev Colony, Sonipat vide sale deed No 928 dated 27.04.2011 registered with Sub Registrar Scripat

(6) BRANCH OFFICE: JATAL Regd Mortgage of land and building measuring 24 Kanst (1) M/S S K EGGS 13 Maria being 497/3438 Likh Ferty Five Thousand Seven Rundred seventy Three out of 170 Kanal 2 Maria comprised in knewst no 2458/205, khatoni no 261. Rect. No 7 Kills No 20(8-0) 21/1(5-8) Rect No 14 S 13, 03, 2016, interest in covered with further interest in covered on 10, 10, 2016 and 11, 01,04, 2016 and 12, 01,04,01,05 (10,00) (

C1Rs.10.000 Killa no 4(8-0) 5(8-0) 6(8-0) 7(7-18) 8(7-6) 9(8-0) 10(7-10) 11(8-0) contracted receives any minus recoveries if 12(8-0) 13(7-19) 14/1(2-9) 15(8-0) 20(8-0) Rect. No 16 Killa no 1(8-14) any and other expresses minus recoveries, if any, and 0) 2/1(4-16) situated at Vill. Binjal, Near Radha Krishna School. Tehsil & Distt Panipat as mentioned in the jamabandi for the year 0.26.04.2017 2014-15 and owned by Sh Sandeep kumar. D) Symbolic Possession

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following

https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app

The properties are being sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"

3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://www.mstcecommerce.com on dates as given above.
5. The publication is also a statutory notice of 15 days to the borrowers' guarantors' mortgagors
6. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer www.lbapl.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstoecommerce.com
(G. S. Brar)

Dated: 23.10.2020 Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank Place: Panipat

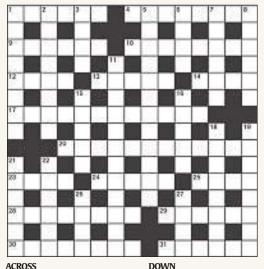
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Secured Creditor STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

09.11.2021

D4.00 PM

CROSSWORD 4258



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Fine form of punishment (8) Classical maid who always had

Told to go north in a group (4)

Conversion is done by inventor

8 Lehar composition about love

parochial representative (12)

set in Pakistan (6)
11 It gives a long smoke for the

15 Uniform the leader required

16 Vicar has no head for crime (5)

incidentally (2,3,3) 21 Type of car to hold fifty two (6)

22 A book Kipling wrote on love -

27 Unusual item, something very

item of kitchen equipment (8)

18 Not so enthusiastic about an

for an occasion (5)

19 How road travellers go,

popular in Japan (6)

Himalayan myth (4)

26 Still one unresolved

small(4)

held up? (4,4)

the last word (4)

elections?(12)

5 Painter wins town in local

ACROSS

- Told untruth about the street being in the directory (6)
- 4 Type of porcelain food container (8)
- 9 Sort of hats we put bands round(6)
- 10 Extremely difficult and not
- properly finished (8) 12 Capture a scene on film (4)
- 13 It may appear this writer won't get credit for his work (5)
- 14 A North African doctor gets nothing right (4)
- 17 The chairman of the directors could be in deep water (3,9) 20 With pathology Ron turns to
- the study of man (12)23 Disorientated Indo-European god(4)
- 24 Load the vehicle and leave (5) 25 A quarter refuse to bathe (4)
- 28 Goes and returns (8)
- 29 Light breeze round the West
- 30 Time soon modifies feelings
- 31 Barney moved close

(6)

Solutions Crossword 4257: Across: 1 Nudge, 4 Umpteen, 8 Ear, 9 Telephone directory, 10 Laconic, 11 Lobby, 13 Drogue, 15 Ground, 18 Tryst, 19 Freedom, 21 Deferment, 23 Egg, 24 Subedit, 25 Rises. **Down**: 1 Needled, 3 Eaten, 4 Unlock, 5 Popular, 6 Ego, 7 Needy, 12 Boundless, 14 Uttered, 16 Damages, 17 Affect, 18 Tides,

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



WELL, WHEN WE GOT TO THE CLASSROOM, WE SAN THAT ALL THE KIDS HAD DRAWN SELF-PORTRAITS IN ART CLASS, AND HAD LEFT THE PICTURES ON THEIR DESKS SO THE PARENTS WOULD RECOGNIZE THEIR CHILD'S SEAT.





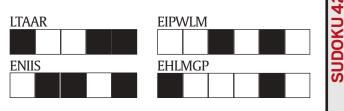
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





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 iumble them to get the answer for the given quip.



