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DECISION 2020 BIHAR

LEADS & WINS*

NDA	
• BJP	74
• JD(U)	43
• HAM(S)	4
• VIP	4

MAHAGATHBANDHAN

• RJD	75
• Congress	19
• Left	16

(CPI-ML: 12, CPI: 2, CPM: 2)

OTHERS

• LJP	1
• AIMIM	5
• BSP	1
• IND	1

2015 ASSEMBLY*

JD(U)	71 (16.83%**)	HAM(S)	1
BJP	53 (24.42%)	INDEPENDENTS	4
RJD	80 (18.35%)	LJP	2
CONGRESS	27 (6.66%)	RLSP	2
CPI-ML	3		

** Vote share in brackets
* In 2015, JD(U) contested as part of the Mahagathbandhan with RJD, Congress

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NDA back: Nitish Dented Alliance



BJP workers celebrate outside the party headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey



RJD supporters outside the residence of party leader Tejashwi Yadav in Patna on Tuesday. Dipankar Ghose

Defying exit polls, BJP-JD(U) set to return, Chirag cuts their votes

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

DEFYING MOST exit polls that predicted its rout, the BJP-JD(U) NDA alliance is all set to retain power in Bihar, with the BJP emerging as the dominant partner, according to results Tuesday of the Assembly elections held in three phases over the last two weeks.

As the exigencies of Covid pushed counting late into the evening, the NDA and the Opposition RJD-led Mahagathbandhan or Grand Alliance were headed for a photo finish. Finally, with trends firming up by 11 pm, the NDA pulled ahead with wins and leads totalling 125 seats against the Grand Alliance's 110 in the 243-member Assembly.

For the NDA, Nitish Kumar 4.0 still looks probable despite the JD(U)'s slide to 43 seats, according to latest projections, but the big takeaway was the BJP's rise to become the largest party in the alliance with 74 seats — and the role played by the LJP, which broke away from the alliance in the state weeks before polls, in denting the JD(U).

Led by Chirag Paswan, following the death of his father Ram Vilas Paswan days before polls, the LJP managed to win only one of the 137 seats it contested — its worst performance since its inception in October 2000. But its presence as a break-

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away element, which put up candidates against the JD(U) and not the BJP, heavily hit the JD(U)'s chances in about 75 seats.

Political observers in Bihar said the LJP has completed its "assignment" of damaging the JD(U) and that Chirag Paswan's political future "will now depend on the BJP".

Paswan was relentless in his attacks against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar during the campaign, and did not let up even as votes were being counted

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Despite crowds, an absence: Why Tejashwi's Caste-Plus remained his work in progress

VANDITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

LUMPSUM *mein*, as they say in Bihar, this election verdict that made everyone count late into the evening hours is about one thing, or two. One, the diminishing of Nitish Kumar. He may or may not be back as Chief Minister, but it will not be the same Nitish Kumar.

He is no more the shining sadak-bridge-cycle-for-school-

girls hero of 2010 who restored the authority of the State. Or the Sushasan Babu of 2015, whose halo had dimmed, but who was widely acknowledged, still, to be the Leader Who Works. This, in a state where circumstances of Lalu raj had conspired to make development the forsaken end of a pessimistic binary — *samajik nyay versus vikas*, social justice versus development.

The Nitish Kumar of 2020 is the Chief Minister to whom the

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RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Patna on Tuesday. ANI

Will Nitish remain CM? No doubt, says BJP; but voices within talk of his reduced clout



JD(U) supporters celebrate in Patna on Tuesday. PTI

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AS THE results trickled in Tuesday evening pointing to the NDA scraping past the 122-seat majority mark with the BJP as the dominant partner for the first time in Bihar, its leaders underlined their campaign commitment to continue with Nitish Kumar as Chief Minister.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the architect of the current

BJP-JD(U) alliance, dialled Nitish in what party leaders called a "congratulatory" call. Sources said that Shah was clear that if the NDA formed the government, Nitish Kumar would lead it.

But the fact that Nitish and his JD(U) have slid in the final tally isn't lost on anyone. By midnight Tuesday, the BJP was leading in 74 of the 110 seats it had contested (a gain of 21) and the JD(U) in 43 of 115 (a loss of 28).

For the record, there was

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RJD alliance falls just short, alleges miscount; EC says all in order

DIPANKAR GHOSE & RITIKA CHOPRA
PATNA, NEW DELHI, NOV 10

THE RJD-LED Opposition Mahagathbandhan, which exit polls predicted would win the Assembly elections and end Nitish Kumar's 15-year run as Chief Minister, fell short of the majority mark in the 243-member Bihar House Tuesday night.

Pulled down by the dismal showing of the Congress, the strong performance of AIMIM in Seemanchal, and the less-than-expected tally of RJD though it did emerge as the single largest party, the Mahagathbandhan refused to accept the results. It alleged that returning officers had given into pressure from the ruling alliance, and had not been fair in declaring the results.

The RJD, Congress and CPI

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(M-L) approached the Election Commission in Patna Tuesday night to lodge complaints, alleging irregularities in declaration of results.

After meeting poll panel officials, RJD leader Manoj Jha said: "There are over a dozen seats where tampering has been done. They are trying to change the people's mandate. But even after such ill-intended attempts, we will form the government." He said they had been assured that their grievances would be addressed. "We trust the EC, but not district officials," he said.

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Congress the weakest link, pulling MGB down, losing most fights against BJP

MANOJ CGG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

WITH THE Assembly election in Bihar going down to the wire late of Tuesday night, the Congress emerged as the weakest link in the RJD-led grand alliance, perhaps keeping it from crossing the halfway mark.

The Congress, which had contested 70 seats, had won just 14 and was leading at another 5

— a strike rate of 27 per cent. It had done especially badly in the seats where it was in a straight fight with the BJP.

The three left parties — CPI(ML), CPM, and CPI — had won or were leading in 17 of the 29 seats that they had contested, a strike rate of 58.6 per cent.

The RJD, which had contested 144 seats, had won 60 and was leading at 16 — a strike rate of about 53 per cent — according

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MEANWHILE IN BYPOLLS

BJP wins big in MP, Gujarat and UP; Scindia delivers, Chouhan's govt safe



Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and state BJP president V D Sharma in Bhopal on Tuesday. PTI

LIZ MATHEW & MANOJ CGG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AS THE vote count in Bihar progressed slowly late into Tuesday evening, the BJP received a major boost in byelections held for Assembly seats elsewhere across the country.

In Madhya Pradesh, it had won or established a lead in 19 of the 28 Assembly seats for which byelections were held on November 3, which ensured that

the government of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is no longer under threat.

At 11 pm on Tuesday, the BJP had won or was leading at 40 of the 59 Assembly seats that went to bypolls, including a seat in Manipur at which the BJP candidate was elected unopposed.

The party had retained its dominance in Uttar Pradesh (won 6 out of 7 seats), Gujarat (won 8 out of 8), and Karnataka (won 2 out of 2).

For the Congress, the only

good news came from Chhattisgarh and Haryana, where it won byelections to the Marwahi and Baroda seats respectively. The Congress also won the Bermo seat in Jharkhand, while its ally Jharkhand Mukti Morcha won in Dumka.

The results underlined the general trend of the ruling party

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Xi, Khan watching, Modi says SCO members must respect sovereignty

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

WITH CHINESE President Xi Jinping and Pakistan PM Imran Khan listening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said all member-nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) should respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Sharing a virtual platform with both Xi and Khan for the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the SCO summit, via video conferencing, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

first time since the India-China border standoff began in early May this year, Modi, while talk-

ing about India's participation in strengthening connectivity

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Caste-Plus

people are not giving the benefit of every doubt because of his supposed good intent. Today, he is the leader they are talking back to.

Across castes, grievances that had gathered and risen to the fore in Nitish raj made themselves heard in this election: An incomplete empowerment and a patchy vikas; thana-tehsil corruption; af-sarshahi or excessive bureaucratization. State inability and incapacity to take the next step to improve the quality of education, invite investment and create jobs.

A failed prohibition policy which has meant "home delivery" for the well-heeled, spurious and costly liquor for the poor. Mismanagement of the annual Kosi flood and insensitivity to the returning migrant amid a public health emergency.

In many places, a question was heard, sharpened by the pandemic: "What is this vikas (development), and of what use this double-engine sarkar (NDA at state and Centre), if I must leave my home and my state, to work?"

Questions were framed, even among the labharthi or beneficiaries of government subsidies and schemes, about the nature of a vikas that keeps the people beholden to the state.

And yet, in this election of never-before grumbling about a three-time Chief Minister, Tejashwi Yadav was unable to seize this sentiment and make a mandate of it—and that is the second clear takeaway from this Bihar verdict.

Travelling in Bihar in this election, despite the increasingly articulate anger against him, this seemed Nitish's election to lose, not Tejashwi's to win. Nitish was at the centre of this election. There was a formlessness about Tejashwi.

If a leader's presence is felt not just in his own projection of it, but also, and more, in voters' perceptions of him, Tejashwi was an absence even among the voters most disillusioned with Nitish. Turning to him seemed to be, mostly, a flailing against Nitish.

Despite a last-minute attempt by Team Tejashwi to package him anew—or perhaps because of the last-minutelessness of it—BJP's new chief ministerial candidate was carrying into this election neither a narrative nor a clean slate.

It was unfair and unrealistic to expect the clean slate perhaps—after all, Tejashwi is his father's son. As Lalu Prasad's heir, he starts with a tremendous advantage and a great constraint.

Lalu may now be in jail, but nothing can take away from his place in Bihar's history as the leader who upended entrenched upper caste dominance by mobilising a broad coalition of backward castes. But Lalu also allowed his coalition to shrink, and for the RJD to become only the M-Y party. Lalu raj abundantly stoked caste bias and prejudice, but it also gave reasons for both the upper and the most backward castes to fear a return of the Yadav right-of-way.

A narrative, however, a filling out of the "10 lakh jobs" slogan, or the other slogan of economic justice or "aarthik nyay", might have empowered Tejashwi. It could have helped him to make his legacy a springboard for a reinvented RJD, while laying to rest the fears and anxieties.

A more savvy ticket distribution—paying more attention to the local caste configuration and winnability, which the "M-Y" RJD used to back its claim to becoming the "A to Z" party—could not take the place of the missing narrative in a whirlwind campaign.

To fight Nitish, Tejashwi also seemed to be taking a leaf out of the Modi book—whose popularity, this election has underlined, remains undimmed in the state.

In this election, Team Tejashwi appeared to have taken on board a vital Modi lesson—to break out of the constraints of a vote bank

you need not repudiate it, but only to overlay it with another appeal or set of appeals.

Modi's core appeal is Hindutva, but it has several other layers. In Bihar, as elsewhere, if you are a Modi supporter, you can pick your Modi.

The Outsider who is seen to have disrupted and levelled the playing field. The "backward caste" "chawallah" who made it on his own. Mascot of hard Hindutva, who abrogated Article 370 and laid the Mandir's first silver brick. Nationalist Hero who took the fight into Pakistan. Leader with Big Ideas who cannot be held accountable for smaller corruptions and failures.

Modi's success is in giving the voter many Modis to choose from, and believe in. It lies, at the same time, in creating a narrative dominance that makes the truth, or fakery, of these images seem almost besides the point.

Team Tejashwi tried to extend Brand Tejashwi in this election, make it Caste-plus. It is the beginning of an acknowledgement that, in the time of Modi, leaders will need a more multi-vocal communication and appeal.

But this election has also shown that in Tejashwi's case, leadership is still something to be earned, a work in progress. There is a lot of hard labour of politics yet to be done before he can win a mandate of his own, not just receive the vote against his opponent.

Nitish

little confusion.

"Our bosses have already declared that Nitish Kumar is going to be our Chief Minister," BJP's Bihar unit President Sanjay Jaiswal told The Indian Express. "When we decided to be partners, our then national president Amit Shah had said that NDA would be led by Nitish Kumar. So, it stands," he said.

Asked if Kumar would be CM for the entire five years if the NDA forms the government, Jaiswal said: "Naturally, when our Prime Minister has said that. Yes, it will be so."

However, there were noises within. There is an awareness that the anger against Nitish Kumar was vocal and visible during the campaign and even if it had not translated into seats for the Opposition alliance— as exit polls had predicted—it should not be brushed away.

A senior BJP leader said that one option the party was looking at was to "offer" Nitish Kumar the CM's post as had been announced in public but keep future options open. "There may be a review of this decision after six months to one year," the leader said.

Another party leader said: "There is no confusion from our end, let's see what's on his mind after the final results are in."

Speaking to The Indian Express, another party leader Sanjay Paswan suggested there was still room for reconsideration. "It's a victory for the BJP and Prime Minister Modi. But as per our promises, we are committed to offer the Chief Minister's post to Nitish Kumar. It's up to the morality of Nitish Kumar to decide what to do."

What is clear, though, is that the BJP's increased tally will mean a larger share in the Cabinet and plum portfolios. "The Cabinet and government formation will naturally have to be in proportion to the number of seats each party holds," pointed out a leader. Another leader added: "It will be on a mutually agreed formula."

In the outgoing government, formed after Kumar broke his two-year partnership with RJD and re-joined the NDA in 2017, JD(U) had 17 ministers and the BJP had 12 including Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi.

The BJP's efforts to signal that it will honour its commitment is also meant to counter the criti-

cism of it being a not-so-trustworthy partner.

But there are different voices within over the new BJP-JD(U) dynamic. Since it decided to fight the election with JD(U), the BJP leadership was clear in its strategy: push the "double-engine" election plank and at the same time hope that JD(U), which had remained the bigger partner so far, is cut to size and takes the anti-incumbency blowback.

This was behind the propping up of Chirag Paswan's IJP and although senior leaders subsequently distanced themselves from him, the message had gone home. The IJP may have got little by way of seats but the NDA is aware of its role in denting JD(U). Said BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya: "In some of the constituencies where the BJP candidate is losing by 1000-2000 votes, Paswan's votes would have made the difference."

A section in the BJP feels that the JD(U) will fracture as Nitish's popularity declines because the party does not have a robust second-rung leadership and its social constituencies could move to the BJP. Weakening stronger alliance partners in states has been a strategy for national parties. The BJP tried to emerge as the dominant player in Maharashtra against the Shiv Sena and in Punjab against the Akali Dal, forcing both to eventually leave the alliance.

However, as of now, given the close numbers, the BJP is expected to treat the JD(U) with kid gloves ahead of crucial Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

For the PM, this could be a double victory. An NDA return to power in Bihar gives the BJP a boost ahead of these polls, helps it put its losses in Jharkhand, Delhi and Maharashtra behind and strengthens the BJP's assertion that despite Covid, the economic distress and the border standoff with China, the party's appeal remains largely intact. More so in a state which strongly felt migrant distress during the pandemic.

Weakest link

to data on the Election Commission website at 11.15 pm on Tuesday.

Of the 70 seats that it contested, the Congress was up against the BJP in 37—and it had won or was leading at just 7. It had won or was leading at 10 seats against JD(U) candidates, and at 3 seats where it contested against the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular).

Of the 30 seats where it was trailing or had lost to BJP candidates, the Congress had been pushed to third place in three—Chainpur, Gopalganj, and Paro.

Overall, the Congress had lost or was trailing at 51 seats, and among those falling behind in the count were actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha's son Luv Sinha in Bankipur, and veteran socialist leader Sharad Yadav's daughter Subhashini in Bihariganj.

A leader of one of the constituencies of the opposition alliance told The Indian Express that the outcome could have been different had the seat sharing been done in a more "rational" manner.

"I think if we could have formed an alliance earlier and the seat allocation was more rational... For example... I think at least 50 seats for the Left and 50 seats for the Congress would have probably been a more reasonable, fair distribution of seats. That could have possibly affected the results better," CPI(M) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya said.

Congress sources, however, argued that the 70 seats the party contested were "traditionally non UPA/non-Congress seats, where the strike rate of the NDA had been more than 95 per cent."

Said a Congress leader: "Whenever the JD(U) and BJP come together they become a

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Tuesday. "I did not lose courage in difficult times. When it came to contesting polls alone for the pride of Bihar, I did not get nervous. There are some people who have to take help from three allies to remain in power despite being in power for 15 years," he posted on Twitter in Hindi.

But with the "silent support" for Nitish Kumar from Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) and women voters counting in the alliance's favour, the next question for the NDA is his future as Chief Minister. Sources in the JD(U) and BJP are sure that he will stay on—at least for now.

"We always kept talking about our silent EBC and women voters, who were not taken into account by the opinion and exit polls," said Jagnarayan Singh, former Bihar OBC Commission member.

Senior JD(U) leader and former Bihar EBC Commission chairman Udaykant Choudhary had said before the third phase that most of the EBC voters were still with the

NDA. Even Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had reiterated that as long as the NDA had the confidence of EBC and women voters, it enjoyed an advantage over the Grand Alliance.

In essence, what the 2020 Assembly results reiterated was that despite his government running out of new ideas for governance and slipping in Covid management, the good work done previously by Nitish Kumar in building roads and bridges, and bringing power to villages, continues to sway voters. JD(U) national spokesperson KC Tyagi said: "Our leader Nitish Kumar was being dismissed after exit poll results but he proved yet again that good governance is always a winning plank. Any Chief Minister can face a bit of anti-incumbency after serving the state for three terms but Nitish Kumar did it successfully along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

In fact, Nitish Kumar could follow in the footsteps of Bihar's first Chief Minister Dr Srikrishna Singh to enter a

fourth consecutive term at the helm—if Singh's tenure as prime minister of the state before Independence is included.

And yet, there is a huge difference between the Nitish Kumar of 2010 and 2020. In 2010, the NDA under him won 206 of 243 seats with his party alone winning 115. In 2020, he faces the situation of being dictated to by a senior alliance partner. But sources said the BJP will be cautious in dealing with Nitish Kumar as the JD(U), RJD, Congress and Left together would have the numbers to form a government. "The BJP will not do anything that can hurt Nitish Kumar. We may well be a junior partner but the election was fought under his leadership. Nitish Kumar will continue to remain indispensable for BJP," said a JD(U) leader.

BJP sources said that while Nitish Kumar will remain the Chief Minister, the national party will "have a big say" in government formation. "Unlike in past governments with Nitish, the BJP can assert

RJD alliance falls just short, alleges miscount

In New Delhi, Election Commission Director General Umesh Sinha, responding to RJD's allegations that the ruling party in the state was influencing results, said, "I want to reassure everyone that our officers are working tirelessly and are not under any pressure."

Asked about RJD's claim that Mahagathbandhan candidates had won 119 seats and that many of them were not being given winning certificates under pressure from the ruling dispensation, Deputy Election Commissioner Chandra Bhushan Kumar said, "As of 9 pm, results have been declared in 146 seats and trends are available for 97. This is in the public domain, and for everyone to see."

Sinha said the EC's information on its website is authentic as it's published only after verification by the returning offi-

cers, and following due process. On the Left parties demanding a recount in three seats, Kumar, referring to the Commission's instructions of May 18, 2019, said that wherever the winning margin is less than the invalid postal ballot votes, all the rejected votes would be mandatorily rever-

ified. In a neck-and-neck race, the Mahagathbandhan, which had been handed the state by all exit polls, surged ahead in the early hours of counting, but trailed the ruling NDA thereafter.

With the results not according to script, senior leaders of the RJD admitted that the huge crowds at Tejashwi Yadav's rallies had not quite translated into votes.

And one reason for their disappointment, the leaders said, was the third phase of the polls, in the Muslim-majority

region of Seemanchal which had 24 seats. Because it was here that the AIMIM did quite well, picking up 5 seats.

RJD leaders said if the AIMIM were to join the Mahagathbandhan, it may give them hope to form a government. Through the elections, the AIMIM emerged as a viable alternative for Muslims—it counted on the charisma of party chief Asaduddin Owaisi, its support of the anti-CAA protests and the building of party cadre on the ground.

In Seemanchal, many on the ground remained undecided until the last few days before polling. Although AIMIM was popular, people weighed the benefits of voting for an alliance that could form the government. In the end, the AIMIM did show itself to be a viable alternative

RJD leaders admitted that all these wins came at the cost

of Mahagathbandhan candidates.

"If you look at the data so far, we did very well in the first phase. The second phase was close, perhaps slightly less than we estimated. But the real problem was in the third phase. Where the AIMIM has won 5 seats and in other areas like Darbhanga, we seem to have won only one of 10," a leader of the RJD said.

Leaders of the Mahagathbandhan said they were yet to analyse why this had happened. "But in a preliminary sense, we see that may be a section of the Muslims drifted away from us for a combination of factors. For some, it was sitting candidates of the Mahagathbandhan, and for others it was the AIMIM which stood by them in their hour of need. That is something we have to work on," a senior RJD leader said.

deadly combination based on their caste and social composition. In 2010 when the BJP and the JD(U) fought together they won 65 out of these 70 seats. The BJP had won 33 out of 36 and the JD(U) won 32 out of 34. Similarly, in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, BJP and the JD(U) fought together, they led in 67 out of the same 70 seats. BJP led in 25 out of 26 segments and JD(U) led in 28 out of 32 segments."

This leader said the BJP had won 24 out of these 70 seats even in 2015, when it fought without the JD(U). Given that the NDA has traditionally been strong at these 70 seats, blaming just the Congress would be unfair, the leader said.

What would be worrying for the Congress though, is its performance in Seemanchal, a region with a significant Muslim population. Out of the 11 seats it contested in the region, the Congress had won or was leading on only 5. Of the remaining six seats, the AIMIM was ahead in two—Amour and Bahadurganj. In Bahadurganj, the Congress had been relegated to the third position after the VIP.

The Congress had won 8 seats in Seemanchal in the last Assembly election. Overall, the Congress had won 27 of the 41

seats it had contested the last time. The Congress has increased its vote share from 6.66 per cent in 2015 to 9.5 per cent this time.

A section of the RJD had been arguing that the Congress was given at least 15-18 seats more than what it should have got. Congress in charge of Bihar Shaktisinh Gohil had, however, told The Indian Express during the campaign: "We had identified 95 seats and asked for 70 seats out of those... We had to remain with the alliance, and the RJD, being the largest party, wanted everyone to be flexible and adjust a bit..."

BJP wins big

of the state having the upper hand in Assembly byelections. Baroda in Haryana, where the election was necessitated by the death of the veteran Congress leader Sri Krishan Hooda, was the exception.

The BJP said the results demonstrated the change in the "grammar of Indian politics", in that "performance and development" had been rewarded by voters.

"The victory of the BJP in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, and other bypolls have underscored the point the BJP has been making: that the politics of performance and development

would prevail. This is an endorsement that despite issues related to caste, class and community, performance matters. All these indicate a change in the grammar of Indian politics," senior BJP leader Vinay Sahasrabudhe said.

The bitterly contested elections in Madhya Pradesh were brought on by the exit of Jyotiraditya Scindia from the Congress, who took with him 22 MLAs, resulting in the fall of Kamal Nath's 15-month-old government. All these MLAs joined the BJP, and another three Congress MLAs left subsequently. Three other seats in the House had fallen vacant after sitting MLAs died.

The BJP, which has 107 MLAs, needed to win 9 of the 28 seats that went to polls in order to cross the halfway mark in the 230-member Assembly. Scindia, who fought a prestige battle in the Gwalior-Chambal region, delivered for the BJP, while the performance of the Congress—which had won 6 and was leading at 3 seats at 11 pm—was a loss of face for its senior leaders Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh.

The showing in Madhya Pradesh will enable Scindia to bargain hard ahead of the reshuffle of the Narendra Modi ministry at the Centre. The results are also

seat twice for the Congress.

In UP, the Samajwadi Party won only the Malhan seat, which it had won in 2017 as well. The BJP's performance will elevate Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's stature further in the party. Adityanath has faced criticism recently for his government's handling of the Hathras incident.

The Congress won Baroda in Haryana's Sonapat district by a bigger margin than last time. The Jat-dominated seat is a stronghold of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

SCO meet

among nations, said, "India believes that to enhance connectivity, it is important that we move forward while respecting one another's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Modi's remarks are in line with comments made by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the Indo-US 2+2 meeting in New Delhi last month.

In a thinly-veiled reference to Pakistan, the Prime Minister also hit out at those making repeated attempts to "unnecessarily" bring bilateral issues to the SCO in violation of the grouping's foundational principles.

"India has always been resolute in working in sync with principles laid out in the SCO charter. But it is unfortunate that there have been repeated efforts to unnecessarily bring bilateral issues in the SCO agenda, which is in violation of the SCO spirit," Modi said.

Pakistan has been trying to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir on almost every international platform since August last year when Article 370 was revoked.

Chinese President Xi said SCO members should deepen mutual trust and resolve disputes and differences through dialogue and consultations, while firmly dealing with terrorist, separatist and extremist forces.

The last time Modi and Xi shared a virtual stage was at the G-20 leaders' summit in March this year to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic.

Xi, in remarks made in the backdrop of the over six-month-long border standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh, said history has proved and will continue to prove that good, neighbourly friendship will go beyond a beggar-thy-neighbour approach, mutually beneficial cooperation will take over the zero-sum game and multilateralism will prevail over unilateralism.

"We need to deepen solidarity and mutual trust and resolve disputes and differences through dialogue and consultations... We need to act on the vision of common, comprehensive and sustainable security, address all forms of threats and challenges effectively and foster a sound security atmosphere in our region," he said.

Countries of the SCO should "resolutely oppose external forces" interfering in their internal affairs under any pretext," Xi said. This comes in the backdrop of the Quad foreign ministers meeting that met in Tokyo last month, with an eye on an aggressive Beijing in the Indo-Pacific region.

Xi said SCO members should "firmly support countries concerned in law-based efforts to steadily advance major domestic political agenda... and firmly oppose interference by external forces in the domestic affairs of SCO members under whatever pretext".

Modi will also share a virtual platform with the Chinese President on November 17 for the BRICS meeting and on November 21-22 for the G-20 summit. The two leaders have met at least 18 times in the last six years.

83 DEATHS, 7,830 CASES ON TUESDAY

Capital deaths touch new high, centres to test for oxygen too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

IN AN effort to reduce Covid-19 mortalities, the Delhi government has asked all Covid testing centres to mandatorily check oxygen saturation levels of everyone who gets tested. Those having an oxygen saturation level below 94% will have to be mandatorily examined by a doctor.

On Tuesday, 83 fatalities were recorded — the highest in over five months — taking the death toll to 7,143. For over four days now, Delhi has been recording over 70 fatalities a day — a total of 310 deaths were reported in these days alone.

The order, issued by Special Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) Udit Prakash Rai, directs all centres to implement the guidelines with immediate effect. The directives were issued after several patients visiting hospitals were found to have progressed to either moderate or severe categories of Covid-19.

"Early identification of not only those with detectable infection (via testing) but also those



Those with oxygen saturation level below 94% will have to be examined by a doctor. Amit Mehra

Unique e-health card for all Delhi residents by August next year, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

DELHI RESIDENTS will have a unique e-health card by August next year, the government said Tuesday. A cloud-based Health Information Management System (HIMS) will also be implemented across Delhi government hospitals.

Both have been in the planning stage for a considerable time, with the health card being announced in early 2018.

The e-health card has been designed as a QR code-based card to collate clinical details of all patients in one place, and ties in with the HIMS, which will store a database of clinical information of those registered.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal discussed the progress of the ambitious project in a meeting with Health Minister Satyendar Jain and officials of the department Tuesday. The officials gave a presentation for the implementation of HIMS and issuing e-health cards.

"The Health Information Management System will be implemented by August 2021 in all Delhi government hospitals. The system seeks to target the healthcare delivery process. All the patient care services, hospital administration, budgeting and planning, supply chain management, and back-end services and processes will be brought under the system. As far as the deployment model is concerned, the entire system will be on the cloud and digitised. This will enable citizens to avail information on one platform, which will help them in emergency cases," a statement issued by the Delhi government said.

In the initial stages, the new schemes will be applicable at government hospitals only and



CM discussed project with Health Minister and officials of the department

will later be extended to private hospitals as well.

"This management system should be able to provide all healthcare facilities to the people. Other than that, by 2021, every resident of Delhi visiting a hospital should be issued a card to avail of the benefits of the government healthcare services. After issuing cards, we have to ensure that it is integrated with HIMS," Kejriwal said. Officials said that the card will also ensure that Delhi residents are mapped for all eligible schemes and programs.

The government, Jain said, was also working on an on-call doctor facility through the day as well as a Centralised Health Helpline, which will be integrated with the management system and provide teleconsulting, address information requests, address queries and complaints, and follow-ups. "To ensure an effective reach of healthcare facilities to people, we will also link the call centre facilities to the app launched under the HIMS. This will resolve the issues of people effectively. This system will also ensure the availability of a doctor for the people 24x7," Jain said.

Officials said that while the system has been in the works for several months now, work was delayed and derailed because of the pandemic.

Wrong Tihar prisoner released, re-arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

ON NOVEMBER 4, an undertrial prisoner lodged inside Tihar Jail was "wrongly released" by prison authorities, instead of another prisoner.

Delhi Prisons DG Sandeep Goel confirmed this, and said, "The two accused share the same name, and are named in the same FIR. This is why the person was wrongly released. He has been re-arrested."

The two men are accused in a robbery case, and one of them

had received interim bail. The matter came to light when the accused's lawyer went to a trial court in the city and said the undertrial prisoner had not been released. "We found out then. An inquiry is being conducted and disciplinary action will be taken after it is complete," said Goel.

A prison source said the person who was to be released on interim bail was in jail no. 1, while his accomplice, who shares the same name and was mistakenly released, was in jail no. 8. Once the matter came to light, the undertrial was tracked down to his house and re-arrested.

Scooter rider killed

New Delhi: A marble stone-laden canter truck rammed into a scooter at Fatehpur Beri Sunday, killing the rider on the spot. The deceased, Jitesh, was a resident of Asola. A case was registered and the truck driver has been arrested, police said. **ENS**

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL

TOTAL CASES		Total	Vacant	
4,51,382		1,270	191	
HOSPITAL BEDS		2,055	335	
VENTILATORS				
Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
Nov 9	5,023	7,014	71	39,115
Nov 10	7,830	6,157	83	59,035
Total	41,385	4,02,854	7,143	51,97,924

*Total active cases

at increased risk of developing complications or progressing to moderate or severe disease shall help us reduce the Covid-19 associated complications and deaths," the order stated.

As per the order, oxygen level has to be compulsorily checked and recorded on the OPD slip of every patient visiting Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) and RT-PCR centres.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain, in a tweet on Tuesday, also shared a copy of the order dated November 9.

"Prompt and appropriate treatment is the key to save lives

and combat Covid-19 complications and deaths. All RAT and RT-PCR centres are hereby directed to ensure oxygen saturation. Patients with less than 94% oxygen saturation to mandatorily undergo a medical examination," he tweeted.

The city Tuesday recorded a single-day new high of 7,830 new cases, taking the total number of infections to 4,51,382. The daily positivity reached 13.26% after 59,035 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. The fatality rate based on the last 10 days data has been recorded at 0.98%.

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Format of the Application are available at the Reception of the VIPS and duly filled format shall be submitted at the Reception from 11th November, 2020. The last date of submission is 28th November, 2020 up to 4.00 PM.

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2. Reservations as per the rules will be observed.

3. The admissions made under this quota of the Management shall be subject to and in accordance with notification issued by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Department of Higher Education) vide No.F.DHE.4(33)/2006-07 Professional Colleges or Institutions (Prohibitions of Capitation fee, Regulations of Admissions, fixation of non-exploitative fee and other Measures to ensure Equality and Excellence) Act 2007; and the communication from the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University No. IPU-7/admissions/MQ/2020-21/705 and such other relevant rules of the Government and the University as may be prescribed from time to time.

4. The fee structure for the course will be the same as that of the other students

5. The candidates may refer University Brochure 2020-21 and also may visit the website of the Institution.

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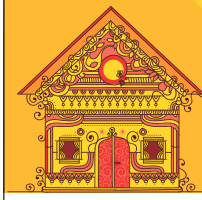
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Extract from the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated
Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30th September 2020

Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated				
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Financial year Ended	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Financial Year Ended
		30.09.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020
1	Total income from operations	13,644.46	18,041.06	25,731.92	36,352.52	71,876.35	13,809.86	18,249.90	25,990.48	36,731.46	72,567.70
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,550.34	1,535.51	1,906.53	3,516.03	7,841.73	1,432.00	1,706.47	2,160.74	4,013.93	10,428.94
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,550.34	1,535.51	1,906.53	3,516.03	7,943.36	1,432.00	1,706.47	2,160.74	4,013.93	10,428.94
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,239.67	1,064.25	1,495.18	2,351.78	6,620.63	1,068.16	1,167.58	1,711.13	2,671.25	9,514.64
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	721.80	(3.44)	1,406.32	1,412.88	3,820.67	549.33	172.41	1,604.57	1,887.79	6,781.75
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹ 10 each)	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14	4,510.14
7	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Balance Sheet					37,433.66					42,638.50
8	Earnings per share (Face Value of ₹ 10 each)										
	a) Basic	2.75	2.36	3.32	5.21	14.68	2.47	2.59	3.92	5.92	20.89
	b) Diluted	2.75	2.36	3.32	5.21	14.68	2.47	2.59	3.92	5.92	20.89
	(EPS for the Quarter and Half year are not annualised)										

Notes:-

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges website (www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com) and Company's website (www.gailonline.com).
- The above Unaudited Financial Results are in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

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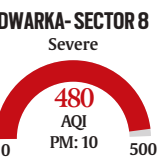
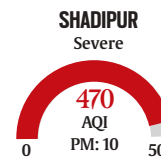
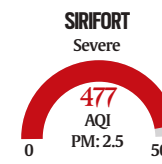
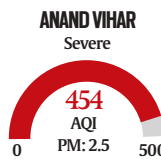
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MEETING TODAY TO TAKE A CALL ON MEASURES

Capital inches towards odd-even as pollution touches emergency levels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

WITH A 24-hour AQI reading of 476, air pollution in Delhi and NCR has persisted to be in the emergency level for more than 48 hours as of Tuesday. No immediate respite has been forecast by government agencies.

Arvind Nautiyal, member of the recently formed Commission on Air Quality Management, Tuesday asked the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) chairman in a letter to implement measures under the Union Environment Ministry's Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) — which recommends implementation of the odd-even road rationing scheme, stopping construction activities and entry of trucks into Delhi when air quality is under 'emergency' level.

"Till a mechanism is set up by the Commission, as an interim measure, CPCB is entrusted with the task of operationalising and monitoring GRAP measures, un-



Fog at Dilshad Garden on Tuesday morning. Praveen Khanna

til further orders," the letter sent by Nautiyal, copied to chief secretaries of four NCR states, read.

Asked if emergency measures under GRAP will be implemented, CPCB chairman S D Meena told *The Indian Express*, "We will hold an internal meeting tomorrow morning and we will do it." Union environment secretary RP Gupta also said GRAP will be implemented.

The construction ban and odd-even road rationing scheme had been implemented in Delhi when pollution levels spiked in previous years, under directions of the Delhi government and the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) — which was dissolved last month after the formation of the new Commission. Under GRAP, an emergency

level of pollution is considered when concentration of PM 2.5 or PM 10 — fine inhalable particles suspended in the air — crosses the threshold of 300 and 500 micrograms per cubic metre air ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). This threshold was crossed in Delhi-NCR, most recently, on November 8 at 4 pm, as per CPCB data.

The 24-hour exposure limit of PM 2.5 is $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, while that of PM 10 is $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Their levels had peaked at $644 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and $779 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Tuesday afternoon in the region before it reduced, but still remained above the emergency threshold as of 9 pm.

Delhi's AQI has remained severe since November 5, which impacts healthy population and "seriously impacts" people with pre-existing health conditions, as per the CPCB.

Factors that are causing air quality to deteriorate are high moisture levels, calm winds, and intrusion of pollutants from stubble burning states into Delhi's air. A bulletin from the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) air quality

monitor SAFAR said the share of PM 2.5 in Delhi's air from stubble burning — noticed in Punjab, Haryana, UP, Uttarakhand — was around 22%. "Extremely calm local surface winds continued to arrest all old and new accumulated pollutants (in Delhi)... Due to favourable transport-level wind direction and speed, until today morning, significant stubble burning-related intrusion took place," the SAFAR bulletin said.

However, on Tuesday, wind direction over Delhi changed from northwesterly — which favours transport of stubble burning pollutants — to easterly, which is expected to reduce contribution of farm fires.

The MoES Air Quality Early Warning System (EWS) for Delhi has forecast that air quality is likely to remain severe on Wednesday, and between severe to very poor on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Gurgaon District Magistrate Tuesday issued directions banning the "sale and use of firecrackers of all types in the district".

Pollutants 20 times above exposure limit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

LEVELS OF PM 10 and PM 2.5 suspended in the air reached 15-20 times above their exposure limit at 17 out of 26 air quality monitoring stations of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) Tuesday morning, as humidity and low night time temperature caused "multiplication" of pollutants. The remaining stations had incomplete records or were not functional. The acceptable limit is 60 and $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

At North Delhi's Jahangirpuri, PM 2.5 levels peaked at $1,422 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 11 am, 23 times above the acceptable limit, while at East Delhi's Anand Vihar, it was $1,325 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 10 am, as per DPCC data. PM 10 level at North Delhi's Narela reached $1,833 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 7 am, 18 times above the acceptable limit, while at East Delhi's Patparganj, it was $1,554 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 11 am.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor SAFAR said in a bulletin there was a rapid formation of secondary fine particulate matter in Delhi Tuesday due to high levels of moisture in the air and low temperatures. "Secondary fine particulate formation is a scientific process

ACROSS THE CITY

PM 2.5	PM 10
Jahangirpuri 1,422	1,807
Patparganj 1,277	1,554
RK Puram 925	1,138
Narela 1,387	1,843

Time: 7 am - 12 pm
Source: DPCC
(24-hour exposure limit
PM 2.5 - $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
PM 10 - $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

when gas-to-particle conversion happens, and in-situ chemical production takes place on available surfaces and multiply PM 2.5," the SAFAR bulletin said.

Kuldeep Srivastava, head of IMD's regional weather forecasting centre, said night temperature in the city over the past few days has remained between 10-12 degrees celsius and there is high level of humidity in the air: "With wind direction over Delhi changing to easterly now, moisture level in the air will increase further."

BRIEFLY

No fee needed to switch industry: Jain

New Delhi: Industries Minister Satyendra Jain met representatives of industrial associations in the city and said no fee will be charged if entrepreneurs want to change the industry they are in.

MCD staff call off strike

New Delhi: Employees of the three MCDs Tuesday called off their strike for payment of four months' salary and five months' pension. AP Khan, convener of the Confederation of MCD Employees Union, said: "The Mayor has said one month's salary and pension will be disbursed before Diwali, one month's salary and pension as well as the bonus after Diwali, and the rest of the dues by November 30."

Building collapse kills 1

New Delhi: A two-storey building in Vishram Nagar collapsed on Tuesday morning, killing a 22-year-old labourer. The owner had left the building four years ago and the building was being dismantled. The owner of the building and the contractor have been arrested.

Stray animals to get collars

Faridabad: Hoping to reduce the number of road accidents caused by stray animals, Faridabad Police will be fitting "reflective collars" on stray animals in the district. To begin with, police said 100 such collars will be fitted onto stray dogs and cows in the district. This drive is being conducted in collaboration with Rotary Club of Faridabad City and Me and My Human NGO. ENS

NE Delhi riots: HC stays trial in conspiracy case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday stayed the trial in the "larger conspiracy" case in the Northeast Delhi violence, and issued a notice in the plea filed by Delhi Police against a trial court order directing the prosecution to supply hard copies of the chargesheet to the accused.

While issuing a notice to the accused and giving them the liberty to file their written responses to the plea filed by Delhi Police, a single-judge bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait adjourned the hearing to December 15.

On October 21, Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat had said the investigating agency is duty bound to supply a hard copy of the chargesheet with accompanying documents to the accused, and directed that it be provided to them by November 3. The 15 accused had earlier been provided only soft copies and accompanying documents in pen drives.

Delhi Police, in the petition against the trial court order, argued that though the law mandates a hard copy be supplied to the accused, there is also an exception that if the documents are voluminous in nature, the court can direct that the accused be allowed

to inspect it either personally or through a pleader in the court.

Submitting that the accused have been provided the soft copy of the chargesheet in compliance with the law, police also argued that Section 207 CrPc mentions "copy" and does not draw a distinction between "hard" and "soft copy".

It has also been said in the plea that the police report itself runs into about 2,700 pages and the total number of documents and statements of witnesses run into about 18,000 pages. The plea argues the trial court has passed a "mechanical order" while allowing the applications moved by accused under Section 207 CrPc.

In September, the chargesheet in the conspiracy case was filed against 15 accused, including suspended AAP MLA Tahir Hussain, Pinjra Tod activists Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal, former Congress councillor Ishrat Jahan and Jamia Millia Islamia student Safoora Zargar. Investigation in the case is pending against Umar Khalid and others.

The accused in the case are facing charges under various provisions of IPC, Arms Act, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and UAPA in connection with the violence witnessed in the national capital this February.

Court dismisses Shahrukh bail plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

A DELHI court has dismissed two interim bail applications filed by Shahrukh Pathan, who was photographed pointing a gun at a Delhi Police head constable during the Northeast Delhi riots.

Pathan had sought interim bail in two cases for taking care of his mother, who has been asked to undergo surgery for a back injury. In one case, Pathan was arrested for brandishing a gun at Delhi police head constable Deepak Dahiya, while in the other he was arrested in relation to the gunshot injury of one Rohit Shukla during the riots.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said that going by Pathan's conduct and the manner in which he had absconded and was arrested later, he was a flight risk.

Pathan had also told the court that his father had an emergency knee operation. However, the police in their reply told the court there was no emergency for the surgery.

In the gunshot injury case, the court said a Tihar jail report found Shahrukh's conduct in jail



Shahrukh Pathan is accused of pointing a gun at a head constable

unsatisfactory — for using abusive language and misbehaving with security personnel on September 24, 2020.

"Even the conduct of the accused or how he had absconded and was arrested on secret information from Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, later on in another case (where he fired and pointed his gun at policeman), is also relevant as it suggests that he is a flight risk," the court said. It further said Pathan's father and relatives can take care of his mother at this time.

Special Public Prosecutor Devender Kumar Bhatia, appearing for the police, opposed the bail plea saying Pathan had allegedly fired at Dahiya with an intention to kill him, aiming at his head.



CRACKER CRACKDOWN

Firecracker shops shut in New Delhi on Tuesday. The Delhi Police's action plan against sale of firecrackers in the city includes DCPs constituting flying squads at district level to check sale of crackers, police station-wise teams to supervise implementation of the NGT order. The licensing unit will have a team that will supervise inspections. Apart from this, all SHOs will constitute special teams to prevent bursting of firecrackers before, during and after Diwali. Praveen Khanna

LSR student's suicide prompts introspection among Delhi University's premier colleges

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

FOLLOWING THE suicide of second-year LSR College student Aishwarya Reddy (19), whose family couldn't afford a laptop for her to attend online classes, principals of several Delhi University colleges have said they will work harder to bridge the digital divide facing students from economically weaker sections.

Aishwarya committed suicide on November 2 at her Telangana home. In a purported suicide note, she wrote "Because of me, my family is facing many financial problems. My education is a burden. If I can't study, I can't live."

Apart from not having a laptop, her family said she was stressed over having to vacate the college hostel since she was now in her second year.

LSR Principal Suman Sharma said the college had Tuesday put out a notification extending the

deadline for submission of fees for all courses, so students get more time to pay.

Stating that she held a meeting with teachers-in-charge on how to go forward, Suman said: "There is a lot of hand-holding in LSR but we felt we can do more. There is a lot of diversity now and students are coming from remote areas, so we will keep speaking to students about issues they face. We are going to strengthen our structures and systems. We have to see how to extend our scholarships, given the Covid times."

She said the college is also working with the alumni network, which is helping raise funds.

At Miranda House, Principal Bijayalaxmi Nanda said colleges, including LSR, were doing their best in difficult times, but there was "much to learn" from the incident. "We already have been conducting wellness meetings and providing scholarships and stipends to students who need



Aishwarya committed suicide on November 2 at her Telangana home

it. We will now put more emphasis on one-to-one interaction and exploring financial support for providing data cards, etc. to students. We are also thinking of providing flexibility in class timings online, fee support and waiver, and creating audio-vi-

ual repositories containing summary of classes for those who are not able to access online classes easily," she said.

Hindu College Principal Anju Srivastava said the college will "gear up" for doing more of what was already being done: "We have regular interactions and discussions on these issues with students. We have very proactive grievance committees. We have tried and solved the problem to the best extent possible. In one or two cases, we have gone out of the way to help students needing assistance."

Shri Ram College of Commerce Principal Simrit Kaur said her college had been receiving requests for scholarships and laptops, and that students were being provided with help: "Amid the pandemic, it is also the emotional aspect which is important. Students have become disconnected from the college and teachers. We are providing 24x7 counselling services."

Some students, meanwhile,

have taken it upon themselves to collect funds. At St Stephen's College, for example, students have started fund collection for DU students in need of financial assistance. "We've floated a form for those who need help and those who can donate. In two days, we've got over 100 responses. Many students are in need of laptops and other technical support, apart from funds. Some are being forced to drop out because of financial issues which have worsened due to the pandemic, so we decided to help them as much as we could," a student said.

Meanwhile, the LSR Students' Union held a general body meeting Tuesday in which it was decided, among other things, to protest outside the college Thursday. They also demanded the principal's resignation. "The hostel vacation notices should be revoked and students should be given tablets and Internet packs for attending online classes," it said in a statement.

New Delhi: Five men have been arrested for allegedly duping a Delhi-based doctor of Rs 2 crore by convincing him to invest in property in Dehradun using forged documents, after an investigation by the Special Investigation Unit 1 of the Delhi Police Crime Branch.

The case was registered based on a complaint by Ravinder Kler, who alleged that Vinod Thapa, the prime accused, met him at a social gathering and lured him with a lucrative land deal. Thapa offered to invest an equal amount in the property. Rajan Sharma, another accused, posed as a broker for a real estate company.

The complainant visited Dehradun a few times in February-March 2018. The five accused allegedly got Kler to transfer a total of 2 crore in their accounts. After the agreements were signed, the accused switched their phones off. It was then that Kler found out that the deals were made on forged papers. ENS

20-year-old woman kills self, fiance booked, family claims had been demanding money

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GURGAON, NOVEMBER 10

A 20-YEAR-OLD woman who worked with Amazon in Gurgaon allegedly committed suicide on Sunday evening, with police registering an FIR against her fiance for "abetment of suicide".

According to police, Anu Srivastava hailed from Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh and had been working with the company in Gurgaon for the last two years.

"She hanged herself from the ceiling fan in the paying guest accommodation in Sector 14 where

she was residing. Her body was discovered by one of her friends, who was alerted by the fiance, who called her up on Sunday evening and urged her to check on the victim and break down the door if she did not answer to the knocks," said inspector Satender Singh, SHO of Sector 14 police station, where an FIR has been registered against the fiance, Sudhanshu Srivastava, who she had known for the last eight years.

In her complaint to police, the woman's mother has alleged that the two were supposed to get married on December 11, but there had been some tension be-

tween their families when the man's relatives began demanding jewellery as part of a "tilak ceremony" and threatened to break the marriage if the same were not "gifted". The complainant has alleged that he "had been threatening to break the marriage" and had been repeatedly fighting with her daughter regarding even trivial things such as "not sending good morning message".

Police said the woman's friend, who found her body, first received a phone call from the accused at 5.06 pm on Sunday, where he asked her to go to her

room and tell her to call him. At 5.45 pm, he called the woman's friend again and asked her to go to her room and, if she failed to open the door, to break it down. When the woman did not answer the knocks on her door, her friend peeped through the window and saw her hanging from the fan. She then alerted the caretaker, who alerted police.

"An FIR has been registered under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The accused hails from UP. We have not made any arrests yet, the matter is under investigation," said the SHO.

Man killed in encounter with Gurgaon police

Gurgaon: A 23-year-old man, who was wanted in several cases, including murder of Haryana Congress spokesperson Vikas Chaudhary, was killed in an encounter with police late Monday night.

Hailing from Gurgaon's Kankrola village, the accused, Rohit alias Lambu, had rewards of Rs 25,000 each announced for his arrest by Gurgaon and Faridabad Police.

Police said they received a tip-off on Monday night, claiming Rohit was in Gurgaon district with an accomplice and was preparing to commit a crime.

The second accused, Satendra Pathak (30) alias Gudda, hails from Madhya Pradesh, said police.

Rohit, police said, was also involved in the murder of Haryana Congress spokesperson Vikas Chaudhary, who had been shot dead in June last year. Investigation into the matter had revealed the death had been planned by gangster Kaushal, who police said had tried to extort money from Chaudhary and planned his murder when he failed to pay up. It was in relation to this case that Faridabad police had declared a reward of Rs 25,000 for his arrest. ENS

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UNITY TEST

KEEPING UNITY in the Kerala unit has been a tough task for the BJP central leadership, even with Amit Shah's tough taskmaster approach. With the factional feud deepening in the state unit, party president J P Nadda summoned Kerala chief K Surendran (above) to the national capital. In the two meetings Surendran had -- on Monday evening and Tuesday morning -- Surendran was told to take immediate measures to resolve issues within the party. Sources said he was asked why there were changes in the list of the names cleared by the central leadership for appointments in the state organisation. They also said that Nadda reminded Surendran that Shah had been making efforts to revive the state unit, as he did for West Bengal. Surendran was apparently asked to see that leaders in the state put up a united face before the elections next year. The party's performance in the December local body election would be a tough test for Surendran's leadership in Kerala.

VISIT ON CARDS

UK PRIME Minister Boris Johnson might be coming to India in the next few months. He has travelled to India extensively, as his first wife was of Indian descent, and has been keen to visit since he became PM. But the COVID-19 pandemic scuttled his chances. Now, British diplomats and ministers have started the concept of virtual visits. But the British PM is keen on an in-person visit soon. Before that, UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab will be visiting India in-person, acting British envoy Jan Thompson has informed.

V-C VOLUNTEER

THE NEXT few months, the country will be closely watching how phase 3 of the clinical trials of India's indigenous vaccine candidate Covaxin unfolds. The crucial phase of the clinical trials will be take place in JN Medical College Hospital in Aligarh Muslim University. On Tuesday, even as the medical college began the third phase, the university Vice-Chancellor Professor Tariq Mansoor became the first volunteer in order to motivate and inspire his colleagues to come forward and take part in the clinical trials.

LAC situation stable, hope for mutually beneficial agreement: Army Chief

KRISHNA KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

ARMY CHIEF General MM Naravane Tuesday said that the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh was "stable" and India and China are "ironing out modalities" on how to move ahead.

Speaking at a conference in Delhi, the Army Chief said "the situation as of now is quite stable", "both sides are engaged in talks".

Mentioning the eighth round of senior commander discussions that took place on November 6,

Naravane said that "they are ironing out the modalities of how to proceed ahead within the overarching guidelines which had been communicated post the interactions and the meetings between the respective ministers".

"The process is on and we are very hopeful that we will be able to reach an agreement which is mutually-acceptable and mutually-beneficial in keeping with this overarching policy guideline which has been passed down to both sides ..."

Naravane stated that "it was discussed by the defence ministers that it has to be an overall solution to the entire issue which



General MM Naravane

brought this situation to the fore". While the discussions of the senior commanders did not achieve a major breakthrough, India is considering a new proposal from China, made during the meeting, which is "better than

the previous proposal", a senior Army officer had told *The Indian Express* on Monday.

Earlier, in the sixth and seventh rounds of discussions between the Corps Commanders on September 21 and October 12, respectively, China had insisted that India first vacate the heights occupied by the troops in Chushul-Moldo area and the north and south bank of Pangong Tso. This was not agreeable to India, which has insisted that disengagement and eventual de-escalation of the entire region be discussed together, and has been demanding status quo ante, for the troops to go back to their April positions.

Naravane Tuesday denied that there was any shortage of essential supplies for the troops in the region. India and China have positioned around 50,000 troops each, along with additional artillery, tanks and air defence assets in the region. In the absence of a breakthrough, both sides are ready for a prolonged deployment of additional troops and assets through the brutal winter.

Naravane said that "there is no shortage whatsoever of any kind" and asserted that "all the troops are equipped with the latest equipment and newest of clothing and weapons they require". He said that "we cater for a certain

number of troops at any point of time," but this year "the situation which developed, required us to deploy additional troops and it is for these additional troops that we had to go in for certain emergency procurements".

Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat said, "we are today operating in a very complex, uncertain and volatile environment" and that there are "small and big battles raging nearly in every region of the world".

Therefore, he said, "we all need strong armed forces if we have to defend ourselves... defend the integrity of our nation and the safety and security of our people".

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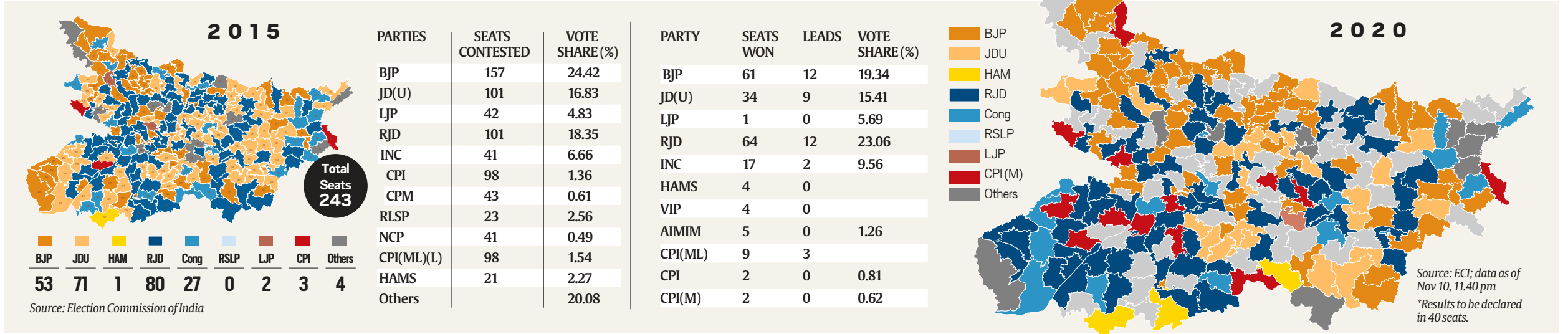
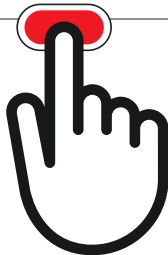
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PARTY ENDS UP WITH WORST EVER PERFORMANCE

Will 1 be greater than 75? LJP hopes solitary win vs JDU losses adds up

Behind slow count: Covid precautions, more polling stations

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & SANTOSH SINGH
NEW DELHI, PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

ITS VALUE in these Bihar polls being adjudged on how much it could play the spoiler for former ally JD(U), the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) scored on that count, affecting the chances of Nitish Kumar's party on about 75 seats. However, the result might have been less than sweet. The LJP that had hoped to pick up four-five seats of the 137 it was contesting — even boasting of forming the government with the BJP — ended up with just one.

At 10.30 pm, the results and trends indicated the worst-ever performance by the LJP since its inception in October 2000 in terms of seats. While in the 2015 Assembly elections (contested in alliance with the BJP), it had got two seats, it had got three in 2010, 10 in October 2005, and 29 in the February 2005 Assembly elections. While its vote share improved from 4.83 per cent last time to 5.7 per cent, it had contested only 42 seats in 2015. The party had stood at second and third place in 36 and two Assembly segments respectively.

Having taken over the LJP charge in the wake of father Ram Vilas Paswan's illness, Chirag had taken a big gamble in the days before the announcement of the schedule for the Bihar Assembly elections, breaking away from the NDA in the state, and deciding to go solo.

Its other big gamble, which made its entire strategy as well as the BJP's suspect, was concentrating its attacks on the JD(U). Except for five seats where the BJP was contesting, the LJP fielded candidates against



As of midnight, LJP had won only Matihani seat, of 137 it contested. File

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the JD(U). On some of its seats, it accommodated BJP leaders who had failed to get tickets.

The only seat won by the LJP eventually was Matihani, where Raj Kumar Singh defeated sitting JD(U) MLA Narendra Kumar Singh alias Bogo Singh by a razor-thin margin of 333 votes. However, apart from that loss, the JD(U) would be smarting over the results in at least 30 seats, where the LJP got 10,000 to 50,000 votes, costing it dear. In all, the LJP got over 10,000 votes each in 89 seats.

Dinara: Represented by the JD(U)'s Jai Kumar Singh. The LJP fielded BJP rebel Rajendra Singh, who got 51,313 votes. The RJD's Vijay Mandal got 59,541 votes; the

JD(U) ended up with 27,252.

Nokha: LJP candidate got 12,313 votes. The JD(U) ended up at 48,018, behind the RJD's 65,690 votes.

Maharajanj: The LJP's Dr Deorajan Singh got 18,278 votes, and the Congress's Vijay Shanker Dubey won with 48,825 votes. The JD(U)'s Hemnarayan Shah got left behind with 46,849 votes.

Raghnathpur: The LJP's Manoj Kumar Singh got 49,792 votes, RJD candidate Harishankar Yadav scraped through with 67,757. The JD(U)'s Rajeshwar Chouhan got only 26,162 votes.

Sasaram: The JD(U)'s Ashok Kumar, who got 56,880 votes, lost to the RJD's Rajesh Kumar Gupta, who won with 83,303 votes. The LJP's Rameshwar Chaurasia (a BJP rebel) had got 21,426 votes as per last count.

Gaighat: The LJP's Komal Singh got 30,645 votes, putting the RJD's Niranjan Roy with 48,072 votes ahead of JD(U) candidate M P Yadav's 43,840 votes.

In the 2010 Assembly elections, the LJP's vote share was 6.74%, from the 75 seats it contested, winning 3. Its highest ever vote share was in the February 2005 Assembly polls, at 12.62%. It had won 29 seats of the 178 it contested then.

While it might have ended up helping the BJP cause by checking the JD(U), it remains doubtful how much of a use Chirag, without his late father's might behind him, will hold for the BJP now that the polls are done. Under Chirag's presidency, the LJP earlier saw all its 33 candidates lose deposits in the Jharkhand Assembly elections the party fought solo. His ambitious decision to contest this year's Delhi elections had resulted in a similar disaster.

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

COUNTING OF votes in Bihar progressed unusually slow Tuesday, and continued late into the night, given the increase in the number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) deployed in the state on account of Covid-19 precautions, the Election Commission (EC) said Tuesday.

By 5.30 pm, the EC had counted roughly 2.7 crore or two-thirds of the total 4.11 crore votes polled. Of the 7,737 scheduled rounds of counting, 4,858 had been completed till 5.30 pm.

To maintain social distancing, the EC had capped the maximum number of voters per booth at 1,000 — down from 1,500 in 2015. This prompted a 63 per cent increase in the number of polling stations — from 65,367 in 2015 to 1,06,526. More polling stations means more EVMs, and more EVMs means a longer wait for the final result. That apart, an almost 100% increase in the number of absentee votes (postal votes) — from 1.3 lakh in 2015 to 2.5 lakh — added to the wait.

The EC said it was in no hurry to announce the results. "The emphasis of the Commission is that the procedure and guidelines related to counting and Covid-19 are to be scrupulously and sincerely followed. The Commission has directed that the counting officials need not be in a haste or hurry to declare the results and they should follow all the procedures and take as much time as it is naturally required," EC Director General Umesh Sinha said.

"Considering the above facts it is natural that it will take some more time than in normal time. You all are aware that the pan-



Counting of votes underway at a centre in Chhapra. PTI

democratic period is not a normal time... the results may come till late night," he said.

Listing differences between the conventional counting process and counting in Bihar this time in view of Covid-19 precautions, Deputy Election Commissioner Chandra Bhushan Kumar said the number of tables at each centre had been limited to seven, to ensure social distancing, as opposed to 14 under normal circumstances.

On average, each seat approximately had 35 rounds of counting. The counting centres increased from 38 to 55 to maintain the same speed of vote tabulation, Kumar said.

According to DEC Ashish Kundra, the counting process has been "absolutely glitch-free so far", with no complaints being brought to Election Commission's notice.

Dismissing doubts raised over the integrity of the EVMs by former BJP MP and Congress leader Udit Raj, DEC Sudeep Jain said that voting machines have time and again proved to be robust and tamper-proof and even the country's top court has upheld the integrity of the machines.

In Bhagalpur, LJP cuts into BJP votes, Cong scores win

ABHINAV RAJPUT
BHAGALPUR, NOVEMBER 10

THE BJP was in for a rude shock in Bhagalpur on Tuesday, where it suffered defeat by a slim margin owing to a third contender eating into its votes, much like the party's fate in the constituency in the 2015 Assembly polls.

The Congress candidate Ajit Sharma defeated BJP's Rohit Pandey by a margin of 1,113 votes, with the LJP nominee Rajesh Verma polling over 20,000 votes.

Bhagalpur is one of the five Assembly seats being contested by the BJP where the LJP — which contested the polls on its own — fielded candidates. While LJP chief Chirag Paswan was seen as propped up by the BJP to undermine Nitish Kumar, it backfired on the BJP in Bhagalpur.

A largely urban constituency, Bhagalpur is dominated by Banias, Brahmins, Marwaris and Muslims. Marwaris are considered to be traditional voters of the BJP here. The BJP candidate Pandey is a Brahmin, the Congress's Ajit Sharma a Bhumihar, and the LJP's Verma

a Marwari.

A senior BJP leader said, "Chirag Paswan claimed he is the Hanuman of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Then why did he field a candidate against us? It is clear that had he not given ticket to Verma, BJP would have got a large share of the Marwari votes that he got."

In 2015, Congress candidate Sharma had defeated BJP candidate and minister Ashwini Choubey's son Arijit Shashwat by over 10,000 votes. A BJP rebel had then polled 15,212 votes.

The LJP's Chirag Paswan had earlier said he is fielding candidates against the BJP in five seats as he had to give tickets to old party workers, and two of the seats were already held by the party.

In neighbouring Amarapur, the LJP spoiled the Congress's chances, with JD(U)'s Jayant Raj defeating Congress's Jitendra Singh by a margin of 3,114 votes. The LJP's Mrinal Shekhar polled 40,071 votes. A senior BJP leader said both the Congress and the LJP candidates are from the Rajput community and ended up eating into each other's vote share.



GAME FACE

BJP workers celebrate NDA lead in Bihar Assembly elections at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

'Nitish Kumar will be CM of NDA govt in Bihar for five yrs'



Sanjay Jaiswal at the BJP's Patna office on Tuesday. PTI

'Modiji is our No.1 star campaigner, whether polls in Lakshadweep or Andaman Islands'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

How do you assess the NDA's performance?

Poor people of Bihar voted for (Prime Minister Narendra) Modiji and they trusted the BJP and the NDA... It's a victory for the Prime Minister and the NDA. It's for Nitish Kumar also. His governance in Bihar for 15 years and its record also helped. People of

Bihar have appreciated Modiji's programmes for the poor — the toilets, gas connections, the Jan Dhan Yojana, etc.