Answer: What is originality? Undetected **plagiarism.** - William Inge SOLUTION: ALTAR, NISEI, WIMPLE, PHLEGM

Difficulty Level 3s 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

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ery Hard; 6s =
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4271

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You are bound to feel slightly uncertain, if not unsettled. It's a useful moment to spend some time alone, daydreaming and letting others carry the can. Just make sure that you cope with practical chores that absolutely can't be delayed. Otherwise you'll

annoy people you rely on. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Venus, the planet which represents your relationships, is now forming a distant alliance with Jupiter, the symbol of generosity. Could a lover be in a particularly generous mood? This is certainly one possibility. At all times remember that change is desirable, but stability is essential.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) It's time to

contemplate the professional future, although it is uncertain whether it is you or a partner who is under the spotlight. Plus, don't imagine that career is everything. There are many other ambitions worth pursuing!

Improvements at home are long overdue, so put your suggestions forward now.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Travel plans should form a central part of your thinking right now. Your need to get away is not pure escapism, more a matter of finding out what the rest of the world has to offer. Even short trips are likely to satisfy your expectations, at least partially.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



extremely busy. And if you don't like that prospect, then stay away from the action! Once you have dealt with financial questions and routine chores, you can turn to personal relationships. Take differences of opinion in your stride

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)



to highlight today's positive potential is to emphasise every activity which is inspired, imaginative and romantic. That sounds like an excellent policy.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Venus is currently bringing emotional

intriguing relationship with Mars could upset a number of your preconceptions today. It's mportant not to hang on to the past, but to see that people who have come into your life recently can offer you all the support you need.

reassurance, but its

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You could be having qualms about one particular emotional tie, and you may be concerned that a partner or colleague doesn't feel about you the way you feel about them. It's one of those rare moments when absolute honesty is called for. You never know — you might be pleasantly surprised.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You probably feel

pulled in two directions, and you may imagine that there can be no solution to an emotional quandary. However, all things must pass, and if you face up to the issues now, the tension will dissipate. All you need is a dose of additional confidence

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) It is time for a little sensitivity. You may even have a



functioning in top gear. Mind you, it could be difficult to distinguish true facts from vague fantasies, and news which arrives very soon could be a mite confusing.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) There may be little you can do to



pay very close attention indeed to all joint business affairs. This is where prosperity lies. Could a loved one offer better advice than the experts? Perhaps – so listen well and judge carefully.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



expand your horizons. Even small events which take place now could have very positive and powerful repercussions over the next six months. And that has to be good news.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused persons (1) Subey Singh S/o Dalip Singh (2) Renu W/o Subey Singh both R/o H.No. 254, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 1426/2014 u/s 323/341/506/509/34 IPC at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi and it have been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused persons (1) Subey Singh, (2) Renu, cannot be found and whereas it have been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Subey Singh, (2) Renu have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said (1) Subey Singh,

(2) Renu, FIR No. 1426/2014 u/s 323/341/506/509/34 IPC at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi are required to appear before the court on or before 27,11,2020. By order

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

DP/295/SD/2020

General public is hereby informed that one girl

(depicted in the photo), Namely: Ishrat, Dio: Md. Anwar, RIo: H.No. 115, Mahatma Gandhi Camp, Shashi Garden, Delhi, Aged: 14 years, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Pandav Nagar, Delhi from her house since 09.09.2020. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 430/20 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 12.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. dav Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is



Height: 5'4" feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Physique/Build: Medium, Clothing: Green Colour Suit and Salwar.

girl, may inform SHO, Pandav Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O

DP/210/ED/2020.

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Ph: 011-22780100, 22780090

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD 0/o Chief General Manager (Engg), 0&M Circe-III, Goshamahal, Hyderabad, Telangar /alue, Ranging fro No. & Date 188, 189 & 190/ CGM(E)/ No Open Manhole Covering sub Rs.139.57

O&MC.III/D3, D4 & D5/ roads in GHMC for Raising/ Lowering/ lakhs to NO OPEN MANHOLE Rs.145.82 Damaged constructions of sewer COVERS/2020-21. lakhs manholes under O&M Dn.III, IV & V. Dt. 23.10.2020

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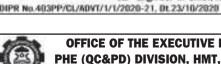
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England cricket team takes 15% pay cut

London: The England cricket team agreed to take a 15 per cent pay cut Friday as the sport deals with lost revenue during the coronavirus pandemic. Players with contracts from the England and Wales Cricket Board will get reduced income in "retainers, match fees and win bonuses" for one year, the governing body said in a statement. The pay cut backdated to October 1 was "in view of the substantial shortfall in the ECB's revenue as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic." England recently hosted tours by the West Indies, Pakistan, Ireland and Australia, playing in mostly empty stadiums.