Rallies by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav drew large crowds. Did that make you nervous?

There were crowds on both sides. Even our rallies drew big crowds. But those silent poor people who live in huts voted for Modi.

How important was Bihar for the BJP and PM after the party's losses in Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Delhi, and even Haryana, where you just scraped through?

See, Modiji is our No.1 star campaigner,



THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

WITH SANJAY JAISWAL
PRESIDENT, BJP'S BIHAR UNIT

whether it is an election in the Lakshadweep or on the Andaman Islands. Naturally, he is our USP and whatever he has done for the people goes in support of the BJP. His only concern is to do good things for the poor and that gives the BJP an advantage.

The BJP has emerged as the senior partner in the NDA alliance...

No, that is not true. All four of us partners (including HAM and VIP) are on equal footing. Our bosses have already declared that Nitish Kumar is going to be our CM. When we decided to be partners, our then national president Amit Shah had said that the NDA would be led by Nitish. That stands.

In case the NDA forms the government, Nitish Kumar will be the CM for five years?

Naturally. When our Prime Minister has said it... Yes, it will be so.

But some BJP leaders have said it is up to Nitish to decide.

These are hypothetical questions. It's very clear, as a united NDA we fought saying Nitish Kumar will be our Chief Minister. The issue ends there.

What do you think of the LJP's performance?

They are where they are.

Would the LJP continue to be a part of the NDA?

I am not the one who can answer that question.

KEY CONTESTS

RAGHOPUR
Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, RJD ▲
Satish Kumar, BJP
Rakesh Raushan, JP ▼

HASANPUR:
Tej Pratap Yadav, RJD ▲
Raj Kumar Ray, JD(U) ▼

PATNA SAHEB
Nand Kishore Yadav, BJP ▲
Praveen Singh, Congress ▼
SIMRI BAKHTIARPUR
Yusuf Salahuddin, RJD ▲
Mukesh Sahani, VIP ▼

JAMUI:
Shreyasi Singh, BJP ▲
Vijay Prakash, RJD ▼

IMAMGANJ
Jitan Ram Manjhi, HAM (S) ▲
Uday Narain Choudhary, RJD ▼

AMOUR
Akhtarul Iman, AIMIM ▲
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Vijay Kumar Mandal, RJD ▲
Rajendra Singh, LJP ▼
Jay Kumar Singh, JD(U) ▼

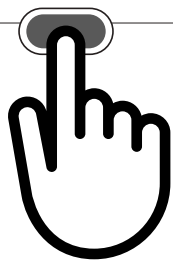
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Anant Singh, RJD ▲
Rajeev Lochan Narayan Singh, JD(U) ▼
Suresh Singh Nishad, LJP ▼

GAYA TOWN
Prem Kumar, BJP ▲
Akshauri Onkar Nath, Congress ▼

BANKIPUR
Nitin Nabin, BJP ▲
Luv Sinha, Congress ▼
Pushpam Priya, Plurals Party ▼

BHARIGANJ
Niranjan Kumar Mehta, BJP ▲
Subhashini Sharad Yadav, Cong ▼

*Source: ECI, as of 11 pm



BIHAR BAHUBALIS: SCOREBOARD

ANANT KUMAR SINGH
RJD
Mokama (Patna)
38
Won



SUDHIR KUMAR VERMA
alias Vinod Marandi
JAP
Gurua (Gaya)
37
Lost

RAJESH RANJAN
alias Pappu Yadav
JAP
Madhepura
32
Lost



MANOJ MANZIL
CPI(ML)(L)
Agiaon (Bhojpur)
30
Won

ANIL KUMAR
Jantantrik Vikas Party
Tarari (Bhojpur)
23
Lost

MAHBOOB ALAM
CPI(ML)(L)
Balrampur (Katihar)
14
Won

RIT LAL RAY
RJD
Danapur (Patna)
14
Won

AJAY YADAV
RJD
Atri (Gaya)
14
Won

AMARJEET KUSHWAHA
CPI(ML)(L)
Ziradei (Siwan)
14
Won

Source: Association for Democratic Reforms and Election Commission of India

■ Criminal cases

RETAINS POCKETS OF INFLUENCE IN STATE

Alliance the right move, Left makes a comeback

In 2015, CPI(ML) had won 3 seats while CPI and CPM had drawn a blank

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AFTER KERALA and West Bengal, the largest contingent of Left MLAs in any state Assembly would now be in Bihar.

The three Left parties — CPI(ML), CPM and CPI — have either won or are ahead in 16 seats. Together, they had contested 29 seats as part of the RJD-led opposition alliance. While the CPI(ML) is likely to end up with 12 seats, the CPM has won two, and the CPI has won two seats.

In the 2015 Assembly election, the CPI(ML) had won three seats while the CPI and the CPM drew a blank.

The Left, which was once influential in Bihar, has retained its pockets of influence, but these parties, especially the CPI(ML) and the CPI, could not translate their support into seats in any significant way largely because they have refrained from being part of the major alliances in the last three decades.

The difference this time was that with the Left parties joining the RJD-led alliance, the votes of the allies acted as a top-up, thus clinching wins for the Left.

In Bhojpur district, the CPI(ML) has won Agiaon and Tarari seats and in Shahabad, it has emerged victorious in Karakat and Dumraon. In Magadh region, it won in Paliganj and Phulwari, and in Jehanabad, it won Arrah and Ghoshi. It lost Arrah seat in



CPI-ML candidate from Paliganj Sandip Saurav after his victory on Tuesday. PTI

Bhojpur by a narrow margin of 121 votes.

In Siwan, the CPI(ML) won Darauli and Ziradei but lost Daraundha. It lost the Bhoirey seat by a narrow margin of 1,026 votes. The CPI(ML) has sought a recount of votes in Bhoirey, Arrah and Daraundha, alleging violations of counting norms. The CPM has won

Bibhutipur and Manjhi.

Among those who won on the CPI(ML) ticket include Sandeep Saurav, a former general secretary of the party's student wing, the All India Students Association or AISA. Saurav is also a former general secretary of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union.

The CPI has won Bakhri and Teghra — both in Begusarai district, once known as "mini Moscow" or "Leningrad", with the CPI winning from Begusarai North for the first time in 1957 (its first win in North India).

The gains made by the Left, especially the CPI(ML), are in Bhojpur and Magadh, regions that have been the epicentre of caste clashes and violence against Dalits and the extremely backward classes in the past.

Bathani Tola, where 21 persons belonging to the Dalit community were killed in 1996, allegedly by the Ranvir Sena, a private army of upper-caste Bhumihar and Rajput landlords, is part of the Tarari seat. Laxmanpur-Bathe, where 58 Dalits were killed in 1997, is part of Arwal.

Senior CPI(ML) leader Kavita Krishnan said Bhojpur and Magadh had seen powerful struggles against feudal oppression.

"The issues were of land, wages and dignity. It would be a misnomer to call their struggles a caste clash. They were an assertion of land, wages, dignity..." she said. The party has won two seats in Siwan, which was once a stronghold of Mohammad Shahabuddin.

'50 seats for Left, 50 for Cong may have been more fair... Seat call took too long'

'Vote also anti-Modi, Left must realise BJP its enemy No. 1, including in Bengal'

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

The CPI(M-L) and the other Left parties have performed very well. Were you expecting this kind of a result?

We were in fact expecting a stronger performance of the Mahagathbandhan and the Left, because this was a very rare kind of election, almost a people's movement... It was refreshing to see people shape the agenda with employment, education, basic issues. That kind of an environment helps the Left... All through the lockdown we were active, stood by the people. And the so-called double-engine government (if the NDA was in power at the state and in the Centre), people found both the engines were driverless (at the time)...

... If you look at the 25-point campaign charter of the Mahagathbandhan, it is essentially a compilation of the demands which have emerged in the course of the teachers' movement, skill workers' movement over the last few years. We have been leading those movements... So the Left played an important role in shaping the agenda of the elections.

You were up against a chief minister



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who has been in power for three terms. But the results don't indicate a massive anger or anti-incumbency that the Opposition kept talking about.

In India, elections are much more unequal now, given the kind of grip the Central government has, the BJP has... It's not like America, where the media, a lot of institutions, were up against the Trump administration. Here

the kind of grip that the Central government exercises, enjoys over many institutions in shaping popular opinion, public perception... through their propaganda machinery... that plays an important role. The other thing is the

Opposition alliance. I think if we could have formed an alliance earlier and the seat allocation was more rational — for example, at least 50 seats for the Left and 50 seats for the Congress would have been a more reasonable, fair distribution... If we could have decided a little earlier... it took a long time to decide on seat allocation and everything.

(But) As of now, I will say so far, so good. There are a lot of gains we have made for the Left movement and for the entire pro-democracy movement in the country. Given the kind of fight we have to wage against this corporate aggression over agriculture, privatisation... I do not believe this is only an anti-Nitish vote. People are also disillusioned with the Modi government and many of its policies.

What lessons do the Bihar results hold for the Left in the next round of Assembly elections, especially West Bengal?

In West Bengal and Assam, the No. 1 priority of the Left must be to stop the BJP. I think the Left has to get its act together in Bengal. So rather than competing with the BJP in opposing the Trinamool... it should be the other way around. Of course we will oppose the Trinamool wherever necessary, but let us contend with it against the BJP. The BJP has to be recognised as the No. 1 threat to democracy across the country and also inside West Bengal.

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Smaller parties make no impact: VIP's Sahani loses

Former CM Manjhi wins; Kushwaha-led RLSP draws a blank, BSP gets one

ABHINAV RAJPUT
BHAGALPUR, NOVEMBER 10

THE THIRD front in Bihar, the Grand Democratic Secular Front, which was hoping to be kingmaker at best or a good spoiler at the least, failed to make any major dent this election.

While the Upendra Kushwaha-led Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP), which heads this Front, failed to secure a single seat from among the 104 it contested, the alliance's best showing was by the Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM, which won two seats and is leading in three (it fought on 20 seats). Another partner, the BSP, won one seat (out of 80).

Besides the RLSP, AIMIM and BSP, the Suhalddev Bharatiya Samaj Party and former RJD MP Devendra Yadav's Samajwadi Janata

Dal Democratic Party and Janantrik Party (Socialist) make up this Front.

In the 2015 Assembly polls, the RLSP had got over 3.6 per cent of the votes, winning two seats, and the BSP a little over 2 per cent, without winning any.

The other smaller players this election — the Mukesh Sahani-led Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), and Pappu Yadav's Jan Adhikar Party (JAP) — failed to create any impact.

VIP, which fought on 11 seats as part of the NDA, won two seats while it led in two. But the big setback for the party was Sahani's loss from Simri Bakhtiarpur to Yusuf Salahuddin of the RJD by a margin of around 2,000 votes. Sahani had quit the Mahagathbandhan over differences with Tejashwi Yadav.

Another NDA partner, the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) led by former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, however, did re-

sonably well with the party winning one seat and leading in three.

The party had contested seven seats, part of the JDU's share of 122. Manjhi won from Imamganj seat, securing 78,509 votes against Uday Narain Choudhary of the RJD.

However, Pappu Yadav alias Rajesh Ranjan, former Madhepura MP and chief of the Jan Adhikar Party, lost from Madhepura seat to Nikhil Mandal of the JDU. Yadav, who has limited influence beyond the Kosi region and the adjoining Seemanchal belt of Purnea, had forged a front called the Progressive Democratic Alliance (PDA) with Chandrashekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party.

Similarly, Pushpam Priya Chaudhry, the London-educated daughter of a Janata Dal-United leader in Darbhanga, who had declared herself the CM candidate, failed to make any impact in the two seats where she is fighting — Bankipur and Bisfi.



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RJD supporters outside party leader Tejashwi Yadav's residence during the counting of votes in Patna on Tuesday. PTI

RJD's social engineering tactics shows mixed results

DIPANKAR GHOSE
PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

MUCH OF the conversation in the run-up to the polls was centred around whether the RJD-led alliance was able to spread its influence beyond its conventional Muslim-Yadav (M-Y) voter base.

On Tuesday, as results trickled in, a senior party leader said, "Barring leaders with individual clout, many of these seats did not come off for us. There will be time for analysis, but in the first two phases, we won 90 seats. It is the third phase where we fell very short, with less than 30 seats when we expected 50. Some of this is due to the AIMIM factor, but this is a region we will have to look at, and whether candidates who lost did so because of this caste factor or for other region-specific issues."

"It cannot be that caste combinations worked for us in two phases but did not in the third phase," the leader added.

Among some of the results, while Bhumihar heavyweight Anant Singh, who faces many criminal cases, won from Mokama as was expected, as did Beena Singh, a Rajput and wife of Rama Singh, from Mahnar. But Binod Mishra (Alinagar) lost to Mishri Lal Yadav of VIP by 3,101 votes, and in Bahadurpur, Ramesh Choudhary lost to JD(U)'s Madan Sahn.

Vishwa Mohan Kumar lost from Pipra, even as Vijay Kumar Mandal of RJD won in Dinara, primarily riding on former BJP leader Rajendra Prasad Singh (LJP) eating into more than 50,000 votes from the nearest LJP candidate. Among non-Yadav candidates are Sameer Kumar Mahaseth (Madhubani), Sanjay Kumar Gupta (Belsand), and Shashi Kumar Singh (Sugauli).

Owaisi arrives, with 5 big wins, hits Grand Alliance



AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi addresses the media at Hyderabad Tuesday. PTI

WALI AHMAD
UTTAR DINAJPUR, NOVEMBER 10

ASADUDDIN OWAIISI'S All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) made huge gains in the results declared Tuesday, winning five seats out of 24 in the Seemanchal region. In the process, it scuttled the Mahagathbandhan's hopes in this region with a high number of Muslims.

The AIMIM had fielded 16 candidates in Seemanchal, presenting itself as an option to the RJD and Congress — its traditional winners. Though it lost from Kishanganj constituency, the only seat it held in the Assembly, its impact wasn't just felt in the five it won but also in how it may have damaged the Mahagathbandhan in several others.

In the outgoing Assembly, the RJD, Congress, and Left (together the Mahagathbandhan this time) held 14 seats in Seemanchal, the NDA 9 and the AIMIM one.

The party's Bihar president, Akhtar-ul-Iman, won from Amour, defeating sitting Congress MLA Jaleel Mastan, who has represented the constituency six times. Mastan finished third, behind the JD(U)'s Saba Zafar. Iman secured over 55% of the vote share.

His party colleague Muhammed Izhar Asfi defeated sitting JD(U) MLA Mujahid Alam in Kochadhaman, with the RJD's Shahid Alam finishing third. Asfi again won big, cornering nearly 50% of the votes.

In Bahadurganj, the Congress's Tauseef Alam lost to the AIMIM's Mohammed Anzar Nayeemi. NDA ally Vikassheel Insaan Party's Lakhna Lal Pandit came second in this constituency, which Alam had represented in 2010 and 2015.

RJD stronghold Baisi also went to the AIMIM, where its candidate Syed Ruknuddin Ahmad unseated Haji Abdus Subhan, who finished third behind the BJP's Vinod Kumar.

In Jokihat of Araria district, the AIMIM's Shah Nawaz Alam, with a vote share of 34%, defeated his brother Saffar Alam, who contested on an RJD ticket. With a vote share of 28%, the BJP's Ranjit Yadav came second. Alams are the sons of the late former Union minister Taslimuddin.

Owaisi had led a high-voltage campaign in the Seemanchal region, as part of a six-party alliance led by Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Samata Party and including the BSP.

Many had predicted that with the race for Bihar being so tight, Seemanchal could hold the key to government formation. As those predictions appeared to be coming true, one

'Will do what is needed to stop divisive forces'

Post-poll support

We will do whatever needs to be done to stop divisive forces from coming back to power. It is true that people's mandate should be respected, we will decide accordingly.

RJD tally

Had they (RJD) started early, the situation could have been far better. They didn't seem prepared even till before the nominations. This mandate is not for them, but against the ruling alliance.

AIMIM campaign

We urged voters not to support those who deceived them in 2015, and to back those who talk about their issues. The voters here have always voted for a party they thought would form the government but never thought of own welfare. This time they thought about creating their own leadership... Seemanchal has been discriminated against since Independence, we want special status for it, political and economic justice.

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AKHTAR-UL-IMAN
AIMIM BIHAR CHIEF

Charge of vote katua

Leaders who call us that are those who overnight move to the BJP. My vision, my work and people's faith in me and my leader's struggles are for all to see. It's Barrister Owaisi who takes on the RJD's vision both inside and outside Parliament.

Loss of Kishanganj

We may have gone wrong somewhere. —WALI AHMAD

thing was clear: the AIMIM, dismissed by both the major fronts and struggling to expand beyond Owaisi's base of Hyderabad, has arrived in the state.

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BY POLL RESULTS

JD(U) maintains lead in Bihar LS bypoll

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PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

THE JD(U) has established a lead of more than 16,000 votes over its nearest Congress rival in the by-election to the Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha constituency as counting of votes is underway on the Parliamentary seat where voting was held alongside the state elections.

As per the Election Commission website, JD(U)'s Sunil Kumar has polled 2,22,200 votes of the total 5,67,436 counted till around 3 pm. His nearest rival Praveesh Kumar Mishra of the Congress has polled 2,05,718 votes till now.

The by-poll to the Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha constituency has been necessitated by the death of JD(U) sitting MP Baidyanath Mahto, Sunil Kumar's father.

There are seven candidates fighting in the bypoll.

The polling was held on November 7, when the third phase of voting had taken place for the three-phase Bihar Assembly elections.

Big win for BJP in MP as 18 former Congress MLAs win, one leading

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 10

REQUIRING EIGHT seats for majority, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government had a big win in the bypolls to 28 Assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh, notching up 18 of them and leading on one seat past midnight.

Eighteen of 25 former Congress MLAs whose exit had brought down the previous Kamal Nath government registered victories, strengthening former Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia's position in the BJP camp.

The Congress won eight seats and was leading on one.

Among the big losers on Tuesday was state Women and Child Development Minister Imarti Devi, who lost to the Congress's Suresh Raje by 7,633 votes from Dabra constituency. A three-time MLA, Imarti Devi, against whom former CM Kamal Nath had made a derogatory remark for which he was pulled up by the Election Commission, had



MP BJP chief V D Sharma celebrates with party workers; Kamal Nath in Bhopal on Tuesday.

MADHYA PRADESH

won the 2018 Assembly polls with a margin of 57,446 votes on a Congress ticket.

Another ex-Congress legislator, Munnalal Goyal, was trailing to the Congress candidate from Gwalior East seat by over 8,000 votes past midnight.

Adal Singh Kansana from Sumaoli and Giriraj Danddotia from Dimani — both ministers — lost.

Scindia loyalist and former state Water Resources minister Tulsiram Silawat won from Sanwer, in Indore, against staunch Scindia critic Premchand Guddu

with a margin of 38,200 votes, while Prabhuram Choudhary of BJP won from Sanchi with the highest margin of 63,809.

Guddu's supporters alleged foul play in counting and had assembled outside the counting centre in protest.

In a close contest, Congress's Phool Singh Baraiya lost from Bhandar by 161 votes. In Sumaoli, a sensitive seat where the Congress had alleged attempts at booth capturing and firing, its candidate Ajabsingh Kushwaha won by a margin of 10,947 votes.

In the seven seats of Agar-

Malwa region, a stronghold of the BJP and RSS, the Congress managed to get Agar seat. The party's Vipin Wankhede won by 1,998 votes.

Another seat that came to the Congress was Biaoara, which had fallen vacant after the death of sitting MLA Govardhan Singh Dangi — Amlayahat-Ramchandra Dangi defeated BJP's Narayansingh Panwar by over 12,000 votes here.

With 87 MLAs, the opposition party needed to win at least 23 to remain in the game — and emerge victorious with a clean sweep to make a comeback. As the results became evident, the crowd

EXPLAINED
E. Saffron in Scindia 'fortress'

IN A first for the BJP, the saffron party made its entry in the Gwalior-Chambal region, considered a stronghold of former Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, winning nine of 16 seats (and leading on one). The party restricted the Congress to six seats in the region where the opposition party had expected to put up a decent show.

thinned out at the party office in the state capital.

Addressing the media, state Congress president and former CM Kamal Nath said, "I accept the people's mandate and will play the role of Opposition. We tried our best to convey our message to the people and hope that the BJP government will continue welfare schemes..."



UP Chief Minister Adityanath with his deputy Keshav Prasad Maurya and state BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh in Lucknow on Tuesday. Vishal Srivastava

BJP retains six seats but vote share drops

LALMANI VERMA & MAULSHREE SETH
DEHRADUN, LUCKNOW,
NOVEMBER 10

THE BYPOLLs to the seven Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh did not throw up any surprises with the ruling BJP retaining its six seats — Naugawan Sadat, Bulandshahr, Tundla, Bangarmau, Ghatampur, Deoria — and the Samajwadi Party (SP) holding on to Malhahi.

The Congress and BSP failed to win a seat but clocked the second-highest number of votes in a few of them.

Even as the BJP won in the six seats, its vote share declined everywhere, barring Naugawan Sadat, as compared to its 2017 tally. Even in Naugawan Sadat, where its candidate Sangeeta Chauhan, the wife of late minister Chetan Chauhan, won with a cliffhanger, the vote share increase was a minuscule 0.09%.

While the overall vote share of the ruling BJP dropped by nearly 4 percentage

points — from 41.57% to 36.7% — in three years, the sharpest decline was reported from Ghatampur in Kanpur Nagar where the party polled 38.36% — a drop of 10.71 percentage points.

In Deoria, where the party's rebel candidate Ajay Pratap Singh polled 11.35% votes, BJP's vote share came down by 7.99 percentage points. In this Brahmin-dominated seat, BSP also recorded 3 percentage points drop in its vote share, while the SP polled 5.62% more votes.

In Tundla, the BJP's vote share decreased by 8.72 percentage

Yogi hails Modi, Akhilesh claims conspiracy

Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath credited the BJP's victory in not just Uttar Pradesh but also across the country to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that despite speculations, the election results have proven the slogan — "Modi hai to mumkin hai" ("If there is Modi, everything is possible) — right.

The Samajwadi Party, however, hit out at the BJP accusing it of indulging in conspiracy to win elections. "The BJP is weakening democracy by indulging in arrogant monopolistic politics. Still, the BJP conspires to win elections," a statement quoting SP chief Akhilesh Yadav read.

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OTHER STATES

MANIPUR
BJP wins 3 out of 4 seats

Imphal: The BJP on Tuesday won three of the four seats that went to bypolls in Manipur. The BJP won in Wangjing Tenta, Saitu and Wangoi constituencies. In Lilong, the party had supported Md. Abdul Nasir, an independent candidate and former Congress MLA. However, Nasir lost to Y Antash Khan, another independent candidate, by over 3,000 votes. ENS

NAGALAND
NDPP wins 1 of 2 seats

Guwahati: The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), which leads the ruling alliance in Nagaland, on Tuesday won one of the two Assembly bypolls in the state. Independent candidate T Yangseo Sangtam won the bypoll to Pungro Kiphire constituency. Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio tweeted, "Heartiest congratulations to NDPP candidate Medo Yhokha on winning the 14 Southern Angami 1 A/C bye-election..." ENS

JHARKHAND
Ruling alliance wins both seats

Ranchi: The ruling alliance won both bypolls in Jharkhand on Tuesday. The Dumka seat, which Chief Minister Hemant Soren vacated after winning from two seats in the last Assembly polls, was won by his younger brother Basant Soren. In Bermo, late Congress MLA Rajender Singh's son and party nominee Kumar Jaimangal emerged victorious. ENS

ODISHA
BJD wins both seats, tally 113

Bhubaneswar: The BJD on Tuesday won both Assembly seats in Odisha — Balasore Sadar in Balasore and Tirtol in Jagatsinghpur — which went to bypolls on November 3. With this, the ruling party has increased its strength to 113 seats in the 147-member Assembly. Bijay Shankar Das won from Tirtol while Balasore Sadar was won by warup Kumar Das. ENS

BJP romps home with all 8 seats, tally now 111

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RAJKOT, SURAT, AHMEDABAD,
VADODARA, NOVEMBER 10

THE RULING Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wrested all eight seats that went to the bypolls taking its tally in the Gujarat assembly to 111, from the 99 it had won in the 2017 Assembly election.

A confident BJP came out in celebration even as counting was on early Tuesday afternoon, with Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and BJP state president CR Paatil addressing a press conference at the party headquarters Shree Kamalam even as counting was on.

The by-elections were necessitated after the Congress MLAs resigned to join the BJP, of which five contested on saffron party tickets, retaining their constituencies.

The Congress that won 77 seats in the 2017 elections — its highest since the BJP first ruled Gujarat in 1995 — went down to 65 seats in the Gujarat Assembly.



Vijay Rupani, Nitin Patel and CR Paatil at the BJP office in Gandhinagar. Express

GUJARAT

The BJP got 55.06 per cent share of votes while Congress's share was 34.34 per cent.

Rupani called the victory a "trailer" of upcoming elections of municipal corporation, panchayats and 2022 general assembly. "This election was held at a crucial stage and the faith people have put on BJP, the party will justify the same by committing itself to fulfill people's expectations and dreams," said Rupani, adding that the people voted in large numbers to give his party a huge lead notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

Cong wins Baroda, Hooda points to farm legislation

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

THE OPPOSITION Congress in Haryana Tuesday retained the Baroda Assembly seat with its candidate Indu Raj Narwal defeating the BJP nominee and Olympian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt by 10,566 votes. This is Dutt's second consecutive defeat from Baroda constituency.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly and former CM Bhupinder Hooda, who

led the Congress campaign for the bypoll, said, "People of Baroda have shown that they have dismissed this government's fake promises. Farmers of Haryana have given us immense courage to continue our struggle against the three central farm legislations."

Haryana Congress chief Kumari Selja said, people of Baroda have given a "befitting reply" to "anti-farmers and anti-labour forces".

The bypoll verdict will not im-



Indu Raj Narwal with Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a victory procession in Chandigarh. Express

pact the ruling BJP-JJP Alliance that has 50 MLAs in the 90-member House. BJP also enjoys the support of several Independent MLAs.

According to the Election Commission, Narwal secured 60,636 votes (49.28 per cent) votes while Dutt got 50,070 (40.7 per cent).

Indian National Lok Dal's Joginder Singh Malik polled 5,003 votes, little less than BJP rebel and Loktantra Suarkasha Party candidate Raj Kumar Saini (5,601). Their

performance was being closely watched because they had potential to disturb the poll calculations of the Congress and BJP candidates. It was believed that Malik would cut into the Jat votes and Saini would bag the Dalit votes.

Haryana BJP chief O P Dhankar said, "Traditionally, it (Baroda) has been a Congress seat and Congress candidates have been winning from here." However, the number of BJP votes has increased, he added.

TELANGANA

Jolt for TRS as BJP wins Dubbak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 10

Hyderabad: In a jolt to the TRS in Telangana, the BJP on Tuesday won the bypoll to the Dubbak Assembly constituency — a stronghold of the ruling TRS — defeating the TRS candidate by a margin of 1,079 votes.

The victory gives BJP its second MLA in the state — T Raja Singh is the other BJP MLA. It is also a shot in the arm for the newly-appointed state chief and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar.

BJP's Raghunandan Reddy got 63,352 votes against 62,273 clocked by TRS candidate Solipeta Sujata. ENS

New territory among BJP twin wins

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 10

THE RULING BJP in Karnataka registered comfortable victories in bypolls for two Assembly constituencies, including its first-ever win in Sira constituency in south Karnataka's Tumkur district, where Congress and JD(S) had been the traditional rivals.

The victories are expected to come as a shot in the arm for Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa amid growing speculation of the BJP considering a change in leadership in the state following allegations of corruption against the chief minister's



Yediyurappa, Shivakumar family.

In Sira, a predominantly Vokkaliga constituency, BJP candidate Dr CM Rajesh Gowda (45) — who joined the party from the Congress ahead of the polls — defeated six-term MLA and veteran Congress leader T B Jayachandra (71) by a margin of 12,949 votes.

In Raja Rajeshwari Nagar seat in Bengaluru, BJP candidate

Munirathna Naidu (56) — a film producer and civil contractor who defected from the Congress last year to help the BJP come to power — defeated Congress nominee and political novice H Kusuma (31) by a margin of 59,936 votes to return as the MLA of the constituency.

Kusuma's husband D K Ravi was an IAS officer who died in 2015. The victory in Sira is expected to favour Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra — the state BJP vice president who has been linked to allegations of corruption and was a key figure in strategising the party's campaign in Sira.

State Congress chief D K Shivakumar called on party workers not to lose heart. "We fielded an inexperienced candidate in RR Nagar with the future in mind."

In UP village, property cards raise hopes — and some questions

MAULSHREESETH
BARABANKI, NOVEMBER 10

SINCE HER husband's death 20 years ago, Ramrati Yadav has been knocking on doors every day, selling samosas to sustain her family in Mohamadpur village of Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki. Today, she says her life has finally got "kugazi mazboot" (validation on record).

The 55-year-old is one of 40,000 people across 346 villages in 37 districts of UP whose houses were mapped under the pilot phase of Swamitva, the Central Government's new digital property card scheme. She was also chosen for a direct online interac-

tion with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 11, when the scheme was launched. "I funded the education of my two sons and daughter, and got my daughter married, all on my own. We had a small shop in front of our house, which was given out by my husband on nominal rent but after his death, the tenant refused to vacate. Now I have the strength of the official paper and the encroachment has been removed," said Yadav, who lives with her sons in a one-room house.

Her digital card is essentially a QR code on an A-4 printout, which contains a unique ID and acts as a "Record of Rural Habitation" — or "Gharuani" in UP — and enables



Ramrati Yadav at her home in Barabanki district. Vishal Srivastava

her to obtain a loan against her property. Yadav has already taken a loan of Rs 20,000 on her property, which is about 1,200 sqft, and

purchased a cart for Rs 8,000 to sell samosas. "I am also relieved that my sons don't have to fight over the property," she said. A scan of

the QR code leads to details, such as dimensions on all four sides, a property sketch and the surrounding area — in her case, a pond in the north and a road in the south.

Local residents say the details were collected after a drone survey of the village during monsoon, which was a difficult task. "Before the survey, limestone powder was sprinkled over houses for easy demarcation but overnight rain washed that away. It had to be redone the next day. After the survey, a committee of officials, including the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gram Pradhan and police, sat to resolve issues and the demarcations were decided in a panchayat meeting with the

agreement of all," said Junaid Sheikh, a social worker.

Some say that while they are aware of the card-based loan option, they are unsure about installments, interest etc, and whether they can approach the banks directly. So far, Yadav is the only person from the village, where 250 digital cards were given, to have obtained a loan.

"There are several procedures adopted before the card is given. It is given only in cases where there are no disputes, and areas are selected for survey in about four villages per day. After that, a team of officials visit the village to make them aware about what is going to happen. After the drone

survey, a ground survey is done to verify the demarcations. After that, the owners are given the initial document following which they can apply for corrections, if any," said Sanjay Goyal, Relief Commissioner, Revenue Department, which is the nodal authority for the project along with Panchayati Raj. "Initially, there was some hesitation but now there is more awareness and a majority of people are willing to participate. The Panchayati Raj department has been given the task of undertaking the awareness campaign for the scheme," he said.

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RAJASTHAN

Congress wins mayoral polls in 4 corporations, BJP wins two

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 10

THE CONGRESS in Rajasthan won mayoral positions in four out of six municipal corporations on Tuesday, days after it won more than half the council seats in just two corporations and had a majority in just one other corporation.

In the results declared on November 3, of the total 560 wards in six corporations — two each in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota — Congress had won 261 against BJP's 242, while 57 were won by others. On Tuesday, these elected councilors voted to elect their Mayors.

Congress' Kunti Parihar, 40, and Manju Mehra, 61, won from Jodhpur North and Kota North, respectively, where the party had won more than half the councillor seats. BJP's Somya Gurjar, 36, was elected from Jaipur Greater while Vanita Seth, 57, was elected from Jodhpur South; on November 3, BJP had crossed the halfway mark in both these corporations.

In Jaipur Heritage, Congress had won 47 seats and fallen short of the majority mark of 51. However on Tuesday, it managed to secure 56 votes, mainly from independents, and Munesh Gurjar, 31, was elected as the Mayor, while BJP's Kusum Yadav, 44 could only bring the party up from 42 to 44.

In Kota South, BJP and Congress were neck and neck with 36 votes each, and either party required at least five more to form the Board. On Tuesday, Congress successfully managed to bring in five votes, taking its total to 41 and electing Rajeev Agrawal, 47, while BJP's Vivek Rajwanshi, 39, lagged behind with 39 votes. Police also had to resort to lathi-charge after some Congress workers insisted that an independent councillor should de-board the BJP bus, leading to confrontation.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra thanked party leaders and workers for the win.

BJP state president Satish Poonia said the Congress' claims of winning all six corporations turned out to be hot air.

Where were you for 13 yrs, Suvendu asks at TMC rallies in Nandigram

ATRI MITRA
NANDIGRAM, NOVEMBER 10

IT WAS a tale of two sets of rallies in Nandigram — 5 km apart. The political distance echoed in addresses by TMC leader and state minister Suvendu Adhikari, and his Cabinet colleague Firhad Hakim.

Taking a dig at TMC leaders, Adhikari said, "They are coming to Nandigram before elections. What do you do after elections?"

He was addressing two gatherings to mark the 13th anniversary of 'Nandigram Dibas' at Tekhali More and Chowringi Bazar. Like his previous public gatherings, these rallies also did not have TMC banners or Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's photos on placards.

On TMC's hurriedly called rallies, the transport minister asked, "Where were you in the last 13 years?... A known Brahmin does not need the sacred thread to establish his identity."

Five km away in Hazra Kata and Hossainpur, Hakim and minister Purnendu Bose questioned Adhikari's previous remarks that he does not owe his political career to anyone. "Nobody has used the elevator to move up. We have climbed up step by step, but those steps have been built by Mamata Banerjee... Those who are opposing Banerjee are strengthening the BJP," said Hakim.

Adhikari has of late not attended Cabinet or TMC meetings, giving rise to speculation that he may float a party or join the BJP ahead of Assembly polls. A political heavy-weight in East Midnapore district, he wields influence in at least 35 Assembly constituencies in West Midnapore, Bankura, Purulia, Jhargram and Birbhum districts.

Adhikari was one of the prominent faces behind the TMC-led Nandigram movement in 2007, which played a vital role in the then Left government's downfall. Fourteen people were killed in police firing during a protest against land acquisition for a special economic zone.

Adhikari on Tuesday refused to reveal his next political course. "They want to hear me talk about the roadblocks I am facing and the path I am going to take. I will not announce my political programme from this sacred platform. I will speak from a political platform."

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

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

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
04998	Bathinda	20:50	Varanasi Junction	16:30	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04997	Varanasi Junction	21:20	Bathinda	16:50	MON	Up to 30.11.20
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	Varanasi Junction	23:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04611	Varanasi Junction	06:35	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
04422	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:20	Lucknow	04:20	WED, FRI, SUN	22, 25, 27 & 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	MON, THU, SAT	23, 26 & 28.11.20
04924	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	16:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04923	Gorakhpur	22:10	Chandigarh	14:15	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04090	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	MON, WED, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04089	Bhagalpur	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04012	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jogbani	08:30	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04011	Jogbani	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	21:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02237	Varanasi Junction	12:40	Jammu Tawi	11:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02238	Jammu Tawi	14:00	Varanasi Junction	12:30	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
02231	Lucknow	22:25	Chandigarh	10:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02232	Chandigarh	21:05	Lucknow	08:30	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04030	Delhi Junction	13:45	Muzaffarpur Junction	08:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04029	Muzaffarpur Junction	15:30	Delhi Junction	10:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04624	Amritsar Junction	05:45	Saharsa Junction	10:30	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04623	Saharsa Junction	14:30	Amritsar Junction	19:45	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04656	Firozpur Cantt	19:00	Patna Junction	21:25	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04655	Patna Junction	23:25	Firozpur Cantt	23:55	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04084	Delhi Junction	23:00	Katihar Junction	22:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04083	Katihar Junction	23:50	Delhi Junction	22:50	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04401	New Delhi	23:50	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:35	MON, THU	23 & 26.11.20
04402	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	New Delhi	11:15	TUE, FRI	24, 27.11.20 & 01.12.20
04418	H. Nizamuddin	21:35	Pune	21:25	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02422	Jammu Tawi	18:10	Ajmer Junction	12:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02421	Ajmer Junction	14:05	Jammu Tawi	08:15	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
02448	H. Nizamuddin	20:10	Manikpur Junction	08:45	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02447	Manikpur Junction	17:05	H. Nizamuddin	05:25	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04515	Kalka	12:10	Shimla	17:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04516	Shimla	10:40	Kalka	16:10	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04854	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	10:30	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04853	Varanasi Junction	17:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04864	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:45	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04863	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 01.12.20
04866	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
04865	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05115	Chhapra	11:15	Delhi Junction	11:20	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05116	Delhi Junction	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02581	Manduadih	22:30	New Delhi	12:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
06229	Mysore Junction	07:20	Varanasi Junction	12:00	TUE, THU	Up to 26.11.20
06230	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Mysore Junction	02:35	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
07323	Hubballi Junction	17:50	Varanasi Junction	12:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
07324	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Hubballi Junction	13:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02587	Gorakhpur	14:20	Jammu Tawi	13:10	MON	Up to 23.11.20
02588	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Gorakhpur	20:30	SAT	Upto 28.11.20
05097	Bhagalpur	23:50	Jammu Tawi	13:10	THU	Upto 26.11.20
05098	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Bhagalpur	10:15	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
05251	Darbhanga Junction	03:25	Jalandhar City	05:10	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05252	Jalandhar City	09:50	Darbhanga Junction	11:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02397	Gaya	14:15	New Delhi	04:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
03255	Patliputra	20:35	Chandigarh	17:35	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
03256	Chandigarh	21:30	Patliputra	18:50	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02355	Patna Junction	07:25	Jammu Tawi	10:37	TUE, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02356	Jammu Tawi	17:45	Patna Junction	20:55	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02595	Gorakhpur	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	MON, TUE, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02596	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
02331	Howrah Junction	23:55	Jammu Tawi	13:10	TUE, FRI, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02332	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Howrah Junction	11:30	MON, THU, SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02819	Bhubaneswar	15:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:50	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02820	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02549	Kamakhya	10:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02550	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	Daily	Up to 02.12.20
02530	Lucknow Jn	05:00	Patliputra Junction	14:50	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02529	Patliputra Junction	15:50	Lucknow Jn	02:35	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02033	Kanpur Central	06:00	New Delhi	11:20	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
08215	Durg	09:00	Jammu Tawi	21:40	WED	Up to 25.11.20
08216	Jammu Tawi	05:00	Durg	19:10	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02458	Bikaner Junction	22:30	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02457	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	23:35	Bikaner Junction	07:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02485	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	07:05	Jodhpur Junction	18:05	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
02486	Jodhpur Junction	11:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	22:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
09027	Bandra Terminus	12:15	Jammu Tawi	01:25	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
09028	Jammu Tawi	09:30	Bandra Terminus	22:25	MON	Up to 30.11.20
02887	Visakhapatnam	06:25	Hazrat Nizamuddin	16:45	Except-Mon, Fri	Up to 29.11.20
02888	Hazrat Nizamuddin	08:35	Visakhapatnam	18:10	Except-Sun, Wed	Up to 01.12.20
08237	Korba	11:35	Amritsar Junction	08:10	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
08238	Amritsar Junction	16:10	Bilaspur	12:15	THU, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04887	Rishikesh	18:05	Barmer	20:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04888	Barmer	06:45	Rishikesh	10:30	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04519	Delhi Junction	14:00	Bathinda Jn.	21:15	Daily	21.11.20 to 30.11.20
04520	Bathinda Jn.	05:00	Delhi Junction	12:15	Daily	11, 22.11.20 to 30.11.20
02471	Shri Ganganagar	05:55	Delhi Junction	13:35	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02472	Delhi Junction	13:05	Shri Ganganagar	20:35	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
09611	Ajmer Junction	17:55	Amritsar Junction	14:45	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
09612	Amritsar Junction	14:30	Ajmer Junction	10:00	TUE, THU	24, 26.11.20 & 01.12.20
09613	Ajmer Junction	17:55	Amritsar Junction	10:45	MON, WED	23, 25 & 30.11.20
09614	Amritsar Junction	17:50	Ajmer Junction	10:00	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02683	Yesvantpur Jn	23:40	Lucknow	18:40	MON	Up to 30.11.20
02684	Lucknow	18:30	Yesvantpur Jn	13:30	THU	Upto 03.12.20
02539	Yesvantpur Jn	10:50	Lucknow	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
02540	Lucknow	20:00	Yesvantpur Jn	16:40	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02851	Visakhapatnam	08:20	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:10	MON, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02852	Hazrat Nizamuddin	05:50	Visakhapatnam	17:30	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
01407	Pune Junction	22:00	Lucknow Jn	02:40	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
01408	Lucknow Jn	06:30	Pune Junction	11:05	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02883	Durg	12:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin	09:05	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02884	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:25	Durg	15:10	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04404	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:35	Bhagalpur	15:00	MON, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04403	Bhagalpur	18:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:25	TUE, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04406	New Delhi	19:25	Barauni	15:00	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04405	Barauni	19:30	New Delhi	14:50	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Darbhanga	17:00	MON, THU	Up to 26.11.20
04407	Darbhanga	20:45	New Delhi	17:30	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04410	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Junction	09:00	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04409	Patna Junction	12:00	New Delhi	05:00	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04412	Delhi Junction	23:00	Saharsa	20:00	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04411	Saharsa	22:05	Delhi Junction	19:20	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20

09717	Jaipur	19:30	Daulatpur Chowk	12:15	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09718	Daulatpur Chowk	14:05	Jaipur	06:40	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04131	Prayagraj Junction	16:20	Udhampur	13:45	TUE, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04132	Udhampur	16:05	Prayagraj Junction	13:10	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09017	Bandra Terminus	13:05	Haridwar Junction	15:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
09018	Haridwar Junction	18:30	Bandra Terminus	22:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02191	Jabalpur	18:55	Haridwar Junction	14:05	WED	Up to 25.11.20
02192	Haridwar Junction	16:20	Jabalpur	11:40	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04321	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	09:30	MON, WED, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04322	Bhuj	17:05	Bareilly	20:35	WED, FRI, SAT, SUN	Up to 02.12.20
04311	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	12:05	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04312	Bhuj	14:05	Bareilly	20:35	MON, THU, THU	Up to 30.11.20
04424	Anand Vihar Terminus	15:20	Katihar Jn	19:55	Daily	Up to 22.11.20
04423	Katihar Jn	22:45	Anand Vihar Terminus	02:55	Daily	Up to 23.11.20
04426	Anand Vihar Terminus	16:25	Raxaul Jn	22:10	Except-MON, SAT	Up to 22.11.20
04425	Raxaul Jn	23:40	Anand Vihar Terminus	04:50	Except-TUE, SUN	Up to 23.11.20
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Fire at Kamala Mills compound: Company directors discharged, 13 to face trial

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

NEARLY THREE years after 14 people died in a fire that spread through the coal embers of a hookah at a restaurant in Mumbai's Kamala Mills compound, a sessions court on Tuesday said that 13 accused, including two fire brigade and one civic official, will face trial in the case.

The court discharged two accused — Ravi Bhandari and Ramesh Gowani, the directors of Kamala Mills Limited — of all charges stating that there is no evidence to charge them.

On December 29, 2017, a fire had broken out at Mojo's Bistro restaurant allegedly after an ember from coal ignited for a hookah flew on a curtain and spread rapidly to the adjacent restaurant, 1Above. Among the 14 who died, 13 people were patrons at 1Above. The 14th person who died was a staffer of 1Above. Most of the deaths occurred due to suffocation after those at the restaurant took shelter in a toilet of 1Above but could not escape.

The NM Joshi Marg police had booked 15 people in the case. In court, the prosecution had opposed the discharge applications of Bhandari and Gowani alleging that as owners,



The fire on December 29, 2017 broke out due to coal embers from a hookah, resulting in 14 deaths. Nirmal Harindran/File

DAYS AFTER INAUGURATION BY PM

Ghogha-Dahej RoPax service suspended for a day after technical snag

AVINASH NAIR
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 10

THE GHOGHA-DAHEJ RoPax service that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 8 was suspended after the vessel "Voyage Symphony" developed a technical snag on Tuesday afternoon.

"The sludge lying unnoticed came up during refuelling and choked the DG (Diesel Generator) set. The set has already been cleaned within four hours and the ship will be inspected by a certified agency on Wednesday before the sailing can begin. So we have suspended the services for a day," said Chetan Contractor, chairman of Detox Group which owns the firm managing the ferry services.

The DG set powers the air conditioning and the electronic systems of the ship. The RoPax ferry had sailed to Ghogha from

Hazira. "The DG sets failed to come online after we had loaded the vessel at Ghogha around 3 pm," Contractor added. The ferry will begin operations on Thursday.

This is the second time the vessel developed a technical issue on the Ghogha-Hazira route. On November 6, an electronic snag had caused the vessel to stall mid-sea during a sea-trial.

The ferry operators have also decided to curtail the Gogha-Hazira services to two trips a day from the earlier-planned three trips.

"The vessel while entering and exiting Hazira port cannot exceed the 1.5 nautical mile speed limit. It takes an hour to enter Hazira and the four-hour journey between the two destinations gets extended. This was not anticipated when we decided to have three trips. So we have decided to curtail the service to two trips (one round trip) to ensure punctuality," Contractor added.

Centre extends fresh invite to Punjab farmers for talks

RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 10

THE CENTRE Tuesday extended a fresh invitation to Punjab farmer bodies protesting against the three agri laws for talks with a two-member ministerial delegation on November 13 in Delhi. This is the third invitation extended by the Centre to the farmer bodies in a month.

Though BJP leaders had extended a verbal invitation on November 9, Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Sudhansu Pandey sent a letter inviting the heads of 29 farm unions for talks with Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal.

"For the past many days, aandolan is going on in Punjab on farmer related subjects. The Department of Agriculture is always concerned towards the issues and welfare of farmers. At the same time even the Railways department is keen to provide smooth services in Punjab. Hence, in order to discuss your issues, Union Agriculture



Farmers in Punjab have been protesting against the new farm legislation. File

Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal invite you for a meeting," read the letter, drafted in Hindi, and sent to presidents or general secretaries of the farmer organisations.

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) president Balbir Singh Rajewal said farmers' organisations have received an invitation. "We are always open for talks. The Central government, however, took too long to invite us on a proper platform," said Rajewal.

The representatives of the 29 farmer outfits will be meeting on November 12 at Chandigarh's Kisan Bhawan to decide on who all will be going to Delhi. Dr Darshan Pal, president, Kirti Kisan Union, said, "We need to decide who will be our spokespersons and what agendas we will present before the ministers. We want to be very specific at the meeting."

"Let's see what comes out of this meeting. Farm laws is an issue of the whole country and not

just Punjab. We hope that Punjab farmers will take the lead in getting justice for crores of farmers across the country," said Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary of BKU Dakaunda.

While Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma welcomed the decision of the Centre, Surjit Kumar Jyani, the chairman of eight-member BJP panel formed to reach out to farmers, said, "We are hopeful that a positive decision will come out before Diwali and farmers will lift their dharnas and trains will be back on tracks in Punjab."

The meeting comes at time when there is a standoff between the Centre and the Punjab government over resuming the train services in state, suspended since September 24, when farmers started their "rail roko" agitation against the central laws. While farmers claim to have lifted their dharnas from rail tracks for the resumption of freight trains, the Centre says they will either run both the goods and the passenger trains or none. They have also demanded an assurance of safety and security for trains and the staff.

Will share details on Pfizer trials upon its finality: govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

A DAY after Pfizer announced that its vaccine candidate had been found to be more than 90 per cent effective in preventing Covid-19 in participants without evidence of prior SARS-CoV-2 infection, the Centre on Tuesday said that it would share details on the ongoing discussion with various vaccine manufacturers, including Pfizer, when they receive regulatory approvals.

"The National Expert Group on vaccine administration is in dialogue with all vaccine manufacturers, including domestic and foreign manufacturers. When we continue this dialogue, we not only look at the status of development of their vaccine, we also look at their regulatory approval, and where have they progressed," Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said at a weekly briefing.

"We also engage in a dialogue about logistical requirement; if

such vaccines have to be stored at temperatures, which may range from 2 degree Celsius to minus 70 degree Celsius, as well as doses that will be required to be administered. This is a continuously changing dynamic situation, and if and when regulatory approval comes, we would share it with you," he said.

Bhushan's reply came on a question on whether the government is considering any tie-up with Pfizer, and whether India has the specialised cold chain requirement for Pfizer vaccine candidate, which require sub-zero temperature cold chain storage.

During the briefing, Bhushan reiterated that details on this discussion with Pfizer will be shared only when it reaches finality. "On the question on what are the specifics of our conversation with the vaccine manufacturer, (it) is not something we would be dealing at such a forum. However, whenever it reaches any kind of finality, we would be in a position to share

that with you," he said.

On Monday, Pfizer and its partner, German biotech company BioNTech, had said that analysis of phase-3 trial data of the m-RNA vaccine candidate by an external independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) "has not reported any serious safety concerns".

While Monday's announcement is not scientifically conclusive evidence on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine candidate, Pfizer has become the first firm to release promising late-stage trial data of a potential vaccine for Covid-19. Significantly, Pfizer, said it will hold discussions with regulatory authorities worldwide on the data emerging from its phase-3 trials.

Meanwhile, the Centre said that large-scale Covid-19 immunisation drive, expected to take place next year, will require substantial increase in the number of cold chain equipment, including walk-in coolers, deep freezers, and reefer vans.

Maharashtra announces SOPs ahead of reopening of schools

ABHA GORADIA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE MAHARASHTRA School Education department on Tuesday announced a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) ahead of the reopening of schools in the state from November 23. Schools will reopen only for classes IX to XII.

Students of classes IX to XII will attend school on alternate days to ensure a 50 per cent attendance ratio, according to the guidelines. A school day will span not more than four hours and no lunch break will be given to students.

At all times during school hours, students will be required to wear masks, and no one apart

from staff and students will be allowed inside the premises. Everyday thermal screening will be done for all students and teachers, the guidelines say.

Even as written parental consent is mandatory before allowing students to return to schools, attendance will not be compulsory, according to the guidelines. Students will be given a choice to study full time from their homes. Online and offline timetables will be prepared by each school to ensure that core subjects such as Maths, Science and English are taught physically whereas the rest of the subjects are taught in online mode. Maharashtra State Council for Educational Research and Training will form guidelines for the assessment of academic

progress of students.

Moreover, only those hostels that house international students have been given the nod to start. In an effort to support mental health, the department has said counselling facilities should be available for students and teachers who report mental health issues such as anxiety or depression.

Commenting on the SOPs, School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad said four lectures of 40 minutes each will be held and the local administration has been informed to follow all health and safety guidelines.

Before schools begin, all teaching and non-teaching staff have been mandated to undergo RT-PCR test between November 17 and 22.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

253 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN
CASES: 85,91,730
RECOVERED: 79,59,406
DEATHS: 1,27,059
TESTS: 11,96,15,857 | DOUBLING RATE: 130.71**



KEY STATES TO WATCH	TOTAL CASES	SURGE IN 24 HOURS	7-DAY AVG GROWTH*	DOUBLING TIME**
■ Maharashtra	17,23,135	3,277	0.30%	242.78
■ Kerala	4,89,702	3,593	1.40%	51.40
■ Delhi	4,43,552	5,023	1.62%	44.46
■ West Bengal	4,09,221	3,907	1.00%	71.78
■ Karnataka	8,48,850	1,963	0.33%	219.82

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.49 NOW: 1.48	7 DAYS EARLIER: 7.40 NOW: 7.18	DETECTED TODAY: 38,073 RECOVERED TODAY: 42,033
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak

Data as on November 9, 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

Schools, colleges in Tripura to open from Dec 1

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, NOVEMBER 10

THE TRIPURA government announced Tuesday that classes 10 and 12 in schools as well as colleges and technical institutions in the state would be allowed to reopen from December 1.

Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath said the decision was taken at a meeting held at the state secretariat on Monday. "We have decided to reopen classes 10 and class 12 in schools and all government degree colleges, technical institutions from December 1. We shall monitor the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation and decide finally," Nath said.

Provide sufficient security to candidates in upcoming polls: J&K Lt Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 10

JAMMU AND Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday asked police and other security agencies to provide "sufficient security" to candidates participating in the upcoming District Development Council elections, and bypolls to urban and rural local bodies in the Union Territory.

"People must be facilitated during these elections so that they would feel secure to cast their ballot," Sinha said while reviewing security arrangements during his maiden visit to the Armed Police headquarters here. He stressed upon the officers to ensure free, fair, transparent and peaceful elections, besides having a cohesive and strong liaison between different security agencies for effective action on the ground.

The L-G expressed confidence that Jammu and Kashmir Police is "capable of dealing with emerging situation while main-



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha

taining a close watch on all inimical elements to ensure peace in the region".

While Advisor to Lt Governor R R Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, Secretary (Home) Shakeen Kabra, DGP Dilbagh Singh, ADGPs and IG Jammu were present, IG Kashmir, DIGs, SSPs and other senior police officers from the Valley attended it via video conference.

IG Kashmir and district SSPs in the Valley briefed the L-G about security arrangements and other preparatory measures for the elections in their respective districts.

Punjab allows bars in hotels, malls to open following SOPs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

THE PUNJAB government on Tuesday allowed opening of bars in hotels, shopping malls and multiplexes outside containment zones.

As per the latest orders, the managements of such commercial establishments have been asked to ensure meticulous compliance with the SOPs issued by the health department from time to time.

Earlier, the state government has allowed the opening of hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services and shopping malls in areas outside containment zones in Punjab on June 8 with a stipulation that while liquor could be served in the restaurants and rooms of hotels as per licence of excise department, but the bars would have to be kept closed as per the previous guidelines.

Himachal educational institutions shut till Nov 25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

AMID A fresh surge in Covid-19 cases, the Himachal Pradesh government Tuesday ordered a "special vacation" for students and staff at all government and private educational institutions in the state from November 11 to 25.

The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said.

After witnessing a decline in September and early October, active Covid cases in the state have doubled from around 2,500 in mid-October to 5,000 currently, coinciding with the period when local residents and tourists are

thronging to markets and public places in the festive season.

On November 2, colleges and schools had been allowed to reopen for students of Class IX and higher after more than seven months. Attendance was voluntary and a student could only join back at the school or college after a written consent by his/her parents.

However, teachers and students at some schools tested positive for the coronavirus immediately before or after the reopening, including 92 students and staff at a single school in Jogindernagar.

Bhardwaj said the Cabinet has decided to order the closure of all schools, colleges, ITIs, polytechnics and coaching institutes for students as well as teaching and non-teaching staff for a fortnight beginning Wednesday.

Shringla holds bilateral meets with Maldivian leadership

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MALE, NOVEMBER 10

FOREIGN SECRETARY Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Tuesday held a series of meetings with the Maldivian leadership and the Opposition and discussed ways to further strengthen India's relations with the nation, and reviewed the progress of key infrastructure projects under the \$1.3 billion bilateral package.

Shringla, who was on a two-day visit to the Maldives, held a joint meeting with Minister for National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Mohamed Aslam, Minister of Economic

Development Fayyaz Ismail and Minister of Finance Ibrahim Ameer.

On Monday, Shringla also called on President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and Speaker of the People's Majlis Mohamed Nasheed.

"FS@harshvshringla held a joint-meeting with Minister for National Planning, Housing & Infra Dvpt @AslamAslamtey Minister of Economic Dvpt@faya_i8 Minister of Finance @iammeeru; they assessed progress in 8 infrastructure projects part of the USD 1.3 billion bilateral package," the High Commission of India in the Maldives tweeted.

TO FOCUS ON HISTORY OF INDIA, LANDMARK MOMENTS

Gujarat govt plans to build world's largest toy museum

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE GUJARAT government plans to build the largest toy museum in the world, showcasing 11 lakh toys from across the country. To come up in Gandhinagar's Gift City, the museum will be completed over the next three to five years at an estimated cost of Rs 1,500 crore.

According to sources, the project has been envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with an aim to give a push to

India's homemade toy industry. The Children's University in Gandhinagar, which functions under the Gujarat Department of Higher Education, has been made the nodal agency for the project. The varsity has been tasked with developing toys as per "the values and traditions of ancient and modern India".

The state has already granted Children's University 30 acres at Gift City to expand its campus, of which around 8-10 acres is likely to be dedicated to the Toy Bhawan and Museum project. Once complete, the museum would be tick-

eted at a nominal rate.

Vice-Chancellor Harshad Shah told *The Indian Express* that the project is currently in the primary stage and work will start over the next two to three months. "Among the 11 lakh toys, there will be toys based on education, science, astronomy, language, history, culture and social science. However, there will be no guns or toys that promote violence, or even teddy bears, which propagate lethargy in children," he said.

Shah said that Modi held a virtual meeting with him in August to discuss the concept, with four

Union ministers — Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, Smriti Irani and Ramesh Pokhriyal — also present. Later the PM in his next Mann Ki Baat programme laid focus on building toys in India to give a boost to Atmanirbhar Bharat, while reducing our dependence of foreign-manufactured toys.

The museum will focus on the history of India and important landmark moments through toys and tableaux — for instance, there will be sections dedicated to ISRO's Gaganyaan project, EVM machines and the First War of Independence in

1857. With the help of DRDO, replicas of electronically-operated, battery-operated and solar-based rockets, Prithvi Missile, Agni Missile and satellites will also be displayed.

Shah said, "Presently, several Union ministries are very actively working and guiding us to frame this subject. They may extend their tangible and intangible support to us for completing this project."

The state will also rope in hundreds of local artisans to build toys showcasing the traditions of India.

Jodhpur: Eight dead as roof of factory under construction collapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 10

AT LEAST eight people died and six others were injured when the roof of an under-construction factory collapsed in Jodhpur on Tuesday evening.

According to police, the incident took place around 6pm.

"A roof was being constructed at an under-construction factory in Basni industrial area. The wall was around 22 feet high. The roof collapsed around 6pm today. So far eight labourers have died and six injured are undergoing treatment. Rescue operations are underway," Jodhpur commissioner of police Jose Mohan told *The Indian Express*.

The exact reason behind the accident could be ascertained after forensic and engineering reports come, he added.

"Search operations are underway and only after removing the entire debris it will be clear if more persons are trapped. We have rescued everybody who were found trapped in the immediate vicinity," said Mohan.

Police said that an FIR has been registered in the matter.

"An FIR under section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) has been registered against the supervisors and contractor of the construction site. Further investigation is being carried out and we have also asked for documents to ascertain whether all requisite permissions were taken for the construction," said Mohan.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot expressed his condolences on Twitter. "The death of labourers due to collapse of roof of an under-construction factory in Jodhpur's Basni phase two is extremely saddening. Have taken information about the incident after speaking with the district collector. Rescue operations are underway," he tweeted.

Goa Cong protests in Karnataka against double tracking of South Western Rly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 10

THE OPPOSITION in Goa Tuesday crossed over to Hubli in Karnataka to protest against the double tracking of South Western Railway in Goa. The delegation saw Congress leaders including Leader of Opposition Digambar Kamat give a memorandum to the railway zonal authority.

"We came here to request the South Western Railways to scrap the track doubling. We also came

to Hubli to convey the sentiment of Goa regarding the project. The people are boiling in anger," Kamat told reporters.

The railway track, which is expected to connect the steel and power plants in Karnataka to the port in Goa, has seen opposition with Goans staging a candlelit protest in Chandor, south of Goa.

Kamat said Goa is a destination for tourists. "They do not want to come to Goa to see coal," he added. The double tracking will see the railway line crossing from Karnataka through the

Western Ghats - with protests by environment activists warning over 70,000 trees will be cut for three projects including expansion of roads and a power line.

A statement later issued by the zonal public relations office said, "P K Mishra, Additional General Manager, South western railway, has explained that the project is being taken up basically to improve connectivity to the State of Goa from Southern States... the question of transporting more coal after doubling doesn't arise."

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No. 8810/MPRDC/827/HR/2020 Bhopal, Date : 09.11.2020
M.P. Road Development Corporation Ltd., is a wholly owned company of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh looking after the State Highways and other Infrastructure Development projects in the State of Madhya Pradesh. MPRDC invites applications from eligible Female candidates for the below mentioned posts, initially for One year & which can be extended, based upon satisfactory performance and mutual consent as per requirements of the MPRDC on Contractual Basis :-

S. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post (Category wise)	Remuneration for Contract	Remarks/Qualification/Experience
1.	Gender Focal, Female	01-Gen. (Female)	Rs. 60,000/- (Per Month) + CPI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's degree or equivalent in development-related disciplines, gender issues, public policy, economics, or other social science fields. Minimum of 8 years of progressively responsible experience in working with local communities in Madhya Pradesh or adjacent states. Should be familiar with the local language, and with women's empowerment, community development, and livelihood programs. Familiarity with gender equality and women's empowerment issues in the transport sector is desirable. Strong communications skills, with proven expertise in gender and community trainings and report writing.

The General Terms and Conditions :

- Applications not submitted in the prescribed format or incomplete in any respect shall stand rejected.
- Application form can be downloaded from our website <http://www.mprdc.nic.in/cARRIER.htm/> or www.mponline.gov.in and submitted through www.mponline.gov.in only.
- MD, MPRDC will have full right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof.
- The selection will be made purely on the basis of interview.
- All details are mentioned in the Rule Book.
- The minimum age limit is 35 and maximum age limit is 45 years on 31.10.2020.
- The last date for submission of online application is 08.12.2020 till 5.30 pm.