Big guns win in Europa League

London: Gareth Bale had a quiet first start for Tottenham since return while Carlos Vinicius made a more impressive debut by setting up two goals in a 3-0 win over LASK in the Europa League. North London rival Arsenal on Thursday opened its fourth straight Europa League campaign with a 2-1 come-from-behind win at Rapid Vienna in an opening round of games affected by the coronavirus pandemic. On a good night for Premier League clubs, Leicester earned a comfortable 3-0 home win over Zorya Luhansk, AC Milan earned a 3-1 away win at Celtic, while Roma came from a goal down to win 2-1 at Young Boys - as did Granada to upset PSV Eindhoven away.

Madrid striker flouts norms, faces prison

Belgrade: Real Madrid striker Luka Jovic faces a six-month prison sentence in Serbia for flouting the country's coronavirus isolation rules, state prosecutors said Friday. Jovic briefly returned home from Spain in March and was seen on the streets of Belgrade and pictured at his girlfriend's birthday party despite being ordered to self-isolate for 14 days. Prosecutors are now taking the case to court and saying he should be sentenced to a six-month prison sentence after he refused to pay 30,000 euros for humanitarian purposes in exchange for dropped charges.

Asian online team chess: India in semis

Chennai: The top-seeded Indian women's team stormed into the semifinals of the Asian Nations Online Cup 2020 Championship, while the men eked out a fighting win over Mongolia women made short work of Kyrgyzstan in the last-eight round, winning the two match-ups easily -- 4-0 and 3.5-0.5 -after having topped the preliminary Swiss system phase. The Indian women will face Mongolia in the semifinal on Saturday. The Indian men won both matches 2.5-1.5. They will take on Iran in Saturday's semifinal.

AGENCIES

Endgame

Listless CSK's season goes from bad to worse as they suffer a 10-wicket loss to MI in a one-sided match

Synopsis

Hostile bowling by Mumbai Indians proved to be the proverbial last nail in CSK coffin

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OCTOBER 23

MIDWAY through an inky Friday night in Sharjah, an era of Chennai Super Kings' invincibility ended without a fight, but with a sense of inevitability. There was no better proof of CSK's calamitous season, and a desperate need for renewal, than this night. They were helpless, and beyond it, hopeless in preventing a disastrous exit from the tournament.

It was the most un-CSK performance of all times. They huffed and puffed to 114 for 9, and what rubbed salt into their festering wounds was the fact that Mumbai Indians won with 10 wickets to spare in just 12.2 overs.

What would rankle them and their feverish supporters is the sheer abjectness of their defeat. Seldom have they surrendered so meekly ever in the league that they have won thrice and reached at least till the knockouts. Worse, there was a sense of foreboding about the impending disaster. There was a sense of resignation even in MS Dhoni's reactive decision to ring in three changes-snuffing out the underwhelming Kedar Jadhav, Shane Watson and Piyush Chalwa and replacing them with Ruturaj Gaikwad, N Jagadeesan and Imran Tahir. Changes, that seemed, for the sake of changing, as it had been for most of this season.

There was an unusual tentativeness in their approach. Sinking shoulders, drooping eyes, and dejected faces manifesting in a muddled thought process. Nothing more symbolic than Faf du Plessis's mode of dismissal. Rather than drive a full-length ball, he just threw his hard hands at the ball, the front-foot stuck and static at the crease, hands stabbing at the ball. It was clear that Trent Boult's in-swinger was spooking his mind, and hence over-conscious of not thrusting his front-foot. The shot selection was perfect, but the execution far from it.

He was not alone in lack of clarity. So was his colleague Ambati Rayudu. He attempted to pull Jasprit Bumrah. The stroke was on, as the ball was relatively shortish. But his stroke seemed half-hearted as if he wanted to pull away from the stroke at the last moment. Bumrah is the last bowler you want to face half-



Sam Curran's resilient knock ended when he was clean bowled by Trent Boult. BCCI/IPL

POINTS TABLE

Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Points
MI	10	7	3	0	14
DC	10	7	3	0	14
RCB	10	7	3	0	14
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	11	3	8	0	6
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heartedly and Rayudu's indecision sufficed.