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F.No. 2-3(7)/R&P/2020 Dated: 9th November 2020
VACANCY NOTIFICATION
One (01) contractual position of Young Professional-I for the Veterinary Clinic Unit (Animal Health Division) is proposed to be filled through walk-in-interview on 27.11.2020 from 11:00 AM onwards.
Interested candidates may visit our website www.cirg.res.in for details.
Sr. Admin. Officer

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WANTED OFFICE PREMISES ON LEASE
Life Insurance Corporation of India intends to hire office premises from the individual / firms on lease basis admeasuring 1300 sq.ft. to 1500 sq.ft. carpet area (± 5% variation in areas is acceptable) are in ready condition or practically ready. Premises have to be built within the stipulated time. This premises should be preferably on Ground or First floor for Satellite Office at the following location. The preferred location of the premises shall be within a radius of 2.0 km. (approximately) from Railway station / Bus stand and main market. For complete details and bid documents please log on to www.licindia.in and go to 'Tender' and click on the link "Advertisement for Requirement of office premises for satellite Office at Baikunthpur /CLIA SO Gopalganj" on lease basis.
LIC of India reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers in full/ part without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Location	1	2
	Baikunthpur, Dist.-Gopalganj	CLIA SO Gopalganj, Dist.-Gopalganj

11.11.2020 Sr. Divisional Manager

THE AKOLA URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD., AKOLA (MULTI STATE SCHEDULED BANK)
"JANKALYAN" 58- 59 TOSHINWAL LAYOUT NEAR MILK SCHEME MURTI ZAPUR ROAD AKOLA- 444 001

Notice to Shareholders for submission of Email id and their Mobile Number (Only For Shareholders)
Due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, it is resolved in the Board of Directors Meeting to Hold the 57th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the bank through Video Conferencing.
Notice of such proposed meeting through Video Conferencing shall be forwarded to all the Shareholders of the bank through email/ SMS as per relevant provisions of the Act. Therefore it is Necessary to have the details of all shareholders with the bank such as name of the shareholders, Membership number, mobile number, email id.
Therefore all the shareholders of the bank are requested to submit their above referred details up to 19.11.2020 by message or whatsapp message over mobile no. 9923966166 OR send via email to email address agm2020@aucbakola.com. OR to share department of the bank at head office in person.
Please take note that shareholders will not be able to participate in video conferencing meeting unless the required details are submitted to the bank .
By the order of the Board of Directors
Rajan M. Sontakke
Chief Executive Officer
Date :11.11.2020

अमरीस कुमार, एडवोकेट,
ऑफिस नं०-406 केन चेम्बर-14/113, सिविल लाइन, कानपुर-208001

ट्रेड मार्क चेतावनी
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हमारे पश्कत श्रीमती छाया देवी, प्रोपराइटर, प्रमात जर्दा फैक्ट्री (ओरसरी), ई-37, सेक्टर-8, नोएडा, (ए/पी/0) 201301, निम्नांकित ट्रेड मार्क की एक मात्र स्वामी है, जो जर्दा, क्रिया, खैनी व पान मसाला इत्यादि के लिए वर्षों से निरंतर प्रयोग में होता चला आ रहा है।

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Photo Lata Chaturbhuj Ram स्वामी वसुंज साम	1518182	34
Photo Lalit Kumar Arya स्वामी ललित कुमार आर्या	300773	34

ज्ञात हुआ है कि कुछ व्यक्ति, कम्पनी या फर्म अपने निहित स्वार्थ हेतु उपरोक्त ट्रेड मार्कों की गैर कानूनी रूप से नकल कर रहे हैं। अतः ऐसे दोषी व्यक्ति, कम्पनी या फर्म के विरुद्ध कठोर कानूनी, कार्यवाही की जा सकती है, एवम् उनके विरुद्ध बिना किसी पूर्व सूचना के फौजदारी कानून के अंतर्गत छापे डाले जा सकते हैं।
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FITM-AYUSH Fellowships at RIS
Ministry of AYUSH and RIS have launched the Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM) for promoting pragmatic policy making in the area of Indian Traditional Medicine Systems (ITMS) for larger global impact in the realm of trade, investment and technology. FITM, invites applications from full-time PhD scholars for Doctoral and PhD degree holders for Post-doctoral Research Fellowships.
Selected candidates will undertake policy relevant research on economic, sociological, politico-economic, trade, management, and/or IT/digital technology related aspects of ITMS with the aim of national and global promotion of AYUSH.
The Fellowship is Not Applicable to studies relating to clinical, pharmacological and pharmacognosy and other related research areas.
ELIGIBILITY: Educational backgrounds in any of the AYUSH disciplines. Outstanding candidates from other disciplines may also be considered. Additional qualification in any other specialisation especially IT is desirable.
DURATION: Two Years (Doctoral Fellowships), One year (Post-doctoral Fellowship)
FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT: All inclusive maximum amount of upto Rs 5 lakh/- per year for Doctoral Fellowships.
All inclusive maximum amount of upto Rs 7.5 lakh/- per year for Post-doctoral Fellowship. The payment would be subject to standard deduction of TDS.
ON LINE APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.
Shortlisted candidates would be invited for interview by the Selection Committee and its decision would be final in all respects.
For further information on the scheme and application process please visit: www.fitm.ris.org.in

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH BENCH AT CHANDIGARH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 Read with Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 AND CA (CAA) No 24 / CHD / HRY / 2020
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF Arrangement BETWEEN Indiabulls Properties Private Limited. (Applicant Company 1 / Demerged Company) AND BXIN Office Parks India Private Limited (Applicant Company 2 / Resulting Company) AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF SECURED CREDITOR AND UNSECURED CREDITORS OF Indiabulls Properties Private Limited
Notice is hereby given that by an order dated November 3, 2020, the Chandigarh Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal has directed that a meeting of the secured creditor and unsecured creditors of Indiabulls Properties Private Limited be convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification(s), the Scheme of Arrangement between Applicant Company 1 and BXIN Office Parks India Private Limited and their respective shareholders (Scheme).
In pursuance of the said order and directed therein further notice is hereby given that:
1. Meeting of secured creditors of the Applicant Company 1 will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 11:30 AM at Plot No. 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurugram-122016, Haryana.
2. Meeting of unsecured creditors of the Applicant Company 1, to whom an amount equal to or more than Rs 2,00,000 is payable, will be convened on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM at Plot No 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurugram-122016, Haryana, subject to notice of meeting being issued.
Copies of the said Scheme and of the statement under section 230 read with Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 6 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Applicant Company 1, at Plot No 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurugram-122016, Haryana. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the respective meetings, may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the Applicant Company 1 not later than 48 hours before the meeting.
Forms of Proxy are made available at the registered office of the Applicant Company 1. The Tribunal has appointed Mr. Sanjay Bansal, Advocate and Mr. Gaurav Mankota, Advocate as Chairperson and Alternative Chairperson, respectively, of the said meetings for the Applicant Company 1. The Scheme, if approved by the meeting will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.
Dated this 10th day of November 2020 at Mumbai.
Sd/- Vishal Tharwani Authorized Representative

SIGNATURE GLOBAL MAKING INDIA AFFORDABLE
AN ISO 9001:2015, 14001:2015, 45001:2018 CERTIFIED COMPANY

Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcepharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS

1. Coloniser/Developer	Sternal Buildcon Private Limited
2. Project Approval	Licence No. 21 of 2020 dated 13.08.2020, Building Plan Approved on 20.10.2020 Memo No. ZP-1426/AD(RA)/2020/18570, Haryana RERA Registered No: 42 of 2020 Dated 09.11.2020.
3. Location	Sector 95, Gurugram, Haryana
4. Provisions Project Area	1061 no. of apartments available out of total 1061 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 7.325 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.

5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms

Category (Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqft(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking amount 5%	on allotment 20%
2BHK TYPE-01	264	585.174	87.511	23,84,452	1,19,223	4,76,890
2BHK TYPE-02	474	594.517	84.928	24,20,532	1,21,027	4,84,106
2BHK TYPE-03	240	585.562	87.511	23,86,004	1,19,300	4,77,201
2BHK TYPE-04	30	595.637	84.928	24,25,012	1,21,251	4,85,002
2BHK+STUDY-05 MQ	53	645.786	99.998	26,33,143	1,31,657	5,26,629

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles. Windows: Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC / Steel Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & White Wash Above. Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble • Walk: Oil Bond Distemper / White Wash • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: Sternal Buildcon Private Limited, Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 11.11.2020. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 10.12.2020. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.
2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.
3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one application, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.
Allotment Criteria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcepharyana.gov.in).

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Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcepharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS

1. Coloniser/Developer	Sternal Buildcon Private Limited
2. Project Approval	Licence No. 17 of 2020 dated 17.07.2020, Building Plan Approved on 22.10.2020 Memo No. ZP-1425/SD(DK)/2020/18773, Haryana RERA Registered No: 41 of 2020 Dated 09.11.2020.
3. Location	Sector 37D, Gurugram, Haryana
4. Provisions Project Area	1,322 no. of apartments available out of total 1,322 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 9.103 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.

5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms

Category (Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqft(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking amount 5%	on allotment 20%
2BHK TYPE -1	314	580.836	80.342	2,363,515	1,18,176	4,72,703
2BHK TYPE -2	628	589.243	80.45	2,397,197	1,19,860	4,79,440
2BHK TYPE -3	314	598.069	89.298	2,436,925	1,21,847	4,87,385
3BHK TYPE -4 (MQ)	66	645.549	102.656	2,632,196	1,31,610	5,26,440

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles. Windows: Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC / Steel Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & White Wash Above. Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble • Walk: Oil Bond Distemper / White Wash • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: Sternal Buildcon Private Limited, Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 11.11.2020. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 10.12.2020. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in

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MONEY LAUNDERING INVESTIGATION

ED probes 2 firms in case against Bineesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 10



Bineesh is the son of CPM's Kerala secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate is investigating the funding of two event management firms in Kochi and Bengaluru to ascertain if Bineesh Kodiyeri (36), son of the CPM's Kerala secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, used them for money laundering.

used for laundering funds from illegal activities, possibly including drug trade.

The Kochi-based firm was set up in November 2016 and has Rishabh Ravindran, Anoop and Hakkim Beeran as directors. The company has not made any RoC filings on revenues and there is no official record on the RoC website to link Bineesh to the firm apart from an acknowledged close association with Anoop.

Yoush Events Management was set up in Bengaluru in November 2018 and has Anoop and Vivek Balakrishnan as directors.

Yoush Events has also made no filings on revenues and has no obvious linkages to Bineesh.

The ED, in documents filed in court since the arrest of Bineesh, has said it is investigating these firms in depth on account of the

alleged possibility of these firms being used for huge money laundering activities.

"Mohammed Anoop, a drug peddler, was arrested by ED on 17.10.2020 and, during his custodial interrogation, he inter-alia admitted that he was indulging in sale and purchase of narcotics drugs and closely associated with Bineesh Kodiyeri," the ED said in a statement after Bineesh's arrest.

Anoop "held various bank accounts and indulged in transferring/ layering of huge proceeds of crime. Fraud trail investigation also established that huge amount of unaccounted funds were being regularly credited in his accounts by Bineesh Kodiyeri. These were preceded by large cash deposits in Kerala into accounts of Bineesh Kodiyeri," the ED has stated.

"During the course of investigation, it is revealed that Mohammed Anoop is a benami of Bineesh Kodiyeri and all his financial dealings were done on the instructions of Bineesh Kodiyeri who had paid huge amounts of money to Mohammed Anoop," the ED said.

Man arrested thrice in 3 weeks for 'offensive posts' against Uddhav, son

MOHAMED THAYER MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

SAMEET THAKKAR, who allegedly uploaded offensive posts against the Maharashtra government, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aaditya, was arrested on Tuesday for the third time in as many weeks.

Thakkar, who had posted tweets comparing Uddhav to "modern day Aurangzeb", was arrested by the BKC cyber police on Tuesday.

He is facing three FIRs — lodged by Nagpur police as well as V P Road police and BKC cyber police in Mumbai — in connection with the comments he had made on social media platforms.

He was taken into custody by the BKC cyber police after he was granted bail by the court in connection to the FIR lodged by VP Road police. One of the conditions behind him being granted bail was that he would not operate his twitter account till further orders.

"After he was released on bail, we took his custody in connection with the FIR lodged at



Uddhav Thackeray and Aaditya Thackeray

the BKC cyber police station. We will seek his custody from the court," said a senior officer.

Thakkar was initially arrested by the Nagpur police on October 25. After being in police custody for nine days, the V P Road police was granted his custody. On Monday, as Thakkar was granted bail, the BKC cyber police approached the court seeking his custody.

Advocate Dharam Mishra, attached to Shiv Sena's legal cell, on whose complaints both the FIRs were lodged in Mumbai, said: "He has been uploading content that spoils the atmosphere of the country. Rather than using social media for constructive work, it is being misused to defame people and forward conspiracy theories."

The FIR at the BKC cyber po-

lice station was registered on August 5 against nine persons, including Thakkar. This was after Thakkar had tweeted: "By sending emissary Uddhav has confirmed one thing that somewhere his son and state minister @AUThackeray is involved in Sushant Singh Rajput case as well as Disha Salyan case."

The FIR at the VP road police station was registered in July on the basis of tweets he put out in June last week where he allegedly described the CM as 'al-hunuk (modern) Aurangzeb' for giving permission to celebrate Eid.

Thakkar had also allegedly coined the term 'baby penguin' for Aaditya and had "abusive communal exchanges" with members of the minority community on Twitter.

Thakkar has over 60,000 followers on Twitter and his bio reads "proud to be followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the Maharashtra Police had registered at least 10 FIRs since the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput against people posting offensive content against the Thackerays.

ABETMENT TO SUICIDE CASE

SC to take up Arnab bail plea today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10



Arnab Goswami

The Supreme Court will on Wednesday take up a plea by Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami challenging the Bombay High Court order denying him bail in an abetment to suicide case.

The matter will be considered by a vacation bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee. The apex court is currently on Diwali recess.

On November 9, the HC bench of Justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik had denied bail to Goswami. The court said that "no case was made out based on facts of case as per section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code under extraordinary jurisdiction" and said its observations are in 'prima facie nature'.

The HC gave him liberty to move the sessions court for bail under Section 439 of CrPC and directed the sessions court to dispose of the matter in four days, if filed.

Goswami and two others — Feroze Shaikh and Nitish Sarada — were arrested on November 4.

The case against Goswami pertains to the death of interior designer Anvay Naik and his mother Kumud Naik at their bungalow in Alibaug in May 2018. According to police officials, the duo died by suicide over alleged non-payment of dues by Goswami's channel and two other companies.

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Dushyant Dave on Tuesday protested the "urgent" listing of

Goswami's petition before the two-judge bench on Wednesday. In a letter to the secretary general of SC, he termed it "extraordinary", accused the court's registry of "selective listing of cases" and claimed that the likes of Goswami are getting "special treatment while ordinary Indians are made to suffer, including Imprisonment, which are many times illegal and unauthorised".

In his writ petition, Goswami said his arrest was conducted in "blatant violation of the fundamental rights to life and personal liberty" and his dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

In his bail application before the HC, Goswami also alleged that the police had manhandled him. The petition stated that "during the course of his arrest and while being transferred to Alibaug in a police van and in the custody of the police, the petitioner suffered a 6-inch-deep gash on his left hand, a serious injury to his spinal cord, was hit by a heavy uniform police officer's boot, was not allowed to wear shoes throughout, suffered vein injuries and was not even given access to drinking water."

DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST JOURNALIST

Akbar: Ramani couldn't prove remarks made for public good

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10



Priya Ramani

REBUTTING JOURNALIST Priya Ramani's final arguments, former Union minister M J Akbar on Tuesday told a Delhi court through his lawyer that Ramani could not discharge her duty of proving that her statements were made for public good.

Stating that the burden of "proving the existence of truth, good faith, public interest and public good is on the accused", senior advocate Geeta Luthra made her rebuttal on behalf of Akbar: "The accused did not discharge this burden. The accused hasn't shown due care and caution. The courts have set an extremely high standard for due care and caution. You can't tarnish a person's reputation just like this.

entire article. How will a common man read this? He also sees it as an entire article."

Luthra also told the court that for some people reputation is more important than their own lives: "There is an expression; in fact, it is perhaps even in the Constitution bench judgment by the Supreme Court upholding criminal defamation that for some people reputation is more important than one's life itself... It is true for someone who, step by step from the 1960s, has worked hard to build his reputation... no one had ever cast any aspersion on him... I think when the accused was cross-examined, she had said that there was nothing said ever till 8 October. It is then that my reputation got affected, which got built over years (and) cannot be tarnished like that."

Luthra told the court that the allegations made against Akbar were not put "in the court's space". She argued, "What I find most offensive is you put it in public space, where I have no opportunity to answer unless I get into a slanging match. You put it on Twitter."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Punjab allows green crackers for two hours on Diwali

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

A DAY after the National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the states to ban firecrackers in cities having poor AQI, the Punjab government on Tuesday banned crackers in Mandi Gobindgarh, the steel town of the state, and allowed only use of only green crackers in other parts of the state for two hours on Diwali.

A government order on Tuesday quoted Chief Minister Amarinder Singh saying he was banning crackers in Mandi Gobindgarh from the midnight of November 9 till the midnight of November 30.

In other parts, only green crackers will be allowed as per these orders, which are in compliance with the directives of the NGT, as well as various judicial orders passed amid reports of firecrackers likely to aggravate the Covid problem, the government statement said.

While on Diwali (November 14), green crackers can be used from 8 pm to 10 pm, on Gurburab (November 30), they will be allowed from 4 am to 5 am and from 9 pm to 10 pm. On Christmas Eve, people can burst these crackers from 11.55 pm to 12.30 am.

UP govt imposes ban on firecrackers in 12 districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 10



Firecrackers on sale in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav

ACTING ON the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the UP government on Tuesday issued instructions banning the sale and use of firecrackers in 12 districts which have air quality ranging from poor to severe. The ban will come into effect from days preceding Diwali to New Years.

The 12 districts where the ban will come into force are Muzaffarnagar, Agra, Varanasi, Meerut, Hapur, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Moradabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Baghpat and Bulandshahr.

According to a statement issued by Chief Secretary Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, the NGT has mentioned that the Air Quality Index (AQI) of Muzaffarnagar is poor, while Agra, Varanasi, Meerut and Hapur very poor. Seven districts — Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Moradabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Baghpat and Bulandshahr — have severe AQI.

Earlier, on Monday the NGT announced a blanket ban on the sale or bursting of firecrackers in the National Capital Region, stating that there will be serious adverse effects on the health of peo-

ple as pollution aggravates the Covid-19 situation. It added that besides the NCR region, the direction will apply to all cities and towns in the country where the average of ambient air quality during November (as per available data of last year) have dropped below the 'poor' category.

A detailed government order issued by the UP Chief Secretary to all the police and administrative authorities clarified that there will be a complete ban against sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the NCR from midnight of November 9 to the midnight of November 30, to be reviewed thereafter. The direction will also be applicable to all the cities where the average ambient air quality falls under poor and above category, it added.

CRACKERS BANNED IN GUWAHATI

Himanta says no restrictions on Diwali, calls for self-restraint

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 10

ASSAM HEALTH and Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Tuesday that the government was not planning on any restrictions in the state with regard to the use of firecrackers in Diwali festivities.

However, the state pollution control board issued a notification the same day saying that the sale and use of firecrackers was banned in Guwahati and that in other parts of the state, only green crackers will be permitted between 8 and 10 pm.

"Like any other religion, Hindus have the right to celebrate festivals. With improvement in #COVID19 situation in Assam, we plan no restrictions on celebration of #Diwali including use of #Firecrackers. However, kindly remember, self-restraint is key to combat #COVID19," he tweeted.

The Assam Pollution Control Board's notification on the other hand, ordered a ban on the sale or use of fire crackers in Guwahati from the midnight of November 9 to midnight of November 30. In other parts of the state, only green crackers can be sold and their use is allowed for only two hours on Diwali — from 8pm to 10pm.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Captain Rohit Kaushal SM Unit- 12RR Arm/Regiment : The Punjab Regiment Operation : Op. Rakshak {J&K} Date of Martyrdom : 11th Nov.1995. Capt Rohit was a valiant soldier and a fine officer who led from the front like a true military leader. He laid down his life in the service of the nation and would always be remembered for his exceptional courage and steadfast devotion to his duty.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-23-RT. The details are as under:

1	Name of the work	Testing and refilling of 22.5 Kg capacity CO2 fire extinguisher gas, cylinder and replacement of its defective part, Qty. 150 nos. for 03 years'
2	Approx. cost of work	₹ 3,63,440.00
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	₹ 7,300.00
4	Cost of tender document	₹ 1,180.00
5	Last Date & Time of submission of tender bid of tender	04.12.2020 (11:00 Hrs.)
6	Date & Time of opening of tender document	04.12.2020 (11:30 Hrs.)
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers are acceptable. (iv) Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-23-RT. Dated: 10.11.2020. 2488/20

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Alibaug court reserves order on Raigad police's plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE ALIBAUG sessions court has reserved its order on the revision appeal filed by the Raigad police seeking to set aside the magistrate court's order last week rejecting police custody of Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami and two others arrested on charges of abetment to suicide of an interior designer in 2018. The court is likely to pass the order on the appeal on Thursday.

On Tuesday, the court heard arguments from the lawyers representing the three accused as well as special public prosecutor, Pradip D Gharat. Senior advocate Aaad Ponda representing Goswami said that there were no grounds for the grant of police custody. He submitted that the transaction between Goswami's company and the interior designer, Anvay Naik, was contractual and a dispute arising out of that should be before a civil court. He said that it could not be grounds for a criminal charge of instigating or abetting a person for suicide. He also submitted that Goswami had cooperated with the probe from 2018 and his statement was also recorded by the investigator. Ponda also submitted that as a news anchor Goswami "calls a spade, a spade" and the case was a means of silencing him.

SPP Gharat countered the submissions by stating that the fact that there was a suicide note naming the accused was a strong ground for grant of police custody. The Raigad police will be filing its response on Wednesday.

TRP case: Police arrest another Republic TV employee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE MUMBAI crime branch on Tuesday made the 12th arrest in the TRP scam and the first arrest of a person linked to the Republic News Network. Ghanshyam Singh (44) was arrested from his Thane residence early Tuesday morning and was produced before court that remanded him in police custody.

As per the remand report, during the questioning of Abhishek Kolawde, who was earlier arrested in the case, it came to light that it was Singh, Republic TV's distribution head, who allegedly paid Rs 15 lakh to him at the residence of one Ashish Chaudhary, arrested earlier in the case.

The police said in the remand report that the money had been paid between January 2020 and July 2020 for boosting TRPs of Republic TV. Some payments were also made through hawala operators, the remand stated.

The police said they found Rs 11.72 lakh at the residence of Kolawde. Republic in a statement said, "Ghanshyam Singh has cooperated throughout ... has personally been through over 40 hours of semi-custodial interrogation, and his current detention crafts a new low in the highhanded tactics of the law and order machinery in the state of Maharashtra which is functioning unchecked."

The Mumbai police case is that some channels were paying to illegally boost their TRPs and thus earned profits illegally.

J&K: 2 militants killed in encounter at Shopian

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TWO AL-BADR militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) on Tuesday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Kutpora area of Shopian in south Kashmir based on specific input regarding the presence of militants there, police said.

During the search operation as the presence of the militants was ascertained, they were given the opportunity to surrender. However, the militants fired indiscriminately upon the search party, prompting retaliation by the security forces, he said.

In the ensuing gunbattle, two militants were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter, he said.

The deceased were identified as Irfan Ahmad Thoker, a resident of Kutpora, Shopian and Umar Ahmad Lone, a resident of Naidgam Lone Mohallah.

Both of them were affiliated with proscribed outfit Al-Badr, the spokesman said. As per police records, he said, both were involved in many terror crime cases, including looting of cash to the tune of Rs 60 lakh from a van of J&K Bank at the main branch in Shopian on November 5.

Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from the site of the encounter.



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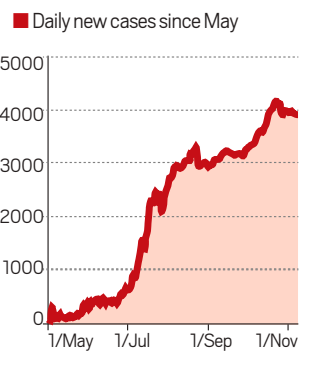
CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD**In West Bengal, 3,900-4,000 cases every day for two weeks**

AMIDST THE rapid rise in coronavirus cases in Kerala and Delhi, a steadier but prolonged increase in West Bengal has been less noticed. West Bengal has been adding more than 3,000 cases every day since the middle of August, and has never really seen a decline all this while. But its highest for a day has never crossed 4,200.

With 4.1 lakh confirmed cases, West Bengal has the eighth largest caseload in the country. But in terms of active cases, it is fourth, after Maharashtra, Kerala and Delhi. It is one of the very few states where the active cases were actually rising until very recently. That trend has changed now, and for the last one week, there has been a slow decline in the number of active cases, which have come down from a high of 37,000 to about 34,000 now. This has happened because of an increase in recoveries in the last few days, not a drop in new cases.

On every single day in the last two weeks, West Bengal has reported between 3,900 and 4,000 cases, including on Mondays, when most states usually report a lower number of cases due to less testing on Sundays. West Bengal makes no exception of Sundays, and tests a similar number of samples as on any other day. That is why it does not suffer the Monday drop that other states do.

Such remarkable consistency in the detection of new cases, within a very narrow range of 100, is rare for any state with the kind of caseload that West Bengal has. Tamil Nadu showed a similar consistency for almost two months, but the range in which the numbers remained confined was much wider, between 5,500 and 6,000. The daily numbers in West Bengal have remained unaffected

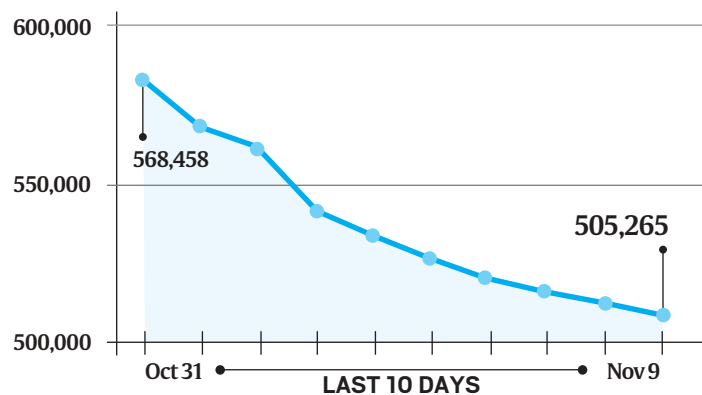
STEADY, PROLONGED GROWTH IN W BENGAL

even by the Durga Puja celebrations, which was expected to result in a major surge in the state.

This consistency extends to the number of deaths being reported. From the beginning of August, almost 100 days now, West Bengal has been reporting between 50 and 65 deaths every day. Rarely has the count gone out of this bracket. The state has had more than 7,300 coronavirus-related deaths, the fourth highest in the country, after Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

On Monday, West Bengal was the second highest contributor of new cases in the country, after Delhi, as most states reported significantly lower numbers due to the Monday effect. Delhi's numbers too came down from a level of more than 7,000, to just about 5,000, but even that was enough to make it top the charts for the day. Kerala reported about 3,600 cases while Maharashtra had less than 3,300.

AMITABH SINHA

**CORONAVIRUS COUNT****INDIA ACTIVE CASES****505,265**

Note: The Nov 10 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Nov 10

INDIA TOTAL CASES
7,959,406

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Nov 10

WORLD TOTAL CASES
50,913,451

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Nov 10

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER
Counting in Bihar amid Covid

In the EVM era, poll trends are often clear by afternoon. How are votes counted, and what was different in Bihar that delayed the results this time? What are the rules for a recount, as demanded by some parties?

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

ON TUESDAY, counting of votes for the Bihar election took unusually long by today's standards. During the paper ballot era, the Election Commission (EC) would take up to 48 hours to announce results. But since the introduction of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in the early 2000s, results have started coming in the same day. Now, winning leads are usually evident by the afternoon with experts and news channels calling elections in the late afternoon.

Given the rapidness of recent election results, the delay in counting of votes in Bihar on Tuesday has piqued everyone's interest. By 2 pm, the EC had counted roughly 1.5 crore (or one-third) of the total 4.10 crore votes polled. By 5.30 pm, the poll panel had completed counting two-thirds of the votes. This is considered unusually slow.

So, what explains the unusually slow counting?

The Election Commission attributed the delay to an increase in the number of EVMs deployed as part of Covid-19-related precautions. To maintain social distancing, the Commission had capped the maximum number of voters per booth at 1,000 — down from 1,500 in 2015. This prompted a 63% increase in the number of polling stations — from 65,367 in 2015 to 1,06,526.

More polling stations means more EVMs. And more EVMs, in turn, mean more rounds of counting and a longer wait for the final result. One round of counting usually lasts about 20 to 30 minutes. On average, each constituency in Bihar had 35 rounds of counting scheduled on Tuesday, as opposed to 24 in the pre-Covid era.

It is this that caused counting to be slower than usual, with only two-thirds of the votes counted till 5.30 pm. Interestingly, there has also been an increase in the number of votes polled through postal ballots — from 1.3 lakh in 2015 to 2.5 lakh. All these reasons, along with wafer-thin margins in several seats, added to the wait.

Many parties are asking for a recount. What is the procedure?

The penultimate round of EVM counting doesn't start unless the counting of postal ballots is over. In case the victory margin is less than the total number of postal ballots



Votes being counted at a centre in Chhapra on Tuesday. Until 5:30 pm, the EC had counted only two-thirds of the votes polled in Bihar. PTI

received, then a re-verification is done even if no candidate or agent has asked for it. On Tuesday, the Commission referred to this instruction when asked about the request from the Left parties for a recount in three seats.

Apart from this provision, Rule 63 of the Conduct of Election Rules explicitly allows a candidate or his agent to demand a recount of postal ballots or EVM votes before the result is formally declared. The application for a partial or complete recount has to be made in writing along with strong reasons for the demand. The Returning Officer considers the grounds provided and may allow the recount in part or whole. The Returning Officer has to record her reason for both permission and rejection.

According to the EC's former Legal Adviser S K Mendiratta, the necessity of recount has been almost eliminated with the introduction of EVMs since every vote recorded in the machine is considered valid.

"Errors can only occur at the time of noting down the count by the candidate, agent to election officer. This is essentially a recheck and not recount," he told *The Indian Express*.

However, the recheck of EVM votes and recounting of postal ballots can only be done before the formal declaration of results on Form 21C. After that, a candidate's only recourse is an election petition.

Was the counting process different from counting under normal circumstances?

There has been no change in the counting process. There is, however, a change in the layout of the counting hall. The number of tables at each counting hall has been limited to seven, as opposed to 14 under normal circumstances, to follow social distancing norms. To maintain the same speed of counting (that is 14 EVMs per round), the Commission has increased the number of counting halls from 38 to 55.

Was the delay anticipated?

Yes, the EC had anticipated the delay. Hence, in a break from tradition, the Commission held three press briefings on counting day in Bihar to give real-time updates on the counting process and explain the delay in the context of the extraordinary circumstances. This was also part of the poll panel's strategy to pre-empt any political attacks on the EVMs.

The EC's stand on the delay has been unapologetic, as it has maintained that it will prioritise accuracy over speed. In fact, during the first briefing itself at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, EC officials had announced that counting would continue late into the night.

Speaking to reporters at the second briefing on Tuesday, EC Director General Umesh Sinha said, "The emphasis of the Commission is that the procedure and guidelines related to counting and Covid-19 are to be scrupulously and sincerely followed. The Commission has directed that the counting officials need not be in a haste or hurry to declare the results and they should follow all the procedures and take as much time as it is naturally required. Considering the above facts, it is natural that it will take some more time than in normal time. You all are aware that the pandemic period is not a normal time... the results may come till late night."

Is such a delay unprecedented?

No. A delay in the final result is not unusual in case of close elections with narrow winning margins. In such cases, experts and news channels have to wait for the Commission to call the election. This last happened in 2018 during the Madhya Pradesh elections when the Congress emerged the single largest party only the next morning.

At that time, the Commission had attributed the delay to four factors — an increase in votes cast through postal ballot, mandatory tallying of EVM count with VVPAT slips, wafer-thin margins in the state, and a cautious approach adopted to avoid the embarrassment suffered during the Nagaland Assembly polls earlier that year — when a mistake made in processing the results had forced the Commission to reverse the results of the Tenning seat the day after having announced it. In counting after the Madhya Pradesh election, the Commission instructed all its Returning Officers to prioritise accuracy over speed.

Why US panel probed Zoom, what's been settledAASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

THE US FEDERAL Trade Commission (FTC) on Monday said it had settled with Zoom on a complaint that it had knowingly misled its users about the level of security it used on its video calls.

What is the case against Zoom?

Zoom, a US-based video calling provider, came into the limelight after working from home forced people to conduct daily meetings on video. The platform, which had 10 million users in December 2019, added 300 million by April 2020.

Earlier this year, the FTC instituted a *suo motu* probe against Zoom alleging it had violated several provisions. Among major allegations by the FTC:

CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEYS: The FTC alleged Zoom had lied about having a better 'end-to-end' encryption for its users, whereas in reality the company stored 'cryptographic keys'. End-to-end encryption means that other than the hosts and the attendees of the meeting, no one else would be able to access the details or attend without permission from the host. In its probe,



US Federal Trade Commission found Zoom had lied about encryption. Reuters

however, the FTC found that end-to-end encryption was not provided to users who did not use the paid 'Connector' product. The data of most such users were stored on servers based in China. Cryptographic keys, which the FTC has found Zoom was storing, are meant to make communication safe and secure between two parties by encrypting the plain text into texts, numbers and sym-

bols. If a company or an individual has access to the cryptographic keys of a private communication, it can decrypt and access the content.

UNSECURED STORAGE: The FTC alleged that although Zoom offered to store meetings of its clients on secured cloud servers, these remained on unsecured cloud servers for more than 60 days before being moved on to secure location. Most of these cloud servers are located in China.

BYPASSING CONSENT: A third major charge against Zoom is that it bypassed user consent in case of customers using Apple's operating systems. This meant that Zoom could have been functioning in the background, listening to all the conversations of the user, without the user being alerted about it. Zoom would also bypass the user's consent for joining a meeting and automatically launch the meeting with video on without the user even clicking to join the meeting. This, the FTC said, could easily have been exploited by malicious actors using a phishing attack.

What will Zoom have to do now?

As part of its settlement with the FTC, Zoom will have to undertake several steps, such as implementing a comprehensive in-

formation security programme for all its employees, and document it in writing.

The company will also have to document any security incidents that happen within 12 days of the incident happening and keep a record on what data was stolen, how the information got leaked etc. Zoom must also conduct a quarterly security audit review of its networks and systems and agree to "biennial assessments" of the new security programme by an independent, FTC-approved, third-party auditor.

How does it impact India?

Many organisations and institutions shifted to Zoom meetings after a nationwide lockdown was announced in March. Soon, several meetings began to be hacked or interrupted. Following this, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a directive that meetings of ministries must not be conducted on Zoom due to the various security vulnerabilities.

Although the conditions imposed by FTC will be applicable on the company's operations worldwide, it would also make sense, experts said, for Indian regulators to seek a status report from Zoom on its domestic operations and see whether any data was kept stored on Chinese servers without the permission of users.

GST compensation: how some states are borrowing, and which ones aren'tAANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AFTER PUDUCHERRY, Congress-ruled Rajasthan last week became the latest Opposition-ruled state to opt for a special borrowing window for meeting its compensation shortfall under Goods and Services Tax (GST). Other dissenting states — Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand — are yet to join any of the borrowing options floated by the central government to resolve the issue of compensation deficit in the current financial year.

Dialogue at various levels is taking place with the dissenting states, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey had said in an interview with *The Indian Express*. "The central government has tried to be as accommodative as possible because states and Centre have to work together.

Borrowing has been made very simple. States are not being burdened, interest rate is low. We are having dialogues at various levels with states so that they could join the scheme of borrowing," he said.

What is the special window for borrowing?

The Finance Ministry had said last month that the Centre 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 of the Centre, and will appear as capital receipts for state governments.

Kerala, Punjab and Chhattisgarh have insisted on further clarification and a no-strings-attached borrowing mechanism, and inclusion of the balance compensation deficit amount beyond the proposed bor-

rowing of Rs 1.10 lakh crore, too, under the ambit of the back-to-back loan mechanism.

The total GST revenue shortfall for the current fiscal was estimated at Rs 3 lakh crore, of which compensation cess collection was estimated at 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 has been estimated as shortfall on account of GST implementation, while the rest is being estimated as the impact of the 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.

Why could states not borrow instead of the Centre enabling the borrowing?

The earlier proposal was for a special

window to be facilitated by the RBI and the Centre, but states would have had to tap the window separately. One of the primary concerns for that mechanism was that states, even if divided into groups, would have tapped the market for borrowing separately, leading to differential rates with a wide variance in interest rates between the states with more debt and those with less debt.

Also, the yields for state development loans (SDLs), which is the tool for market borrowing by states, are generally at a premium, higher than the yield on the central government's government securities. So, it would have been costlier for states to borrow rather than the Centre borrowing at a uniform rate and then passing it on to them as a back-to-back loan.

How has the scheme progressed so far?

Under the special window, the Centre has already borrowed Rs 12,000 crore in

two equal instalments and passed it on to 21 states and three Union Territories on October 23 and November 2. The second round of borrowing was done at an interest of 4.42%, and the first round at 5.19%, lower than the cost of borrowing for states.

Out of the Rs 12,000 crore, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat have received Rs 1,872 crore, Rs 1,808 crore and Rs 1,391 crore, respectively.

The first tranche of the borrowing was carried out on October 23, where the Centre borrowed and transferred Rs 6,000 crore to 16 states and two UTs, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir.

With Rajasthan joining in, 22 states and three UTs have opted for the borrowing under the special window proposed by the Centre to meet the Rs 1.83 lakh crore shortfall in GST revenue. The ministry intends to release Rs

6,000 crore to the states every week.

What is the way forward for the rest?

The Finance Ministry is now engaged in dialogue with the opposing states to join the scheme. Economists say the borrowing issue has only been resolved for the compensation shortfall for this fiscal and it remains to be seen how this issue will be resolved for the next fiscal, given that tax revenues are expected to grow at a lower rate than the 14% growth guaranteed to states under the compensation mechanism of GST.

"Bigger question is what is going to happen in FY2022. Whether the Finance Commission will come out with some roadmap such that cess collection is not sufficient for 14% compensation. Rather than waiting for the last moment and doing back and forth, the GST Council should have thrashed out a resolution," said Devendra Kumar Pant, chief economist, India Ratings.



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In Bihar, BJP's progress

Whoever becomes chief minister, party's performance sets template for its expansion in states



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BIHAR OF THE FUTURE

Its government needs to protect gains of the social justice agenda, address challenge of economic justice for all

THE BIHAR ASSEMBLY election inaugurates a new phase in the state's politics and development. It's a verdict for change — in the ways political parties have, so far, addressed aspirations of the state's electorate, especially the youth who made themselves heard throughout this closely fought campaign. It is important that the new government reads the mandate right, and learns the right lessons from it, so that the gains of recent years are not reversed and so that the Bihar story steps forward into the next phase.

State politics in the last three decades has been shaped by the forces unleashed by the Mandal revolution in the 1990s. The first half of this period was dominated by Lalu Prasad, who presided over the transfer of political power from upper castes to the backward castes, and to some extent, enabled minorities and backward castes to partake of public goods and services. Nitish Kumar carried forward the political transformation that Lalu had initiated, and focussed on areas that the RJD government had neglected and ignored — in his first term, he initiated a turnaround by restoring law and order and building physical infrastructure. Nitish was successful both in maintaining social peace in a state that had witnessed recurrent caste violence, and in expanding the infrastructure of governance and development. He also extended the framework of social justice politics to empower women by extending reservation to them in local bodies and government jobs, besides introducing several measures to improve education among girls. The new government needs to build on these important gains. It must also, while protecting the strides made in social justice, address questions of economic justice.

The election campaign brought to the fore two issues that engage the youth, who form nearly a quarter of the state's electorate — the absence of quality education and jobs. Even as Bihar under Nitish Kumar has shown remarkable improvement in attendance in government schools, learning outcomes have declined. The government needs to relook at the system of contract teachers and appoint qualified staff to raise standards. Poor schooling may also be a reason for low enrolment in higher education — according to the All India Higher Education Survey (AISHE), Bihar's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) stands at 13.6 per cent, the lowest in the country. Only 13 in every hundred in the 18 to 23 years age group pursue higher education — the national average is 26.3 per cent. Clearly, the issues of "padhai" (education), "kamai" (earning), "sinchai" (irrigation), "dawai" (medicine) — highlighted in the campaign — have to be the priorities of the new government. Jobs will follow.

QUALITY OF RECIPROCITY

Visit to Nepal by Army chief signals continuity of ties, distance travelled by both countries from summer of discontent

THE VISIT BY the Army chief, General Manoj Mukund Naravane, to Nepal earlier this month was part of a long-standing reciprocal tradition between the two countries' militaries of conferring the rank of general on each other's army chiefs. It is heartening that the custom continued this time despite a bitter map row that has cast a shadow on ties. For sure, General Naravane's visit was not expected to resolve the spat over territory, but it helped to signal continuity in bilateral relations between the two neighbours. It gave both sides the opportunity to draw a line under the Indian Army chief's statement in May that alluded to a China hand behind Nepal's claims over Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiadhura and triggered anger in Kathmandu. Nepal Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli's statement to Naravane reiterating friendly relations between the two countries, and expressing hope that the problems between the two would be resolved through dialogue, was indication that Nepal is as keen as India to turn the page on this chapter.

Behind-the-scenes efforts are already on to resolve the issue. Delhi has reached out to Kathmandu through both the civilian and security establishments. There seems to be a realisation in both capitals that this age-old relationship, powered mainly by people-to-people ties across an open border — unique in the South Asia region — has to be nurtured better. Naravane's visit, and that of R&AW chief Samant Goel days earlier, has helped clear the air. Prime Minister Oli was seen as making a conciliatory gesture by withdrawing school textbooks that carried the revised map of Nepal with Kathmandu's new territorial claims.

It is understood that Oli has to walk a thin line between his domestic political compulsions and Nepal's relations with India. While Oli's map project helped him play to nationalist galleries back home, it, and his China tilt, has not prevented him from sensing that putting all Nepal's eggs in the Beijing basket may not be that popular either among domestic constituencies, and that Delhi is as vital to its interests, especially as the Chinese penchant for map revisionism in the region does not stop at India alone. The India-Nepal Boundary Working Group will reportedly meet soon for a joint survey of the border areas. Both countries have travelled some way from their summer of discontent.

ELECTION TV SOPHISTS

Like their ancient Greek counterparts, political analysts managed to use the same argument for opposing outcomes

S PARE A THOUGHT for the sophists. The professional arguers and teachers of ancient Greece drew the ire of Socrates for lacking conviction; for making the case with rhetorical skill for whichever side paid them to do so. All they were trying to do, after all, was make a living and by most accounts, they were good at what they did. But even the most adept at the craft of rhetoric would doff their hat to the political pundits that grace Indian news television — not so much for their skill, perhaps, but certainly for how deftly they can marshal the same argument for opposing points of view.

Thanks to the pandemic, the counting of votes for the election to the Bihar Assembly, as the Election Commission had warned, took longer than usual. But that didn't stop analysts and anchors from analysing the reasons for a victory that had not yet taken place — but was foretold by them. In the morning, when the Mahagathbandhan appeared to have an edge, the election-time sophists proclaimed, with ease and confidence, how the RJD had managed to appeal to the disgruntled youth, how women needed more than prohibition to cast their ballot for Nitish Kumar and how a young Tejashwi Yadav had come into his own. As the afternoon wore on, and the tide turned, the BJP under the prime minister appealed to the youth, women were loyal to the JD-U and the Mahagathbandhan needed to reimagine its politics and look for fresh leadership.

These straight-faced u-turns would have made Socrates and Plato livid. But there is a charitable, if obvious, explanation for the seeming lack of conviction. Result-day programming begins at 7 am — that means over 12 hours of "analysis". And since the visual medium, like nature, abhors a vacuum and there's only so much originality to go around, the viewing audience is treated to discount sophists — instead of rhetoric, they give us repetition without conviction, twisting their theory to suit the facts so that by prime time, it can make a pretence at political wisdom.

IT WILL TAKE a lot of time, energy and even analytical ingenuity to make sense of what finally happened in Bihar. (With other colleagues, this writer will commit that sin tomorrow). In 2015, Bihar was seen (apart from Delhi) as the place where Narendra Modi's rathayatra would halt. That did not happen — the BJP ran away with the driver of the Mahagathbandhan's (MGB) double engine and this time around, while Modi alluded to the double engine, one engine surely seems to have failed. But double engines are only temporary arrangements and once the incline is covered, one engine is gotten rid of. So, the Bihar saga can be summed up as (a rather raw Bollywood song) "Delhi se gaye Patna, fir bhi na mile sajana".

How does one look at the Bihar outcome even as the verdict is still pending at the time of writing this? And it is not just about the "final tally" — the outcome holds a tinge of incompleteness, which is characteristic of our current competitive politics. So, keeping Bihar somewhat on the analytical sideline, let us revisit the larger political picture that keeps re-emerging over the past six years. Whoever occupies the CM chair in Patna, five takeaways will remain.

First, somewhat to the dismay of his detractors, the popularity of Modi seems to be a stable factor in the BJP's electoral politics. So much so that he has transformed into a brand. Like a brand, he can be used in any state, any context and against any competition. While this continues to be great news for the BJP, it must also worry the party's core strategists. If Modi were to fail, the BJP's electoral politics would suddenly crumble. Besides, and perhaps even more serious for the party, Modi represents practically everything — and, in the end, therefore, nothing. Since Indira Gandhi, India has not had competitive politics so overwhelmingly centred on just one person and, in retrospect, it might be instructive to realise that since the Emergency and even after her return in 1980, Indira Gandhi ceased to represent anything concrete or positive. This writer has always argued that Modi-centrality means that the failure to win state elections will begin to stick to Modi sooner or later — not just in the minds of outsiders, but within the BJP. It is another matter if Modi-centredness will also begin to clash with locally-powerful BJP stalwarts.

Second, Bihar brought out both the ben-

efits and tensions of coalitions. For the BJP, coalitions are a temporary tactic while for non-BJP parties, they are a life-support. Exactly a year ago, the BJP lost Maharashtra as its equation with the state partner was spoiled. Today, the party will probably remember that humiliation when it is set to emerge as the largest party in Bihar. In Maharashtra, the party had become impatient to wrest power on its own. Despite voter fatigue vis-à-vis Nitish Kumar, in Bihar, the BJP chose to avoid that temptation and maintained the alliance. Now, having shown Nitish where he stands, the relationship between the BJP and JDU will be something to watch. Of course, for Nitish, who burnt his bridges with non-BJP parties in 2017, the options are limited.

For the BJP, coalitions were often the arsenal to disturb state-level social equations and then reconfigure politics. Short-sighted politicians groomed in the culture of anti-Congressism and those who had tough state-level competition contributed to that reconfiguration. Nitish Kumar, after this election, will be a living caricature of that politics — irrespective of whether he becomes CM.

But for those parties whose survival depends on coalition strategy, the significance of aligning with each other does not seem to dawn on them. In Bihar, the MGB showed a willingness to accommodate Left parties. This effort to make non-BJP politics broad-based is significant — but beyond electoral alliances and arithmetic, non-BJP parties need a sustained dialogue, collaboration and understanding. In the coming years, this art of forging long-term coalitions will be critical in shaping the politics of non-BJP parties.

Third, it is not merely about coalitions as a theoretical requirement or political virtue — the issue is winning states. The BJP has evolved a substantial base in western, central and north Indian states. In UP, which today is perhaps the most tightly-controlled state by the party, it made its mark long ago — in the early 1990s. Bihar, at the cusp of the north and east, represents an important territorial ambition. The marginalisation of Nitish means that the BJP now has a more straightforward contender to defeat — the RJD. In that sense, stealing Nitish Kumar from the MGB in 2017 has shown that the BJP understands the importance of being in power. The hurt and humiliation in Maharashtra, or earlier in Karnataka, just as what was done in Madhya Pradesh, all manifest this necessary

political hunger for power in state after state. Despite its handsome "national" victory in 2019, the party's objective would be to win the rest of the east and enter the south. That determination and systematic urge to engage with state politics alongside the more disputed national-level rhetoric is what Bihar represents.

Fourth, a question that has vexed observers is the BJP's efforts to retain its core Hindutva ideology and, at the same time, adapt to the state-specificity of electoral politics. So far, the BJP has not been able to entirely set aside local narratives, imageries and issues. It can fulfil its ambition only if it can superimpose over most geographic regions of the country its overarching idea of Hindu India. Assam was a tough test and the party passed it. Since then, it has followed a dual template. On the one hand, it amalgamates local history and imagery within its Hindutva narrative: This allows the RSS and the BJP to talk even of pluralism — pluralism of, and within, the Hindutva fold. On the other hand, the BJP under Modi has also evolved the skill to debate state-level issues in such a manner that the central leadership and government either remain aloof or are seen as benefactors. Centre-state disputes are often ascribed to local or state-level players and the narrative of development is used to replace the existing irritants between the Centre and state.

Finally, and again without reference to the victory or loss of the NDA in Bihar, elections in the state and the party's performance should convince analysts who continue to be sceptical about the future dominance of the BJP. Modi was successful not only in getting his party re-elected but in improving its performance. Now, two dimensions of dominance constitute the next stages in the project. One is, as mentioned above, expanding its footprint in the remaining states. In Bihar, the BJP has come close to that. The other is to make sure that the larger Hindutva narrative becomes the central idiom. That implies changing the ground rules of political rhetoric and imagination. The existence of parties like the RJD, SP, BSP, DMK and so on is important because they have their own rhetoric to fall back on and that is why Bihar matters — just as Tamil Nadu next year or UP later will.

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LAST SUMMER, a senior strategist reached out to me to compose a campaign slogan for Nitish Kumar. I had written one for him five years ago: "Bihar me bahar ho, Nitish Kumar ho". I asked for some time to think about it, but after pondering it over for two weeks, I said no. I was not convinced. It was not coming from the heart this time.

Something has changed in the last five years. In Bihar, many times a train will stop just a few kilometres before the destination, on the outer limits of the city. And it can be stranded there for an unknown length of time. That's what the state of Bihar was in the last three-four years. Nitish Kumar started on a very high note, with efforts for the education of girls and similar measures. But then, we got stuck in that limbo outside the city, as all his efforts were directed to safeguard and protect his position as the chief minister.

Juxtapose this with the young leaders who have entered the scene in Bihar politics, like Tejashwi (Yadav), Kanhaiya (Kumar of CPI), Chirag (Paswan of IJP) and CPI-ML leaders Manoj Manzil, Sandeep Saurabh and Ajit Kushwaha. They have an energy, which is in stark contrast with the preceding generation. For example, during the lockdown, when thousands of Bihar migrant labourers were struggling to return home, in the worst human

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conditions possible. I would tweet to Tejashwi regarding a group of stranded migrants and he would respond to me. He would rope in Congress leaders in Maharashtra, or Priyanka Chaturvedi (of Shiv Sena). He would engage Nitish Kumar, on the other hand, never responds to any feedback on Twitter. I think he gets offended at times. Nitish also lost most of his credibility in the last five years.

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I grew up in relative privilege in Madhepura, as my father was a farmer. I was able to study in a college in Delhi University. Anyone with any privilege leaves the state the moment he can. A simple undergraduate course takes about five years to complete in a Bihar college. We still can't trust a government hospital here.

I am from a family that was always politically aware. From the age of 10, I saw caste and its many manifestations rear its ugly head in Bihari society. But I have also seen caste

hegemony being broken when Lalu Prasad Yadav came to power, when he ensured that people from all sections could cast their vote, even he became controversial later.

In this election, the youth leaders represented hope and Tejashwi Yadav was one of them. Hope is never blazing and in your face like the sun. It's a tiny spark, like a match being lit in total darkness. He understood that the pandemic highlighted the problem of unemployment in the state, and hence his promise of 10 lakh jobs. Unemployment has plagued Bihar for a very, very long time. A vast majority of migrant labourers in the country hail from Bihar. Tejashwi Yadav set the pitch for an issue-based election. And irrespective of the outcome, unemployment will continue to be a big thing. If Tejashwi comes to power, he will have to deliver on the promise, and even if the NDA wins, they, too, will have to live up to their promise.

I have never shied away from my Bihari identity, even if it suffers from a negative perception. But what exactly have we done to change that perception, other than being offended? This election was a chance to make your vote count and make a difference.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

SHORTAGES IN NE

WORK IN ALL government offices, including the railways and postal services, banks, schools and colleges in across Assam continued to be paralysed due to the week-old noncooperation by the employees. The entire northeastern region faces "overall non-availability" of essential commodities with the public transport system in Assam remaining crippled due to stoppage of release of diesel from IOC depots by Oil India employees as part of their non-cooperation movement. The movement of trucks and turn-round of wagons carrying foodgrains and other essential items in Assam and other states in the Northeast has come to a halt.

PM WARNS LDF

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi said that she had drawn the attention of the Kerala Chief Minister to the complaints she had received from people of the state about injustices meted to those who did not belong to the ruling parties. Addressing a women's rally marking the conclusion of the two-day state conference of the Mahila Congress (I) in Trichur, Mrs Gandhi said she had warned the LDF government that targeting the opposition "would not get it anywhere".

DELHI FIRES

OVER A THOUSAND persons were rendered homeless in two different fires that de-

stroyed 230 huts in Delhi. The first fire was reported from Babu Dham in the Diplomatic Enclave. The fire engulfed a labour camp and destroyed 180 huts. In the other case, 50 huts were gutted, near the railway crossing in Wazirpur Industrial Area.

PC JOSHI'S FUNERAL

PURAN CHAND JOSHI, former general secretary of the Communist Party of India, who died on November 10, was cremated amidst glowing tributes by his friends and admirers. Chants of "PC Joshi amar rahe" and "Lal Salaam" rent the air as the mortal remains were consigned to flames in the electric crematorium in Delhi.

Trump lost, maybe not Trumpism

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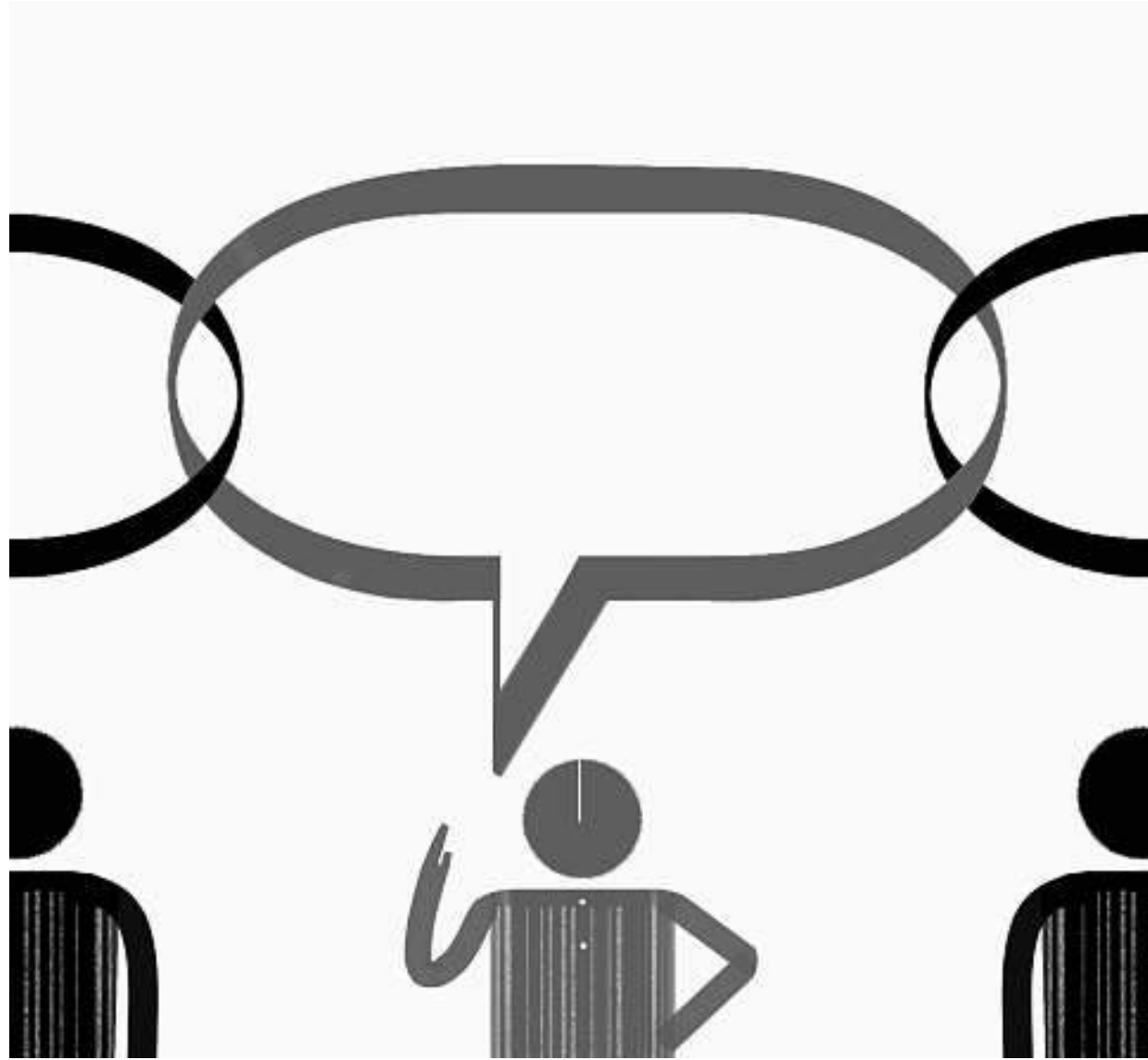
SUBRATA MITRA

THE FOND HOPES of a Joe Biden presidency restoring "normal" politics at home and the world are misleading. Unless one looks at the small print, Trump's legacy and the main outcome of the US presidential elections are easy to miss. The presidential election that pitched thuggish, demagogic nationalism against amorphous, sentimental liberalism, ended not in a knockout blow, but a technical win, on points. Taking all the results — elections to gubernatorial positions, and seats in the Senate and House of Representatives and the support for Trump which exceeded all forecasts — one can see why President-elect Biden has emerged hamstrung from the contest, with a Senate majority and a conservative Supreme Court stacked against any major undoing legislative initiative to herald his new era. But even more dangerous than a Biden presidency that might not be able to deliver on its promise is the fact that the Biden victory masks deeper cracks in the political community that Trump, in his haphazard ways, showcased.

The idea that putting a good man in the White House can resurrect the golden era of liberal internationalism is a serious illusion. The Democratic coalition of liberal media, high-tech entrepreneurs, the denizens of leafy suburbs offended by Trump's antics, inner-city Blacks and civil society activists who voted Biden in was held together by Trump in office. Without this common nemesis, this disparate coalition, with very different agendas, is unlikely to hold together. On the other hand, white blue-collar workers, who have lost out from the flight of manufacturing overseas, and a section of evangelical Christians who feel menaced by radical ideas such as gay marriages and LGBT rights, form an enduring constituency that has felt left out by the liberal establishment. It remained receptive and loyal and is unlikely to fade away.

Trump's legacy is complex. The most important of these is that "Trumpism" — the movement consisting of ideas, people and rage that Donald Trump incarnated — will outlive the Trump presidency. Trumpism is more an attitude than a coherent philosophy. Unlike Reagan or Thatcher whose isms contained a core of monetarist policies and a worldview based on the Cold War, Trump's connect is with people who had become invisible to the political establishment. His powerful appeal to these Americans who feel forgotten and dispossessed will continue to be part of the political furniture. These are the ones for whom his transgressions were not an issue, who took him "seriously and not literally" unlike the establishment, which took his downing literally and did not see the seriousness that underpinned them.

Seen from this angle, the assumption that the four topsy-turvy years of Trump were an aberration — "a surreal interlude" — and that politics will seamlessly get back to its normal shape of two-party competition on predictable lines, is a chimera. The angry nativist conserva-



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tive populism that Trumpism champions — one sees echoes of this trend among England's Brexiteers, and supporters of Le Pen in France — will continue to be a potent force from the radical right. The volatile residue of the Black Lives Matter movement is unlikely to fade away either, and will continue to invade the somnolent middle which has sustained the bipartisan consensus of American politics.

Trump's America, while undermining the Western alliance and asking West European states to take responsibility for their own security, had nevertheless brought its full force to bear against the aggrandisement of China. A Biden presidency, preoccupied domestically, seeking to restore the Western alliance, might seek an accommodation with Chinese ambitions. Biden's "willing to strike, but afraid to wound" policy might let international rogue states have their way. Pakistan and Turkey will have it good. The Chinese will possibly have the last laugh.

What, then, are the implications of the Biden presidency for India? The left wing of the Democrats are likely to raise issues with some of the core policies of the Modi government with regard to Kashmir, Indian Muslims and CAA. The China-Pakistan axis might be emboldened through the diversion of American interest away from South Asia. Under these circumstances, the premise that "US-India ties stand on a mutually beneficial bipartisan and strong footing" can be mislead-

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ing. The Quad and Malabar war games — fine as strategic symbols of cooperation with like-minded democracies — will probably continue. However, the hope of securing India's national interests by riding on the coat-tails of an assertive United States is a dangerous illusion.

The best way forward is to retain strategic autonomy through the Nehruvian concept of non-alignment, adroitly refurbished as the Modi doctrine — "Friendship with all, alliance with none". India need look no further than the motto of Rajputana Rifles, "*Veer bhogya vasundhara* (The brave shall inherit the earth)", as the basis of its security. The Indian state simply has to prepare its people to stay focused on taking responsibility for its own security, getting manufacture up to scratch and look beyond partisan quibbles about farm policy for short-term electoral advantage. With regard to the states of South Asia, India will need to take on board two-timing neighbours, and in domestic politics, the Union government will need to make common cause with Opposition parties in states where they are in power, ideological differences notwithstanding.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Mr Biden has said on the campaign trail that he would 'raise the issue of Kashmir' with India. The months ahead will show if this promise will be met."
— DAWN, PAKISTAN

Needed: A fine balance

Courts must carefully assess which central bank policies are suitable for judicial review while insisting on RBI's accountability



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JUDICIAL REVIEW OF central bank actions appears to have become commonplace in India. The Supreme Court is currently considering if the RBI should extend the COVID-19 induced loan moratorium and waive the accrued interest on interest. Earlier this year, the court struck down an RBI circular imposing a ban on virtual currencies. Last year, it quashed another RBI circular that mandated banks and financial institutions to initiate insolvency proceedings against defaulting companies with significant loan exposures.

Increasing judicial scrutiny of central banks is not entirely unique to India. In May this year, the German constitutional court ruled against the European Central Bank's public sector purchase programme on grounds that it failed to apply a proportionality analysis. While only time will tell if these instances portend a wider trend, there is an urgent need to recognise the logical limits of judicial review of central bank actions.

Legal scholars have long recognised that certain disputes are inherently unsuitable for adjudicative disposition. The most influential arguments on this subject were advanced by the American legal philosopher Lon Luvouis Fuller in a paper titled "The Forms and Limits of Adjudication".

Fuller's central thesis was that adversarial adjudication is not suitable for resolving "polycentric" problems. He compared polycentricity with a spider's web — a pull on one strand distributes the tension throughout the web in a complicated pattern. Applied to adjudication, polycentric problems normally involve many affected parties and a somewhat fluid state of affairs. The range of those affected by the dispute cannot easily be foreseen and their participation in the decision-making process by reasoned arguments and proofs cannot possibly be organised. As a result, the adjudicator is inadequately informed and cannot determine the complex repercussions of a proposed solution.