Hostile bowling

No doubt, Boult and Bumrah bowled hostilely, mixing their lengths and angles smartly. There was barely a blade of grass, but they are masterly in producing movement off the seam. Boult especially was menacing—he would slide the ball across the right-handed batsmen, before skidding one onto the pads. CSK batsmen lived in the constant fear of inward-bending delivery. The unsure feet-movement stemmed from it, Boult resembled a psychoanalyst, hypnotising batsmen and reading their minds.

But as superbly as they bowled, CSK lost the plot completely. It was a matter of seeing off Boult and Bumrah, like Manish Pandey had negotiated Jofra Archer on Thursday. Or they could have ventured on a no-holds-barred counterattack. They chose neither, but the fatal middle path. Like Ravindra Jadeja, who sashayed down to Boult and tried to heave him over midwicket. Mistake. There are times, even in T20 cricket, when you have to prioritise safety over aggression. Jadeja's departure plunged them to 21/5 in 5.2 overs, CSK's worst-ever score in the power-play overs. Their last hope was Dhoni, and he did raise hopes with a couple of thundering strokes, before he tried an expansive drive off Deepak Chahar. A stroke out of frustration than anything else.

Wilting skipper

The captain could pinpoint a lot of reasons behind their worst season. Injuries, form, defection, fortune, and what not. But he can't shirk away from responsibilities himself. His numbers reinforced his decline, which has been overstoried – just 181 runs at a strike rate of 122 in 11 innings. There were times he could have $walked in at No. 3 \, or \, 4, but \, he \, didn't. There \, were$ times his intuitions and reflexes failed him too.

As much as his influence as a batsman, his leadership was strangely jaded, bereft of inspiration, a definite caginess that had marked his last days as Test captain. For example, he introduced as influential a match-winner as Imran Tahir too late into the campaign, more so as Dwayne Bravo was injured for most of the series. N Jagadees an had shown immense promise in his first match, but then was omitted for the next two. They seemed a team drifting away from the nucleus, their wheels coming off. Like on Friday evening, he looked defeated.

Lack of planning

Blatantly evident was a lack of planning. It seemed, they had no plan B, C, or even D. They lost Suresh Raina as soon as they landed in the Emirates, and they had no back-up plan. They kept experimenting with the No.3, but none quite glued in. Dhoni alleged that the youngsters were not showing spark; then neither did the old warhorses. Likewise, the bowling was over-dependent on Bravo's trickery. The rest were at best utilitarian in this format. Josh Hazlewood is a high-class Test bowler, but illsuited to T20 cricket. Sam Curran can be a reliable third seamer in a trifecta, but incapable yet of single-handed demolition. Deepak Chahar is one-dimensional, Shardul Thakur is limited while the trusted spin pair of Piyush Chawla and Karn Sharma are metronomes of neither discipline nor destruction.

 $Superior\, planning\, and\, shrewd\, strategising$ $could\,have\,glossed\,oversome\,of\,their\,flaws,\,but$ with neither, they unravelled. The margins of defeat throws ample signs of their disintegration. Barring a seven-run defeat at the hands of Sunrisers, most of the rest have been pretty comprehensive — 16 runs, 44 runs, 10, 37, 5 wickets, 7 wickets. The defeat at hands of Mumbai was just the final twist of the dagger into the hearts. These are signs that suggest it was not a case of one freakishly bad season, or an aberration, rather a case of deep-set rot.

A lot of focus would be shed on the age factor. It was not age alone that hampered them, but acumen, adaptability and planning too. The very factors that have stood by them for much of this decade. Or maybe, it was the game's reminder that their era of invincibility had ended. And slipped into the inky skies of Sharjah.

BRIEF SCORES: CSK 114/9 in 20 overs (S Curran 52; T Boult 4/18, J Bumrah 2/25, R Chahar 2/22) lost to Mumbai Indians 116/0 in 12.2 overs (I Kishan 68*, Q de Kock 46*)

Kapil undergoes emergency angioplasty

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 23

KAPIL DEV, India's greatest all-rounder, is said to be stable after undergoing an emergency coronary angioplasty in the early hours on Friday. A statement released by the Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in Delhi, where the former India captain has been admitted, said that Dev could be discharged in a couple of days.

"Former Indian Cricket captain Mr Kapil Dev, age 62 years, came to Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (Okhla Road) emergency department at 1:00 am on 23rd October with a complaint of chest pain. He was evaluated and an emergency coronary angioplasty was performed by Dr Atul Mathur, Director of Cardiology Department, in the middle of night," said the hospital statement.