Fuller argued that attempts to resolve polycentric problems through adjudication would lead to inferior outcomes. Either the solution would fail, or the adjudicator would be forced to ignore judicial proprieties to try out various solutions. Worse, the adjudicator may reformulate the problem itself to make it amenable to adjudicative disposition. Evidently, polycentricity is the underlying reason why adjudicators usually refrain from reviewing policy decisions.

Fuller did, however, recognise that all disputes submitted to adjudication have some elements of polycentricity. For instance, a judicial decision may act as an awkward precedent in some future situation not foreseen by the judge. He, therefore, concluded that ultimately it is a question of knowing when the polycentric elements have become so significant and predominant that the proper limits of adjudication have been reached.

Disputes involving certain central bank functions are highly polycentric and are unsuitable for resolution through judicial review. For example, consider monetary policy

function. This involves varying short-term interest rate to control supply and demand of money in the economy, which, in turn, influences economic activity and inflation. If judicial review supplants the central bank's decision on this rate with the decision of the adjudicator, the repercussions would affect every single borrower and saver. Yet, the adjudicator can neither offer a meaningful hearing to all those affected parties, nor can he effectively process all the necessary information to determine an optimal solution. Evidently, disputes about monetary policy rate are highly polycentric and are better resolved outside the court.

This, however, does not imply that all disputes involving central bank functions are incapable of resolution through judicial review. For example, a dispute regarding imposition of a pecuniary penalty by a central bank on its regulated bank for failure to comply with the law could be resolved through judicial review. If the adjudicator finds the central bank to be correct, it need not interfere. If the adjudicator finds the central bank to be incorrect, it could modify or overturn the central bank's decision. Clearly, judicial review could be effectively used to resolve bipolar disputes involving the central bank if they exhibit low polycentricity.

Monetary policy and pecuniary penalties are at two extreme ends of the polycentricity spectrum. There are, however, various central bank functions of intermediate polycentricity. Consider prudential regulations such as bank capital regulation. These regulations could be at the heart of a bipolar dispute involving the central bank. If judicial review supplants provisions of such regulations with the decision of the adjudicator, it may appear to directly impact only the banks and nobody else. But in reality, it could impact bank lending, which, in turn, would have complex repercussions on the entire credit market and risk-taking abilities across the economy. An adjudicator is not equipped to determine who all would be affected due to such repercussions. Effective hearing of all affected parties, directly or indirectly, would, therefore, be impossible. Consequently, some bipolar disputes involving the central bank may be too polycentric for meaningful resolution through judicial review.

It may be useful to note here that all the above examples involve substantive judicial review — the central bank's decision is supplanted by the adjudicator's decision. This need not always be the case. Judicial review could be purely procedural — the adjudicator could merely review whether the central bank's action is within its legal mandate or not. The adjudicator could at most nullify a procedurally invalid central bank action, but may never supplant the decision of the central bank with its own. Therefore, procedural judicial review of central bank actions need not be concerned with Fuller's polycentricity.

Overall, the polycentricity test offers a conceptual framework for determining if a commercial dispute brought before the court involves a question of public policy that should ideally be kept beyond the remit of substantive judicial review. Adopting this test within constitutional jurisprudence would help sustain the legitimacy of judicial review while retaining the accountability of technocratic institutions such as the central bank.

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SIDDHARTH SINGH AND HARDIK SIROHA

Not ready for smog battle

Without empowered footsoldiers, India cannot beat back air emergency

IN A TYPICAL RICKETY GOVERNMENT building in the heart of Faridabad, there was a shortage of A4 sized printer papers. A shortage of stationery wasn't exactly new to the building. In the past, employees had struggled to get basic office supplies as these costs had not been approved by their head office. It was routine to find workarounds — in this case, cutting legal sized papers to make A4 ones. Thirty kilometres away at an elite luxury hotel in Delhi's central district, researchers and public policy professionals from consultancies, think-tanks and international institutions were taking notes while ideating on how to address one of India's key developmental challenges. There was no shortage of funds, intent, scholarship, scientific tools, satellite imagery, presentation equipment — and certainly not paper.

The two groups of professionals — one at the state pollution control board office in Faridabad and the other at an air pollution conference in New Delhi — had the same problem in mind: Addressing India's air pollution crisis. The country's fight against air pollution contains the very same inequities that is characteristic of its various other realities.

There is now a growing appreciation of this public health emergency that kills well over a million Indians every year, and triggers various health ailments, including asthma, diabetes and cancer. While public focus is often on stubble burning, the crisis is a highly complex, multi-disciplinary issue with several contributory factors, including industry, power generation, construction, stubble-

burning and transport.

To address this crisis, India has a plethora of rules, laws and specialised agencies which, at least on paper, seem very impressive. But our fight is only as good as the implementation of these rules. And this has been our Achilles' heel.

The footsoldiers of India's battle against polluters are its officials at the state pollution control boards. While our discourse often is focussed on legislation, legal battles and politics of air pollution, the ones quietly toiling away behind the scenes are pollution control board professionals who don't have adequate resources, necessary specialisation, skills, tools or focus to do their job efficiently.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) based in Delhi is generally well funded and resourced, unlike the state pollution control boards (SPCBs) that are in charge of implementation of the rules that CPCB writes. In this theatre, CPCB is akin to a scriptwriter, while the various state pollution control boards are the actors who execute it.

Take the role of a field officer at a SPCB. These officers are in charge of inspections of a wide range of infrastructure and activities. They also have additional duties of conducting awareness programmes, such as those directed at farmers in the case of stubble-burning.

With chronic problems at the SPCBs, these officers and others like them are unable to fulfil their duties and implement pollution rules effectively. There are at least five structural and inter-related issues that these

institutions face. First, there is a critical shortage of staff in most SPCBs. As an illustration, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board has been operating with a 70 per cent staff shortage. What this means practically is that a single officer is tasked to handle the demands of pollution control for an entire district without any subordinate technical staff. To illustrate this better, consider the NGT-appointed Special Environment Surveillance Task Force, for which a single officer who is otherwise in charge of field duties, has to run around various offices, haggle with bureaucrats to finalise monthly meeting dates, prepare the agenda, conduct the meetings, and then write the minutes-of-the-meeting themselves without any administrative help. This comes at the cost of not being able to do inspections and other core pollution control work.

Secondly, officers at the SPCBs do not get to develop any specialisation. The CPCB has a decent workforce and robust laboratories, where scientists once recruited get to work and excel in a particular area such as biomedical waste or hazardous waste or air quality management. They are incentivised to specialise and are even promoted on the basis of it. On the other hand, SPCBs don't have such a stratified system, and the same officer is in charge of all these pollution categories, making it impossible to gain expertise and excel in any one area.

Thirdly, SPCBs lack the necessary legal skills to take on polluters. While a legal cell may exist at the head office of a SPCB, they

have few full-time public prosecutors there. In contrast, most other major government departments have a handful of public prosecutors posted in every district-level office. As a result, engineering graduates in district SPCB offices — with no training in law — have to don the hat of lawyers and develop legal paperwork that often falls short of holding polluters to account. Clerks and superintendents at courts often refuse to file cases, pointing at flaws that someone not trained in law would naturally make.

Fourthly, SPCBs are chronically underfunded. For instance, the funds of several SPCBs such as Haryana's largely come from "No Objection Certificates" and "Consent to Operate" that the boards grant to industries and projects, rather than budgetary allocations by the government. Owing to this, SPCB officials are unable to spend on critical functions.

Finally, SPCB officials are at times given additional responsibilities that are unrelated to pollution control. Haryana's SPCB, for instance, has poultry farms under its ambit.

Our fight on air pollution rests on the shoulders of these overworked, underfunded, multitasking professionals, who would be successful only if they were given a chance. India must empower SPCBs to act by giving them the necessary funds, human resources, tools and technologies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELCOME SIGN

THIS REFERS TO editorial, 'Opening in Valley' (IE, November 10). The decision of the Gupkar Alliance to participate in forthcoming District Development Council polls in the newly-formed Union Territory has almost certainly defied the BJP's expectations. The ruling party at the Centre used every tool at its disposal to demoralise them. Ideally, the BJP ought to view the Gupkar decision in a positive light — it signals a semblance of normalcy.
Deepak Singhal, Noida

WAIT AND SEE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Misreading the Biden moment' (IE, November 10). Many Indians seem to believe that a Joe Biden won't be as tough as the Trump administration on terrorism or immigration. However, they are forgetting that it was Joe Biden who said "do more" on the drone attacks in Pakistan. We should wait and see what Biden has to offer India.
Yash Sinha, Vadodra

CRIME, NOT SPEECH

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'HC rejects Arnab plea for interim bail' (IE, November 10). The Maharashtra police, as is being alleged, is not acting as a po-

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litical instrument. Arnab Goswami has been arrested on a criminal case of abetment to suicide. He has not been booked for his vociferous attacks on the Shiv Sena-led ruling alliance in Maharashtra. Goswami has projected himself as a BJP supporter — and senior members of the Union Cabinet have come out in his support. The right of free speech of Republic TV, and its throwing venom on the Maharashtra Government continues unabated.
Rajiv Boolchand Jain, Zirakpur

Britain proposed a ban on online advertising of unhealthy foods on Tuesday, as part of its efforts to tackle obesity and improve public health — a mission it says has been made more urgent by the Covid-19 pandemic. The government says obesity is one of Britain's biggest long-term public health problems with almost two-thirds of adults in England overweight.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Martín Vizcarra

PERU
President ousted after Congress votes to impeach

PERU'S CONGRESS ousted President Martín Vizcarra on Monday in an impeachment vote over corruption allegations, prompting immediate tensions in the Andean nation. Vizcarra said he would accept the Congress vote and not take any legal action and leave the presidential palace. Head of Congress, Manuel Merino, an agronomist and businessman from the minority Popular Action, is expected to assume the presidency on Tuesday and will remain in office until the end of July 2021, when Vizcarra's term was due to expire. Merino called for calm and assured Peruvians that the April 11 presidential election would go on as planned. **REUTERS**

AFRICA
Ethiopia's Tigray alleges Eritrean incursion

THE AFRICAN Union called for a ceasefire in north Ethiopia where federal troops fighting local Tigrayan forces were reported to have captured an airport on Tuesday and the region's leader accused Eritrea of sending soldiers across the border. Hundreds have died in fighting in an escalating conflict some fear could slide into civil war given deep animosity between the Tigrayans and PM Abiy Ahmed, who comes from the largest Oromo ethnic group. In a potential major escalation, Tigray leaders said the Eritrean government sent troops across the border to attack local forces. **REUTERS**

SOUTH ATLANTIC
Mines cleared from Falkland Islands 38 yrs after war

THE FINAL landmines on the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic have been cleared, Britain said Tuesday, nearly 40 years after they were laid by Argentine forces when they seized the British territory. Argentina invaded the archipelago, to which it lays claim, in 1982. Britain sent a task force to retake the islands in a brief war which saw more than 600 Argentine and 255 British servicemen killed. A British-funded programme, which started in 2009, to de-mine the islands finally completed its mission. **REUTERS**

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION IN TUMULT

Trump steps up fight as Barr allows probes into claims of election fraud

Justice Dept's Election Crimes Branch chief quits over A-G's move; top GOP senator backs President

AP & REUTERS
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 10

THE TRUMP administration threw the presidential transition into tumult, with US President Donald Trump blocking government officials from cooperating with President-elect Joe Biden's team and Attorney General William Barr authorising the Justice Department to probe unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud.

Some Republicans, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, rallied behind Trump's efforts to fight the election results. Few in the GOP acknowledged Biden's victory or condemned Trump's other concerning move on Monday: his firing of Defence Secretary Mark Esper.

The developments cast doubt on whether the nation would witness the same kind of smooth transition of power that has long anchored its democracy. The Electoral College is slated to formally confirm Biden's victory on Dec. 14 and the Democrat will be sworn into office in late January.

On Monday, Barr authorised US attorneys to probe "substantial" allegations of voter irregularities and election fraud, though no widespread instances of that type of trouble in the 2020 election exist. In fact, election officials from both political parties have publicly stated that voting went well and international observers also confirmed that there were no serious irregularities.

Biden campaign lawyer Bob Bauer said Barr's memorandum authorising investigations "will only fuel the 'specious, specula-



Trump supporters continued to protest against the election result at the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center, in Phoenix, Arizona. **Reuters**

tive, fanciful or far-fetched claims' he professes to guard against."

Richard Pilger, who for years has served as director of the Justice Department's Election Crimes Branch, announced in an internal email he was resigning from his post after he read "the new policy and its ramifications".

The previous Justice Department policy, designed to avoid interjecting the federal government into election campaigns, had discouraged overt investigations "until the election in question has been concluded, its results certified, and all recounts and election contests concluded".

Biden pressed forward with plans to build out his administration, assembling a team of experts to face the surging pandemic. But the federal agency that needs to greenlight the beginnings of the transition of power held off on taking that step. And the White House moved to crack down on those not deemed sufficiently

loyal as Trump continued to refuse to concede the race.

Trump remained out of sight at the White House, with conversations ongoing about how the defeated President would spend the coming days and weeks as he challenged the people's verdict. Trump is not expected to formally concede but is likely to grudgingly vacate the White House at the end of his term, according to several people around him.

Trump was given cover to keep fighting by McConnell, seen by many in the GOP as the one who may eventually need to nudge the President to the exit.

"Our institutions are actually built for this," McConnell said as he opened the Senate on Monday. "We have the system in place to consider concerns and President Trump is 100% within his rights to look into allegations of irregularities and weigh his legal options."

US SC appears likely to uphold Obamacare law

REUTERS & AP
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 10

THE CONSERVATIVE-MAJORITY US Supreme Court on Tuesday began hearing arguments over a Republican challenge backed by President Donald Trump's administration aiming to invalidate the Obamacare healthcare law.

President-elect Joe Biden has criticised Republican efforts to throw out the Affordable Care Act, as the law is formally known, in the midst of a pandemic.

The Supreme Court in 2012 and 2015 fended off previous Republican challenges to it.

This time, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh, among the conservative justices, appeared in two hours of arguments to be unwilling



The US Supreme Court has a 6-3 conservative majority

ing to strike down the entire law even if they were to find the law's now-toothless mandate for obtaining health insurance to be unconstitutional.

The court's three liberal justices are almost certain to vote to uphold the law in its entirety and presumably would form a majority by joining a decision that cut away only the mandate, which now has no financial penalty attached to it. **AP**

US allows emergency use of first Covid antibody drug

REUTERS
NOVEMBER 10

US REGULATORS on Monday authorised emergency use of the first experimental antibody drug for Covid-19 in patients who are not hospitalised but are at risk of serious illness because of their age or other conditions.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted

emergency use authorisation (EUA) to Eli Lilly & Co's treatment, called Bamlanivimab, based on trial data showing that a one-time infusion of it reduced the need for hospitalisation or emergency room visits in high-risk Covid-19 patients.

The drug is a monoclonal antibody — a widely used class of biotech drugs which in this case is a manufactured copy of an antibody the human body creates to fight infections.

Amazon charged with antitrust violations by European regulators

ADAM SATARIANO
LONDON, NOVEMBER 10

EUROPEAN UNION regulators brought antitrust charges against Amazon on Tuesday, saying the online retail giant broke competition laws by unfairly using its size and access to data to harm smaller merchants who rely on the company to reach customers.

The European Commission, the executive branch of the 27-nation bloc, said Amazon had abused its dual role as both a retail store used by scores of vendors, and a merchant that sells its own competing goods on the platform. The authorities accused Amazon of harvesting nonpublic data from sellers who use its marketplace to spot popular products, then copy and sell them, often at a lower price.

"We must ensure that dual role platforms with market power, such as Amazon, do not distort competition," Margrethe Vestager, the commission's vice president for digital issues, said in a statement. "Data on the activity of third party sellers should not be used to the benefit of



An Amazon warehouse in France. The company is accused of abusing its dual role as a store for other merchants and a seller of its own products. **NYT**

Amazon when it acts as a competitor to these sellers."

The case, which has been expected for months, is the latest front in a trans-Atlantic regulatory push against Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google as the authorities in the United States and Europe take a more sceptical view of their business practices and dominance of the digital economy. Last month, the US Justice Department brought antitrust charges against Google, and Apple and Facebook are also facing investigations in both Washington and Brussels. **NYT**

RULING PARTY MPs AMONG THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST BILL IN HOUSE OF LORDS

UK PM Johnson defeated in Parliament on Brexit laws that would breach EU treaty

WILLIAM JAMES
LONDON, NOVEMBER 10

PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson of Britain suffered a heavy defeat in Parliament's upper chamber on Monday over proposed laws which would allow him to breach Britain's EU exit treaty — a plan that has been criticised by US president elect Joe Biden.

The Internal Market Bill is designed to protect trade between Britain's four nations after Brexit. It contains clauses ministers say are needed to protect Northern Ireland's delicate status as part of



Boris Johnson

the United Kingdom, but would also break international law in a "specific and limited" way.

The House of Lords voted to strip those clauses from the bill in a series of defeats for the rul-

ing Conservative Party. The government does not have a majority in the Lords and even some high-profile Conservative members opposed the clauses.

"The government should see sense, accept the removal of these offending clauses, and start to rebuild our international reputation," said Angela Smith, the opposition Labour Party's leader in the Lords.

Far from backing down, however, the government said it would retangle the contentious clauses when the bill returns to the House of Commons, where it had previously passed by 340

votes to 256.

"We've been consistently clear that the clauses represent a legal safety net to protect the integrity of the UK's internal market and the huge gains of the (Northern Ireland) peace process," a spokeswoman said.

The publication of the bill in September provoked criticism with some saying it would wreck Britain's international standing. Biden tweeted on Sept. 16 that anything which endangered the peace accord between the Irish republic and Northern Ireland would threaten Anglo-American trade. **REUTERS**

Saeb Erekat, longtime Palestinian chief negotiator, dies

STEPHEN FARRELL, RAMI AYYUB & ALI SAWAFTA
JERUSALEM/RAMALLAH, NOVEMBER 10

SAEB EREKAT, one of the most experienced and high-profile advocates for the Palestinian cause over decades of dispute with Israel, died on Tuesday after contracting Covid-19. He was 65.



The 65-year-old died after contracting Covid-19

Having sat down with Israeli and US leaders in the 1990s and 2000s, in recent years Erekat was the principal face of a war of words with US President Donald Trump's administration over a Middle East plan that envisaged leaving Israel in control of Jewish settlements and large parts of the occupied West Bank.

After peace talks collapsed in 2014, he remained a firm backer

of the negotiated creation of a future Palestinian state co-existing alongside Israel even if, in his own words, it took 50 years.

Erekat, the secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said on October 8 he had contracted the coronavirus. Three years earlier, he had undergone a lung transplant in the US that left his immune system compromised. **REUTERS**

INDICATIVE OF INTENSE AND OFTEN VIOLENT BACKLASH AGAINST WOMEN TAKING JOBS, ACTIVISTS SAY

'It happened too soon': Afghan woman shot, blinded, for getting a job

ABDUL QADIR SEDIQI
KABUL, NOVEMBER 10

THE LAST thing 33-year-old Khatera saw were the three men on a motorcycle who attacked her just after she left her job at a police station in Afghanistan's central Ghazni province, shooting at her and stabbing her with a knife in the eyes.

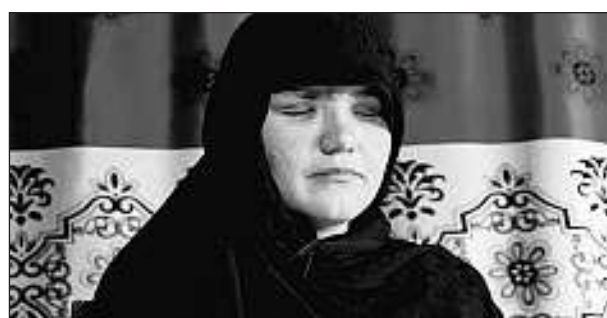
Waking up in hospital, everything was dark.

"I asked the doctors, why I can't see anything? They told me that my eyes are still bandaged because of the wounds. But at that moment, I knew my eyes had been taken from me," she said.

She and local authorities blame the attack on Taliban militants — who deny involvement — and say the assailants acted on a tip-off from her father who vehemently opposed her working outside the home.

For Khatera, the attack caused not just the loss of her sight but the loss of a dream she had battled to achieve — to have an independent career. She joined the Ghazni police as an officer in its crime branch a few months ago.

"I wish I had served in police at least a year. If this had happened to me after that, it would have been less painful. It happened too soon... I only got to work and live my dream for



Khatera, 33, an Afghan police woman who was blinded after an attack in Ghazni province. **Reuters**

three months," she told Reuters. The attack on Khatera, who only uses one name, is indicative

of a growing trend, human rights activists say, of an intense and often violent backlash against

women taking jobs, especially in public roles. In Khatera's case, being a police officer could have also angered the Taliban.

The rights activists believe a mix of Afghanistan's conservative social norms and an emboldened Taliban gaining influence while the United States withdraws its troops from the country is driving the escalation.

The Taliban are currently negotiating in Doha, Qatar, with the Afghan government to broker a peace deal in which many expect them to formally return to power. In recent months, the Taliban have said they will respect women's rights, but many educated women say they have

doubts. The insurgent group has opposed a reform to add mother's names to identity cards, one of the first concrete stances they have revealed on women's rights as they engage in the peace process.

"Though the situation for Afghan women in public roles has always been perilous, the recent spike in violence across the country has made matters even worse," said Samira Hamidi, Amnesty International's Afghanistan campaigner. "The great strides made on women's rights in Afghanistan over more than a decade must not become a casualty of any peace deal with the Taliban."

Khatera's dream as a child was to work outside the home

and after years of trying to convince her father, to no avail, she was able to find support from her husband. But her father, she said, did not give up on his opposition.

"Many times, as I went to duty, I saw my father following me... he started contacting the Taliban... and asked them to prevent me from going to my job," she said. Ghazni's police spokesperson confirmed they believed the Taliban were behind the attack and that Khatera's father had been taken into custody.

Khatera and her family, including five children, are now hiding out in Kabul, where she is recovering and mourning the career she lost. **REUTERS**



People in Yerevan, Armenia, broke into a government building protesting against the agreement to halt the fighting. **AP**

Armenia, Azerbaijan agree to end fight in Nagorno-Karabakh

AVET DEMOURIAN
YEREVAN, NOVEMBER 10

ARMENIA AND Azerbaijan announced an agreement early Tuesday to halt fighting over the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan under a pact signed with Russia that calls for deployment of nearly 2,000 Russian peacekeepers and territorial concessions.

Nagorno-Karabakh has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a 1994 truce ended a separatist war. Sporadic clashes occurred since then, and full-scale fighting began on Sept. 27.

Several ceasefires had been called but were almost immediately violated. However, the agreement announced early Tuesday appeared more likely to take hold.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on Facebook that calling an end to the fight was "extremely painful for me personally and for our people".

The agreement calls for Armenian forces to turn over control of some areas it held outside the borders of Nagorno-Karabakh, including the eastern district of Agdam. That area carries strong symbolic weight for Azerbaijan because its main city,

EXPLAINED
This truce may last longer than others

THREE EARLIER ceasefire deals in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict were breached soon after they were signed. But all parties expressed optimism the latest one is likely to last longer than the others. This is because Tuesday's deal comes after Azerbaijan made significant territorial gains which they will be able to hold on to under the agreement. Armenia, facing a military debacle, agreed to the deal to stop further losses. Moreover, Russian troops will be stationed in Nagorno-Karabakh for at least five years to make sure that peace is maintained.

also called Agdam, was thoroughly pillaged, and the only building remaining intact is the city's mosque.

Armenians will also turn over the Lachin region, which holds the main road leading from Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia. The agreement calls for the road, the so-called Lachin Corridor, to remain open and be protected by Russian peacekeepers. **REUTERS**



Theodore Edgar McCarrick

Vatican: Many top officials downplayed claims against ex-cardinal

NICOLE WINFIELD
ROME, NOVEMBER 10

A VATICAN investigation into ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick has found that a series of bishops, cardinals and popes downplayed or dismissed reports of sexual misconduct with seminarians, and determined that Pope Francis merely continued his predecessors' handling of the predator until a former altar boy alleged abuse.

The Vatican took the extraordinary step Tuesday of publishing its two-year, 400-plus-page internal investigation into the American prelate's rise and fall in a bid to restore credibility to the US and Vatican hierarchies, which have been shattered by the McCarrick scandal.

A summary of the report from the Vatican put the lion's share of blame on a dead saint: Pope John Paul II, who appointed McCarrick archbishop of Washington DC, in 2000, despite having commissioned an inquiry that confirmed misconduct allegations. The summary says John Paul believed McCarrick's last-ditch, handwritten denial.

McCarrick, 90, was defrocked by Francis last year after a Vatican investigation confirmed decades of allegations that the globe-trotting envoy and successful church fundraiser had sexually molested adults as well as children. The Vatican had reports from authoritative figures dating back to 1999 that McCarrick's behaviour was problematic, yet he continued to rise to become an influential cardinal, king-maker and emissary of the Holy See's "soft diplomacy". **AP**



GOLD

₹50,338



RUPEE

₹74.18



OIL

\$43.24



SILVER

₹62,217

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10g, silver per 1kg; Brent crude as of 23:30 IST

SENSEX: 43,277.65 ▲ 680.22 NIFTY: 12,631.10 ▲ 170.05 NIKKEI: 24,905.59 ▲ 65.75 HANG SENG: 26,301.48 ▲ 285.31 FTSE: 6,288.48 ▲ 102.19 DAX: 13,108.42 ▲ 12.45

International market data till 19:00 IST

SECTOR WATCH
EQUITY MARKETS

Rally fails to rub off on mid, small caps as blue chips corner most foreign inflows

UNDERPERFORMING AGAINST SENSEX

	NOV 2	NOV 10	CHANGE (%)
Sensex	39,757	43,277	8.9
BSE mid cap	14,958	15,544	3.9
BSE small cap	14,781	15,231	3.0

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

EVEN AS the premier indices have been rising sharply, data shows that the rally is not diversified but is concentrated in the large cap companies. On Tuesday, while the Sensex at BSE rose 680 points, or 1.6 per cent, the mid- and small-cap indices at BSE were down by 0.1 per cent and 0.5 per cent, respectively. In fact, over the last seven trading sessions, while the Sensex has rallied by 3,520 points, or 8.9 per cent, and closed at a new high of 43,277 on Tuesday, the mid- and small-cap indices have significantly underperformed as they have risen only 3.9 per cent and 3 per cent, respectively.

Market participants say that while US election results and development around Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine have propelled the markets and raised enthusiasm among investors leading to a sharp inflow of funds by foreign portfolio investors into Indian equities, much of that inflow is getting directed into large cap companies leading to a rise in the premier index at the stock exchange.

"It is pattern, when the investor sentiment turns, they first invest into bluechip companies and when they turn expensive then the

money starts flowing into mid and small cap. That is what we are witnessing right now," said a fund manager who did not wish to be named. He said mid caps and small caps would witness a rally once the large cap companies have rallied and their valuations turn expensive.

Data from NSDL and BSE shows that over the last six trading sessions FPIs have pumped in a net of Rs 25,200 crore into Indian equities and market participants say that most of that has flowed into large cap firms.

By contrast, the domestic institutional investors have been largely booking profits over the last seven days. As against the strong inflow by FPIs, the DIIs have sold domestic equity holdings worth a net of Rs 11,600 crore in the same period.

Market participants say that a clear victory of Joe Biden as the next President of US has raised hopes of a more predictable policies and a more stable and improved geopolitical relations in the world and that has resulted into investors increasing fund flows into the emerging markets over the last week. On top of this, the news of Pfizer and BioNTech's vaccine being 90 per cent effective in preventing Covid-19 among vaccinated participants, lifted investor sentiments and global markets to a new high.

PFIZER COVID VACCINE

Rollout logistics, potency likely speed bumps

What makes quick scale up difficult is lack of data about how vaccine will react and if it works well in high-risk groups

PRABHARAGHAVAN
& ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

WHILE PFIZER and BioNTech expect enough safety data by late November to seek an emergency approval for their Covid-19 vaccine in the US, two obvious limiting factors make a quick scale up and rollout difficult — the task of ensuring each recipient gets two jabs exactly three weeks apart, and arranging the cryogenic logistical distribution network.

Besides this, four other potential limiting factors emerge from the early information released on Monday from their phase 3 human trials of the vaccine: Does it prevent infectiousness — analysts point to the possibility that it could stop someone from getting Covid symptoms, but not from spreading it to others — and does it work well in high-risk groups like the elderly? Most importantly — how long does the immunity it provides last? While more clarity on the vaccine would emerge as the late-stage trial progresses, this question could potentially take months — even years — to answer.

Global stock markets reacted strongly to the interim data released by Pfizer on Monday — of 94 participants, the vaccine was "more than" 90 per cent effective in preventing Covid-19 among those who had received two doses. However, the caveat here is these shots will need to be kept in ultra-cold storage.

"Initially, our potential COVID-19 vaccine will need to be stored at -75°C to 15°C," a Pfizer spokesperson told *The Indian Express*. This means beefing up existing freezer capacities to hold millions of doses at temperatures between -90°C and -60°C — something that, according to experts, no country has really been prepared for.

"These vaccines are going to be expensive and their storage and delivery will be a challenge," said vaccine scientist and Christian Medical College, Vellore, professor Dr Gagandeep Kang.

"This is a speciality requirement, which very few pharma companies have in a small capacity," said Sunil Nair, CEO, Snowman Logistics, which has been studying the possibility of upgrading its current cold chain capacities in the country to such cryogenic levels.

According to him, the general



The first patient enrolled in Pfizer's Covid vaccine clinical trial at University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. AP file

capacity of existing cold storage warehouses in India can store anywhere between 4 and 5 crore doses of a vaccine. "The (sub-zero) units that we have heard of pharma companies using can store maybe 25,000-30,000 doses," he added.

While it is learnt that Pfizer makes its own dry ice and that it has tie-ups with companies like FedEx and UPS, which have the logistical abilities to supply medi-

cines at ultra-low temperatures, this sophisticated supply network is largely restricted to developed markets. The availability of dry ice supplies and logistical capabilities to transport and maintain the vaccine at such temperatures could be a limiting factor in a place such as India.

"A lot of India's cold chain capacity (for its universal immunisation programme) was dependent on the polio vaccine, which requires -20°C long-term storage, and then 2°C to 8°C (when distributing for vaccinations). This requires -80°C, which uses two compressors instead of -20°C, which uses one, and the amount of electricity used to run them is much greater too. For a country like ours, where electricity is a problem, just ramping up refrigeration capacity for a vaccine like this will not be enough," said Dr Kang.

It comes as little surprise then that, while Pfizer has arrangements with some governments in the West to supply limited doses of the vaccine, most Asian and African countries are more inclined to handle a vaccine that can be stored closer to room temperature.

In fact, the Indian government's thinking so far on ramping

up cold chain capacities doesn't prioritise vaccines requiring sub-zero storage temperatures.

"Augmented capacities would not have sub-zero temperatures, because we still feel that eventually we may not require such vaccines in large quantities. We may not require them at all," said a senior government official in the know of the centre's evolving strategy to vaccinate priority groups by July 2021.

The data presented from the trials — in the US, Germany, Brazil, Argentina, South Africa and Turkey — is not a final analysis as it is based on only the first 94 volunteers, many some experts. The effectiveness metric for the vaccine may be subject to changes when the full results are analysed, they feel.