It added: "Currently, he is admitted in ICU and under close supervision of Dr Atul Mathur and his team. Mr Kapil Dev is stable now and he is expected to get discharged in (a) couple of days."

Later in the day, a short statement on his instagram account expressed gratitude for the concern and support extended to his family. "Thank you everyone for all the love and concern. I am overwhelmed with the good wishes and well on the road to recovery," the statement read. The 1983 World Cup-winning legendary

all-rounder was wished a speedy recovery by many on social media, including India's current captain Virat Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar among others. 'Praying for your speedy recovery. Get

well soon paaji," Kohli said. "Take care @therealkapildev! Praying for your quick recovery. Get well soon Paaji," wished Tendulkar Also wishing him good health were India

batsman Shikhar Dhawan and badminton player Saina Nehwal. "Wishing the @therealkapildev a swift

recovery. The nation is well aware of his grit and spirit and we are very sure he will be out f the hospital soon," said the BCCI.

Dev, who led India to their maiden World Cup triumph in 1983, played 131 Tests, scoring 5,248 runs and taking 434 wickets. His tally of wickets was a world record when he hung up his cricket boots in 1994. The record, in fact, stood until 2000, when West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh surpassed it. In 225 ODIs, Dev scored 3,783 runs and accounted for 253 wickets.

Hamilton poised to take over Schumacher's record at Portuguese GP

ASSOCIATED PRESS LISBON, OCTOBER 23

ON A circuit hosting its first Formula One race, Lewis Hamilton can finally stand alone among F1 greats by beating Michael Portuguese Grand Prix on Sunday would move the British driver onto 92 race wins, and surpass the German great's mark of 91 that for so long had been considered untouchable.

"I remember sitting at home watching the Grands Prix and watching Michael win," Hamilton said. "I remember going upstairs with my brother afterwards and we would play computer games together and I would be Michael. So it's very, very surreal."

A win would also take Hamilton a step closer to matching Schumacher's record of seven F1 championship titles. He leads the championship by 69 points ahead of his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas after winning seven of the first 11 races, and with only five remaining after Sunday's contest at

When Hamilton moved level with Schumacher on 91 wins at the Eifel GP in Germany two weeks ago, Schumacher's son Mick Schumacher - who leads the F2 championship - presented a visibly moved Hamilton with one of his father's racing helmets from his time at Mercedes. "I was really honored by Michael's family when they presented me with this helmet," Hamilton said.

It was Schumacher's retirement from

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LEWIS HAMILTON FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPION

Mercedes - and F1 itself - which opened the door for Hamilton to make what was then considered a risky move when he left McLaren to join the Silver Arrows.

Bottas led the Eifel GP after taking pole

Hamilton after a clumsy braking error. A despondent Bottas had to retire the car after 12 laps due to a failed electrical component in the engine. "Seeing Lewis cross the line in Germany and take his 91st victory was a very special moment. Valtteri's race, could not have gone mucl worse," Mercedes' head of motorsport Toto Wolff said. "But one of Valtteri's biggest strengths is his resilience and his ability to bounce back.'

position, but then ceded first place to

Still even a win in Portugal would do little for Bottas' chances of catching Hamilton, unless his teammate endures some bad fortune of his own in the handful of races remaining.

Portugal's 4.65-kilometer (2.9-mile) circuit - known as Portimao - is an undulating one with frequent elevation changes and where overtaking is expected to be difficult. It is the second new race of a coronavirus-hit campaign after the Tuscan GP at Mugello last month. If Sunday's race is anything as intense as

that crash-marred one at Mugello, then F1 For Haas drivers Romain Grosjean and

Kevin Magnussen it represents a chance to put themselves in the market for a seat next season. The U.S.-owned team with Ferrari engines announced on Thursday that the duo will be replaced next year, having scored only three points between them so far. "The last chapter is closed and the book is finished," said Grosjean, the veteran French driver.

For Hamilton, the story continues.

Real problems at Madrid ahead of El Clasico

SHASHANK NAIR OCTOBER 23

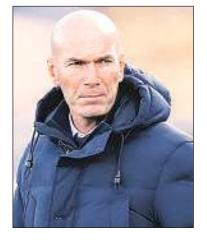
ZINFDINF ZIDANF has never lost as a manager at the Camp Nou, a record that comes under the microscope today as Barcelona host the champions at a time when Real Madrid are reeling from a couple of shock defeats. The reversals – one each in La Liga and the Champions League - have prompted questions over whether Los Blancos can have another successful season.

Historical anomaly

A glaring statistic hits out at Real Madrid and their history. They may have the highest number of league titles and been continental champions 13 times, but they have only retained the La Liga once in the last 30 years. On paper at least, it looks too early in the race to make a call – one point off the top with a game in hand makes it seem like things aren't that bad at Madrid. But their previous two results and how they've played in those matches are a cause for concern as they prepare to face a Barcelona team that has had its own set of issues.

Shock losses

The start of this season for Real Madrid has not been the best one. They have played six matches and won three, lost two and drawn once. In the post-match conference after the Champions League defeat to Shakhtar Donetsk, Zidane accepted the blame for the loss that came despite the



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ZINEDINE ZIDANE MANAGER, REAL MADRID

Ukrainian club missing 10 first-team regulars on the back of positive Covid tests.

"We lacked a bit of everything," said Zidane. "Above all confidence, which is the most important thing... We know the situation we're in. It's our second bad game. Now we have to prepare for our next game. It's clear that I'm responsible."

Toothless attack

There are some statistics that Zidane would be shaking his bald head over. The key one being Madrid, in their last two games, have taken 28 shots with only six on target with only two resulting in goals. They have made 57 crosses in these two games and attempted 97 long balls. Against Cadiz, in particular, was a shocker as Madrid could only manage one shot on target, despite having 74 per cent possession and making close to 700 passes with an 85 per cent accuracy rate. Another stat that should hurt Madrid is how the goals have dried up. In their last 14 games, they have scored two or more only three times, a number that might not be the biggest confidence-booster as they head for the first El Clasico of the season.

These two defeats followed a similar script, Madrid have been slack despite enjoying the lion's share of possession. They've relied on an overload of long balls and crosses with very little success to show for it.

Rumour mill

Such is the pressure of being the Real Madrid manager that two losses and an upcoming El Clasico sets rumour- mongers about. French publication L'Equipe wrote that Zidane has been given a two-match lifeline to change course or get the sack. The head of a manager who has won a league title and three Champions Leagues is said to be on the chopping block of the most successful club in the world after just six games

into the new season. Live on Facebook Watch, 7.30pm

In isolation and mourning his brother's demise, Brazil legend Pele turns 80

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BRAZILIAN GREAT Pele turned 80 on Friday, but the celebration will have to wait.

The three-time World Cup winner spent the day isolated with a few family members outside Sao Paulo, where he received a flood of tributes from players, fans, celebrities and politicians. His long-time spokesman, Pepito Fornos,

said Pele will spend his birthday at his mansion in the beachfront city of Guaruja, on the coast of Sao Paulo state, where he has been since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also has residences in Santos and Sao Paulo. "He will only stay with his family. No party at all," Fornos told The Associated Press. "That has been the case all his life."

Fornos said Pele isn't speaking publicly because he is still mourning his brother Jair, who died of cancer in March. Pele is Brazil's all-time leading scorer with 77 goals, although Neymar is closing in on that record with 64. But the Paris Saint-Germain striker trails far behind when it comes to World Cup

titles, which Pele won in 1958, 1962 and 1970. No other player has accomplished that feat. Pele also collected a slew of trophies for Brazilian club Santos from 1956-74, including 10 Sao Paulo state league titles, which was a top tournament at the time, six Brazilian championships, two Copa Libertadores titles and the Intercontinental Cup in 1962 and 1963.



Fans take a selfie in front of Pele's mural in Sao Paulo. Reuters

The Brazilian ended his career with the New York Cosmos, where he played from 1975-77, winning one national title and attracting sports greats like boxer Muhammad Ali to watch him play as soccer took root in the United States. Pele was also Brazil's sports minister from 1995-98. Two years later, he shared the FIFA award for player of the century with Argentina great Diego Maradona. The Brazilian received the most votes from members of the soccer body, while the Argentine prevailed in an online vote.

New Delhi

Since 1992, Pele has done charity work as a U.N goodwill ambassador. He stopped his career as a businessman in 2004 after failed attempts in the sports marketing field.

Pele has had mobility problems since a failed hip replacement surgery in 2012. He has also been admitted to hospitals in recent years for kidney and prostate procedures. The celebrations in Brazil for Pele began on Feb. 20, but he didn't attend the unveiling of a lifesize statue of him at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro that day.

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