"On the first hand, this is interim data... from the 44,000 (participant) study done by Pfizer in the United States. We know from previous vaccine experiences that vaccine efficacy can vary a lot from country to country, from population to population and the big surprise comes when you take people from high income countries and compare them with middle- to low-income countries," said Massachusetts-based vaccine ex-

pert Dr Davinder Gill. "It was 90 per cent efficacy in the US, but what was it in Brazil, or South Africa? I think, until that comes out, there will still be that question of how effective this vaccine is across multiple populations, different demographics, ethnic groups and genders."

The two companies say they will be able to supply 50 million doses by the end of this year and around 1.3 billion by the end of 2021. Each person needs two doses. Which translates into 25 million people in the remaining days of this year and 650 million people next year.

The vaccine uses a completely experimental mRNA approach, which involves injecting part of the virus's genetic code — in order to sensitise the immune system. Previous trials have shown the vaccine trains the body to make both antibodies, as well as T-cells, to fight the coronavirus.

"This (mRNA) is a new technology and these vaccines are going to be manufactured very carefully for stability, because one of the big issues with RNA vaccines is stability," said Dr Kang.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Trial results a shot in the arm, Sensex scales another new peak

Euphoria fades in US markets, Dow up just over 0.5%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

GLOBAL MARKETS, including India, on Tuesday staged a rally as investors weighed promising news about Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine candidate and the effect it could have on the global recovery. Taking the markets to another record high, the benchmark Sensex extended its gains further and rose smartly by 680 points to cross the 43,000 level for the first time and closed at 43,277.65 while the NSE Nifty Index jumped 170 points to 12,631.10.



The BSE in Mumbai. The Sensex closed at 43,277. File

With this gain, the Sensex has soared over 3,000 points in the last six sessions largely aided by the victory of Joe Biden in the US elections and hopes of faster economic recovery, making it one of the fastest rallies in the market in

the recent times.

Analysts said the global financial markets experienced a wave of euphoria over the potential breakthrough in the coronavirus vaccine development. Hang Seng Index of Hong Kong rose 1.1 per cent, making it by far the region's best performer. The Nikkei added 0.3 per cent while South Korea's Kospi gained 0.2 per cent. "If the vaccine comes earlier than expected, India's economic recovery will be faster," said BSE dealer Pawan Dhamidharka.

However, temporary correction due to profit booking cannot be ruled out as the market is highly optimistic that the vaccine development will rapidly improve the ground reality. While investors were optimistic about the prospect of a vaccine breakthrough, there's still a lot that has to happen before the pandemic ends.

Ajit Mishra, VP-research, Religare Broking, said the news of the Covid-19 vaccine with high efficiency raised hopes of faster than expected recovery in the global economy boosted the sentiment.

The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq dropped on Tuesday as excitement over signs of a first successful late-stage COVID-19 vaccine trial faded. At 11:31 a.m. ET, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 180.15 points, or 0.62 per cent, at 29,338.12, the S&P 500 was down 9.76 points, or 0.27 per cent, at 3,540.74. The Nasdaq Composite was down 148.07 points, or 1.26 per cent, at 11,565.71.

Meanwhile, Brent crude futures rose 65 cents, or 1.5 per cent, to \$43.05 by 11:30 EDT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 1.7 per cent, to \$40.97.

COVID IMPACT

'States likely to cut capital outlay on infra by up to 40%

Impacted by the pandemic, states are likely to cut capital outlay on infrastructure by up to 40 per cent, Icra has said

OUTLOOK: With Covid severely impacting revenues of state governments, and additional expenditure towards healthcare and public welfare, the capital outlay on infrastructure by states could decline 10-40 per cent in FY21

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? With Covid and related slowdown in the economic activities, states are staring at a significant decline in



their revenues, which, in turn, could push them to cut down on discretionary expenditure including deferment of capital outlay

Source: Icra/PTI

37-40% OF TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTED FOR BY STATES

₹5.7 lakh cr: MAJOR STATES' BUDGETED CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR 2020-21

BRIEFLY

SBI stake divest in UTI Trustee Co

New Delhi: SBI said its board of directors has approved to divest over 8.5 per cent in UTI Trustee Company.

India, UK ministers review trade deal

London: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State Hardeep Singh Puri held a dialogue with the UK to review progress towards a post-Brexit trade deal.

Delhi HC seeks Amazon response

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday sought Amazon's response on a plea by Future Retail Ltd alleging it was interfering in its deal with Reliance Retail.

'Blaming Rajan, Patel... a tragedy'

New Delhi: Blaming bank clean-up efforts of former RBI governors Urjit Patel and Raghuram Rajan for slowdown in a "tragedy", said ex-deputy governor Viral Acharya.

Lockout at Toyota plant

New Delhi: Toyota Kirloskar Motor said it has declared a lockout at its Bidadi facility, following a union sit in strike at the factory premises to protest against a worker's suspension. PTI

FM sets out bank account-Aadhaar linking deadline

Banks given time till Mar 31, 2021

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday asked all banks to ensure all bank accounts are Aadhaar-seeded by March 31, 2021 and linked with PAN cards wherever necessary.



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends 73rd Indian Banks Association meeting via video conferencing. PTI

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Indian Banks'

Association Tuesday, the Finance Minister said, "Ideally by

December, if not by March 31, 2021, every account should have a PAN where needed and applicable and Aadhaar in every case."

Sitharaman also advised banks to issue RuPay cards as the first option to customers. Urging bankers to promote RuPay cards, she said National Payments Corporation of India can become a brand India product. Whenever issuing a card, you must first issue a RuPay card, the Finance Minister said in her virtual address.

"Whoever needs the card,

RuPay will be the only card you will promote," she said.

She said there should not be any unverified account in the system. "I will not be patient to hear that there still exist accounts which are not Aadhaar seeded, and linked with PAN cards wherever needed beyond December 31. The deadline could be extended till March next year at the maximum, she clarified later. Sitharaman said the financial inclusion story is not over and banks still have inclusion to carry forward.

Life insurers bounce back as first-year premium mop-up starts picking up

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 10

THE LIFE insurance sector returned to positive growth in their first-year premium collection as business picked up after the reopening of the economy which has been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The sector reported an increase of 3.13 per cent in first-year premium to Rs 147,503.7 crore till October 2020 of the current fiscal from Rs 143,030 crore during the same period of last year, as per figures released by the regulator, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai).

In April this year, premium collection had slumped by over 32 per cent and the first quarter performance turned weak due to Covid pandemic and lockdown imposed across the country.

Life Insurance Corporation, the largest player in the segment, has reported a 2.13 per cent rise in first

year premium to Rs 103,566 crore as of October 2020. SBI Life registered a 14.64 per cent in premium collection at Rs 10,590 crore till October.

"It is interesting to see the needle move on premium numbers, where growth is being seen on a month-on-month basis. This has been a result of the increased term and guarantee products, and ... with market sentiment showing some positivity, ULIPs will see a come-back as well. Though we need to see how the next few months play out to ensure sustained growth," said Tarun Chugh, MD and CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life.

'Huawei plans to sell budget smartphone unit for \$15 bn'

REUTERS
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 10

HUAWEI PLANS to sell budget-brand smartphone unit Honor in a 100 billion yuan (\$15.2 billion) deal to a consortium led by handset distributor Digital China and the government of its home town of Shenzhen, people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

The plan comes as US restrictions on supplying Huawei Technologies Co Ltd force the world's second-biggest smartphone maker, after South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co Ltd — to focus on high-end handsets and corporate-oriented business, the people said. The all-cash sale will include almost all assets including brand, research & development capabilities and supply chain management, the people said.

Huawei could announce it as early as Sunday, one of the people said.

RITES RITES LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
REGIONAL PROJECT OFFICE, LUCKNOW, CIN: L74899DL1974GOI007227
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
The GMP, RITES Limited, RPO-Lucknow on behalf of Jawahar Pur Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (JVUNL) Dist.-ETAH, U.P. (A 100% subsidiary of UPRVNL) invites online item rate tenders on single packet system in connection with construction of Railway network for JVUNL, Jawahar TPP (2x660 MW), District: Etah (UP), for the following work: E-Tender No.: RITES/RPO-LKO/JVUNL-JTPP/0018/ETAH/Procurement of Rail/OT, Date: 10.11.2020
Name of work: Supply of 60 Kg Prime Quality rail conforming to IRS T-12-2009 (With Latest Amendment) at Etah, in connection with Construction of Railway Siding for JVUNL, Jawahar TPP (2x660 MW), District: Etah, State: Uttar Pradesh (Between Etah Station of Indian Railway to In-plant of JTPP. Estimated Cost: Rs 36.62 Crore. Earnest Money: Rs 36.62 Lac. Period of Completion: 04(Four) Months. Last date of submission: 02.12.2020 at 15.30 Hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://tenders.gov.in/procure/app> Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PHED, REGION BHARATPUR
Phone: 05644-222731, e-mail: rj_acebha@nic.in
Corrigendum No. 02, NIT Nos. 20/2020-21
The following corrigendum is hereby issued for the NIB No. 20/2020-21 of this office "Rate Contract for the work of Construction of Sources, Rising main pipelines, CWRs, Pump houses, ESRs, Internal village distribution pipeline and FHTC including one year Defect Liability period of SVS & MVSS and thereafter O&M of works up to village boundary for five years for MVS including preparation of DPR of above works under JIM in the jurisdiction of PHED Region Bharatpur".

Activity	Existing Provision	Amended Provision
Date & time for downloading of bid document.	From 01.10.2020 5.00 PM to 03.11.2020 up to 06.00 PM	Up to 10.00 AM, 23.11.2020
Date & time for online submission of bid document	From 03.10.2020 10.00 AM to 03.11.2020 up to 06.00 PM	Up to 11.00 AM, 23.11.2020
Deposition of Bid Security (remaining part in the form of BG)	Up to 5.00 PM, 03.11.2020	Up to 02.00 PM, 23.11.2020
Date & Time for Opening of Technical bid.	04.11.2020 at 11.00 AM	3.00 PM, 23.11.2020

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as mentioned in original NIT. UBN No.: PHE2021/WLRC05931
Sd/- (Mukul Bhargava) Addl. Chief Engineer PHED, Region Bharatpur
D/P/RC/8899/2020

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM, LTD.
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for "Operation and Maintenance of various 132kV Substations under RVPN Transmission System" against specification no. RVPN/ET/HA/SP/TN-51 are invited from interested bidders up to 04.00 PM, 09.12.2020. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>) (<http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>) of the state and <http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl> departmental website. UBN - VPN2021/SLOB01097
RRVNP/TR-5003/2020
Raj,Samwad/20/6642
Superintending Engineer (Automation, N/M & SP), Jaipur

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)
TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited for the supply of following item.
(1) Fully Built Non-AC Diesel BS-VI AMT Double Decker Buses.
Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
PRO/AAM(M)/71/2020. GENERAL MANAGER

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER DATED: 09/11/2020
Konkan Railway Corporation Limited on behalf of NTPC Ltd invites Open Tender in Two Packet System through E-tendering on IREPS portal for the work of -
Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-BR-NTPC-GAR-T-104. Name of Work: Construction of RCC Box Culverts, Washable Apron, Height Gauges & Cast in Situ Slab Works for STPP NTPC Railway Siding at Gadawara, Dist: Narasingshpur, Madhya Pradesh. Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 7.17 Cr (Excluding GST). The Closing Date & Time: 09/12/2020, up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online offer/bids.
Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-FOB-NTPC-GAR-T-105. Name of Work: Construction of Foot Over Bridges in STPP NTPC Railway Siding Yard at Gadawara, Dist: Narasingshpur, Madhya Pradesh. Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 2.83 Cr. (Excluding GST). The Closing Date & Time: 09/12/2020, up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online offer/bids.
Manual offer shall not be accepted. Visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details/participation & Corrigendum/Addendum will be hosted on this website only.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAP)-III DELHI JAL BOARD, GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
O.H.T. ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI 110052
Press NIT NO.- 01 (2020-21)

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD) and Tender fees	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender
1.	Distribution system improvement in UGR Command Areas Jahangirpuri (C-02), Fruit Mandi (C-02A), Model Town (C-03) and Mukherjee Nagar (C-03A) targeting continuous Pressurized Water Supply and DMA based NRW Reduction and providing House service connections	Civil- 137.22.91.834/- EM&M- 15.38.77.645/- O&M- Lump Sum	EMD Rs. 2,55,00,000/- Tender Fee Rs. 1500/-	Tender ID No. 2020_DJB_196538_1 Date: 09.11.2020.	02.12.2020 up to 3:00 PM

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 19.11.2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Varunalya Phase-II, Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005. The NIT is available with bid forms and other details at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>. Any future amendment/corrigendum, pre-bid reply etc. can only be seen on website.

ISSUED BY PRO (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 222 (2020-21)
"STOP CORONA - WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING & MAINTAIN HYGIENE"

Sd/-
EE (EAP)-III

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
3RD FLOOR, PRAGATI SADAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI 834 001, Jharkhand PH: +91 651 22252878,
E-MAIL: juidcolimited@gmail.com CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

Notice Inviting Tender
NIT No.: JUIDCO/ NIT/ RFP/ BW/ 353 Date: 09.11.2020
National Competitive Bidding Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Construction of 12 Bungalows for Residence of Cabinet Ministers of Jharkhand in Ranchi Smart City Area
1.	Name of the Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Construction of 12 Bungalows for Residence of Cabinet Ministers of Jharkhand in Ranchi Smart City Area
2.	Mode of submission of bids	Online Tender
3.	Tender Fee & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In INR)	Cost of Tender Document: 5000 /- (Rupees Five Thousand) only (Non-refundable) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand) only
4.	Date of starting of sale of online tender	10.11.2020 at 13:00 Hrs
5.	Date of Start of Submission of online Bids	10.11.2020 at 13:00 Hrs
6.	Last Date/Time for submission of online bids	01.12.2020 at 17:00 Hrs
7.	Last Date/Time for submission of Tender fee and EMD (Hard Copy)	02.12.2020 at 17:00 Hrs
8.	Date of Online Bid Opening	02.12.2020 at 17:30 Hrs
9.	Tender fee and EMD submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan, near Kutchery Road Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001 +91 651 22252878
10.	Helpline no.	

Note: Only e-tender will be accepted
Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> PR 236625 Urban Development(20-21)D

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd. Ranchi.

Government of Jharkhand DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & CO-OPERATIVE (ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DIVISION), Jharkhand, Ranchi.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF VETERINARY MEDICINES, and OTHERS
e-Tender No. 02/2020-21

Online e-tenders are invited from sole manufacturers/loan licensee having minimum 3 years' experience in manufacturing and marketing for supply of veterinary medicines and others for Veterinary Dispensaries, Veterinary Hospitals, Pet-Clinics, Mobile Polyclinics, Referral Veterinary Hospitals, Animal/Poultry Farms and others institutions situated at different Districts of Jharkhand under Two Bid System (Technical-I & Financial-2)

- After publication of the N.I.T., the desirous bidders may download tender documents along with terms & conditions from the Website. <https://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and <https://www.jharkhand.gov.in> but submit only through NICT-e-tender portal <https://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> with the help of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).
- Disclosure of rate other than financial bid will disqualify the bidder.
- Estimated Contract Value- Rs 6 Cr. or less if any due payment of previous year's rate contract exist as liability.
- Validity Period - One Year from the date of agreement.
- Each tenderer, will have to deposit Tender fee in form of DD of Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) and Earnest Money Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) in form of Bank Guarantee (BG), of any nationalized Bank in favour of Director Animal Husbandry, Jharkhand payable at Ranchi. Fees are being relaxed for MSEs of Jharkhand, however proper documents regarding relaxation should be attached.
- The under mentioned schedule is fixed; however, the undersigned reserves the right to change the date of activities in case of any exigencies through a notice in the government website viz & Notice Board at official address Director, Animal Husbandry, Pashupalan Bhawan, Hesag, Hatia Ranchi Pin- 834003.

Important Events

Sl. No.	Event	Date
1	Floating of Tender	09.11.2020
2	Download of tender document will start from	09.11.2020
3	Online submission of bid will start from	10.11.2020
4	Last date for receiving EMD & Tender fee (in original Tender fee in form of D.D & EMD as BG in Animal Husbandry Directorate Office, by hand)	02.12.2020
5	Last date of online bid submission	03.12.2020
6	Date of Opening of Technical bid	04.12.2020
7	Date of Opening of Financial bid	Declared later

Sd/-
Director Animal Husbandry
Jharkhand Ranchi

PR 235595 (Animal Husbandry)20-21#D

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383
website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-33/7736/2020-21 Date: 10.11.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e - Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Electrical) registered in KPWD & KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works 1). Providing 7x100 KVA and 5x250KVA additional distribution transformer centres in KIADB, Auto Nagar, Kanaburgi Industrial Area, Belagavi District. 2). Providing basic Electrical Infrastructure Facilities to Mulwada Industrial Area, Vijayapura District. (Super Grade Electrical License issued by KCEI).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 11.12.2020 upto 04:00 pm
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1,
KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/Zen/R.O:1616/2020-21

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
Department of Materials Management (Imports Section)
SOURA SRINAGAR, Jammu & Kashmir-190011
E-mail: ammolimports@skims.ac.in, Fax: 0194-2403404
e-NIT No.: SIMS-324-NIT 20 (IMPORTS) OF 2020
DATED: 10.11.2020

Subject: Abbreviated Notice inviting Tenders for supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of various Bio-Medical equipments for Internal & Pulmonary Medicine SKIMS.

On behalf of the Lt. Governor of Indian territory of Jammu and Kashmir, through Director, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar, e-tenders are invited from the original manufacturers/their Indian subsidiaries/Indian Agents on the authorization of principal manufacturers/Indian Subsidiary if 100% subsidiary of foreign principals (for Imported equipment) and manufacturers/their authorized dealers for the J&K (for indigenous equipment) for supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of following Bio-Medical equipments:

Group	Name of the item	Qty	Tender fee	EMD
A	Rigid Medical Thoracoscopy (Adult)	01 unit	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 40,000/-
B	Rigid Bronchoscope (Adult)	01 unit	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
C	Non-Invasive Ventilators	10 unit	Rs. 2000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
D	Ambulatory Type-II Sleep Screening/Testing Devices	04 unit	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 8,000/-

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in. The NIT schedule is as per following:

Last Date for Submission of Online Bids	10.12.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.
Opening of Technical Bids	12.12.2020 at 12.30 P.M.

Complete bidding process will be done online on e-tendering portal www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

Sd/-
Asstt. Materials Management Officer (Imports)
For & on behalf of Chief of Materials Management

No. SIMS-324-NIT 20 (Imports) 2020-3520-26-5643-46
Dated:10.11.2020
SIMS-5644

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Website : www.ircon.org, CIN - L45203DL1976G0008171

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
e-Tender No.: IRCON/205/GRP/20-21/KHS-DHARAM/BSF-42 Dated:11.11.2020
e-Tender for and on behalf of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Providing professional services for planning, execution and supervision of P.Way Linking work between Kharsa (Km 0.00) to Dharamajyagarh (Km 74.00) including Spur line from Gharghoda to Bhalumuda along with feeder lines connecting Chihal siding (Km 0-8.45), Baroud siding (Km 0-4.45) and Durgapur siding (Km 0-8.85) in connection with the construction of New B.G. Electrified Double/Single Rail Line of Chhattisgarh East Railway corridor".

Estimated Cost of the Work : Rs. 33,35,390.70
Last Date and Time of Bid Submission : 02.12.2020 up to 15:00 Hrs. (IST)

For further details, visit website <https://www.etenders.gov.in/procure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.
Chief General Manager/IRCON, C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED
19-A, RUKMIANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008.
CIN U74999TN19715GC005967

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice NIT.No.83/CW/T.No.87/2020-21 Dt.-09.11.2020

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" for the following work from Civil Class - I registered in PWD/Highways/Any Department of Government of Tamilnadu, Central government department, Tamilnadu State Government undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on 15.12.2020 and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM.

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Construction of RCC side drain along both side of roads at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Irungattukottai.	Rs.5160.00 lakhs (including GST @12%)	Rs. 25,90,000/-

* In the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (In the Tenderer's Name only)
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website: www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/4211/TENDER/2020
MANAGING DIRECTOR, SIPCOT, CHENNAI-8

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE Very short term tender is invited through e-tendering for the Supply of 50000 no. Universal meter box for different makes of meters already installed against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/25(v)s/20-21. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 100000.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time:- 19.11.2020 at 14.00 hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time:- 19.11.2020 at 16.00 hrs. Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org. For detailed information please log on www.pvvnl.org & E-tendering website www.etender.up.nic.in till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help Line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 941220745" Superintending Engineer (MM-X) For Managing Director "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांक: 10064/पत्रांक/वि.वि.न.ग. दिनांक: 10.11.2020

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Solid Waste Management Department
S.W.M.C.No.A7/3041-46/2020

ERRATA
Errata Published on "The Hindu" Tamil Newspaper and "Indian Express" English Newspaper, Dt.07.11.2020.

To Published	to be read as
The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) invites online tender for Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Bio-mining (Package 1 to 5) and Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biominning and construction of Interim Landfill site (Package 6) for which RFP documents are available in online www.tenders.gov.in from 18.11.2020 onwards.	The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) invites online tender for Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Bio-mining (Package 1 to 5) and Reclamation of Perungudi Dumping Ground through Biominning and construction of Interim Landfill site (Package 6) for which RFP documents are available in online www.tenders.gov.in from 18.11.2020 onwards.
Pre Bid Meeting: 12 th November 2020 at 11.00 AM	Pre Bid Meeting: 25 th November 2020 at 11.00 AM
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid: 25 th November 2020 at 03.00 PM	Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid: 08 th December 2020 at 03.00 PM
Bid Opening Date and Time: 26 th November 2020 at 04.00 PM	Bid Opening Date and Time: 09 th December 2020 at 04.00 PM

DIPR/ 4215/Tender/2020
Superintending Engineer/SWM

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Commissioner, 5th Floor, MS Building
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560001

No.:SWD/PETC/CR-24/JEE/NEET/2yrs/2020-21 Dated: 07.11.2020

NOTIFICATION OF TENDER (Through E-tendering only)
Social Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka is invited tender from Reputed Training Institutes through E-Procurement Portal, to provide 2 years classroom / on-line pre-examination training for JEE (Mains & Advanced) & NEET entrance exams to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Candidates. Notification number is given below:
NO.: SWD/PETC/CR-24/JEE/NEET/2yrs/2020-21
For more details please visit website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>
The last date for receipt of tender is 10.12.2020 at 5:00 PM
Sd/-
Commissioner
Social Welfare Dept., Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/Bronze/1609/2020-21

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RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA
E-Auction Sale of Machinery & Plants
The following Machinery & Plant assets are available in Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, which are no more required for railway use, however presently in working conditions. The sale of these M&P assets are being made through e-auction on "As is where is basis". These M&P assets can be inspected at any working day. For any further query, Asstt. Materials Manager/D/Shell (cell no. 6283289780) OR CDMs- Sale (cell no. 8872340827) may be contacted. The prospective/intended bidders to participate in e-auction may access the website of E-auction and register themselves. The catalogue is being up-loaded in Dec. 2020 in IRPS website www.irps.gov.in. The next date of auctions in Dec. 2020 is on 09.12.2020 and 23.12.2020 at 10.00 hrs.

S.No.	Description of Machinery & Plant	Qty.
01	Over-aged, used, condemned Automatic Butt seam Welding Machine-II of M/S ESAB International AB, Sweden, equipped with Root Grinder, Planisher & Transport unit along with conveyors etc installed in Sheet Metal Shop. Machine is capable to weld butt joint up to 2 mm thickness and 4000 mm length of steel sheets. This machine was originally procured as per RCF specification No. RCF/Mech./SSAS/267-9.	01 No.
02	Over-aged, used, condemned Hydraulic Punching Press 30T, Equipment No. 1404-001 of M/s Advance Automation & Process Controls (P) Ltd. New Delhi. Equipped with eight numbers roller conveyors of each having 3 meter approx length ect.	01 No.
03	Over-aged, used, condemned Hydraulic Press 1000-T (HMT) Model No. H4s-100-400-200T CH003 of M/s HMT Limited Machine Tools Division-Hyderabad having bed size-4000x2000mm, capacity-1000 Ton, Day light-1200 mm, Stroke Length-800mm, Main RAM Rapid Approach speed-300mm/sec, Pressing speed-133mm/sec, Main Ram Return Speed-300mm/Sec, Height of Bed Over Floor-400 mm approx, Max. stroke-800, Nos of Axis-4 (Beam, Cusion, FM & BM) etc.	01 No.

Sd/-
Dy. CMM/D/Shell

Notice Inviting Tender
"Open Tender" through <https://irps.gov.in> portal is invited for and on behalf of President of India in the prescribed form for the under mentioned works as per given eligibility criteria.
A) Tender No. : RCF/IT/Hardware/AMC/21-22/02, B) Name of work : Annual Maintenance Contract for Hardware equipments like PCs, Printers and other similar Peripherals systems installed at RCF/Kapurthala and RCF/Tilak Bridge, New Delhi for a period of two years. C) Eligibility Criteria : Firm must be an OEM namely HP/DELL/ACER/LENOVO/HCL or their authorized service provider (ASP) for Desktop PCs/Printers or their premier/channel business partners handling corporate sales for Desktop PCs/Printers at least for last two years. D) Period : Two Years from the start date of Contract. E) Approximate Cost : Rs. 44.70 Lakh/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Seventy Thousand only). F) Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 89,400/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred only). Offers without EMD will be summarily rejected. G) Cost of Tender Document : Rs. 3540/- (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty only) to be deposited through IRPS Portal (<https://irps.gov.in>) in favour of FA&CA/RCF at Kapurthala. H) Tender form can be Downloaded from : IRPS Portal (<https://irps.gov.in>) after 23/11/2020 up to one day before the closing date. I) Validity of offer : 90 days from the date of opening of the tender. J) Date and Time for closing of Tender : Up to 15/12/2020 at 15.00 hrs in IRPS Portal. (<https://irps.gov.in>). Late offers will not be accepted. Sr. EDPM/System
T. No.: G-122-01/Store,IT&Civil/88/2020-21 Dated: 10.11.2020

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION NAWRANGPUR.
O-531
Letter No-3434 Date-07.11.2020

1st corrigendum to Bid Identification No: EERWNGP-Online-08/2020-21 Dated 20.10.2020

In partial modification to this office Bid Identification No. 08/2020-21 the following changes are made under unavoidable circumstance.
The availability of tender online for bidding from 12.11.2020 at 10.00 AM to 27.11.2020 up to 03.00 PM & Time for opening of tender 01.12.2020 at 11.00 AM in place of the availability of tender online for bidding from 05.11.2020 at 10.00 AM to 23.11.2020 up to 3.00 PM & Time for opening of tender 24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM respectively.
All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS DIVISION NABARANGPUR
OIPR-25092/11/0009/2021

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A) 1. 15/GM/SM(WC-1)/2020-21, Name of Work :- M/O Drain (Repair of Drain, Brick Work, Plaster, Interlocking Tile in between Sector-6 & 7), Noida
Cost - Rs. 74.23 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 24.11.2020 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 25.11.2020 at 11.00 AM.
General Manager
NOIDA

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH APEWID, VIJAYAWADA
Door No: 9-76, Sai Fortune Heights, Block'A, Vaddeswararam, Guntur (DT) - 522 502

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
e-procurement Notice Inviting Tender
e-mail: apewid.mdpeshi@gmail.com, Mobile No.9704701529, 9704701236 & 08645295758
NIT No: 84-87/MD/APEWIDC/VJA/2020-21 dated 10-11-2020

Tenders are invited on e-procurement from Original Equipment / Product manufacturers of the below tabled items to the Government Schools (Educational Institutions) in Andhra Pradesh.

Sl. No.	Item	ECV (Rs. in Crs)	Submission of Tenders from	Submission of Tenders Due Date on or before 15.30 Hrs	Display of Samples on or before 17.00 Hrs
1	Purified Drinking water System Type-I (2" call)	52.00	11-11-2020	19.11.2020	18.11.2020
2	Dual Desk Type-II	50.00	11-11-2020	27.11.2020	26.11.2020
3	Dual Desk Type-III	42.00	11-11-2020	27.11.2020	26.11.2020
4	Dual Desk Type-IV	22.00	11-11-2020	27.11.2020	26.11.2020

Tenders shall be submitted through Online e-procurement Platform www.approcurement.gov.in.
Note: Changes / Modifications if any will be communicated through the above e-Procurement platform only.

Sd/- Managing Director, APEWID, Vijayawada

Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)
Niyogan Bhawan, Sriya Square,
Unit 3 Bhubaneswar- 751001
State Odisha Country India
Tele/Fax: +91 0674 2391320
Date : 11th Nov 2020

INVITATION FOR WEBINAR ON VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION
Kind Attention: Manufacturers/ Authorized Suppliers of Lift, Escalator, Travellator and Simulators at World Skill Centre, Bhubaneswar

Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) is in the process of setting up and operationalization of World Skill Centre (WSC)-A 18 Storied modern building, which will act as Center of Excellence for training of various advance skilling programs. One of the skills at WSC will be Vertical Transportation consisting of Lift system, Escalator system, Travellator systems and Simulators.
Hence a Webinar will be organized for interested manufacturers/ authorized suppliers on 20th November 2020 to share details of the proposed project and to seek feedback Those, who are willing to participate, may send their willingness latest by 5 PM on 18th November 2020 to 'osdpadbosda@gmail.com'. The timings, link and relevant details of the Webinar shall be shared accordingly.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)
OIPR-14027/11/0007/2021

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer(Auto)
Central Automobile Workshop, Old SP Zone Building, Idgah Road, Delhi-110006

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. EE(Auto)/CWS/2020-21/TC/04 Dated : 10.11.2020
Issue of online tender documents upto : 20.11.2020 upto 03.00 P.M.,
Tender closing date and time : 20.11.2020 at 03.01 P.M., Cost & Technical Bid opening date : 20.11.2020 at 03.30 P.M., Opening of financial bids (Tentative) : 24.11.2020 at 03.30 P.M.

The online tenders on item rates basis are invited for the execution of the following works from the contractors registered for e-tendering in North Delhi Municipal Corporation on website www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER alongwith the online requisite payment of Tender Cost and EMD. The technical bid shall be opened as per the schedule mentioned above in the office of Superintending Engineer(Auto), Central Automobile Workshop, Old SP Zone Building, Idgah Road, Delhi -110006. *The corrigendum/ addendum, if any would be hosted only on website.*

S.No. : 1, Name of Work : Engagement of trained drivers cum operators for operation of 25 Nos. Backhoe Loaders for 01 year in the jurisdiction of North DMC, Tender Amount : Rs. 93.21,000/-, Head of Account : 61-1064, Earnest Money : Rs. 1,86,500/-, Rates hold good for : 120 Days from the date of opening of price bid, Duration of Contract : 12 Months, Cost of Tender : Rs. 2,000/-, I/R : I/R.

The tender can be downloaded online only from the website www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER
The bidders, who are interested may first register themselves in aforesaid online e-tendering portal of North DMC. For registration the contractors may contact to AO(IT), 24th Floor, Dr. SPM Civic Centre, New Delhi-110002.
R.O. No. 30/DPI/North DMC/2020-21 E.E. (Auto) CWS


Office of the Executive Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA
VERY SHORT TENDER e-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No. DWSD/SCA/MRPWS/CH/09/2020-21 (1st Call) Date : 09.11.2020

Sl. No.	Particular	Details
1	Name of Work	Construction of Solar Energy Based Mini Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme in Village Joidiha (Police Picket) Joidiha Panchayat of Hunterganj Block 3.0 Mtr. High Galvanized Tubular Steel Structure Staging of Mounting HDPE Water Storage Tank Having Capacity 5000Ltr. on "Turn Key Basis" Under D.W.&S. Division, Chatra for the Year 2028/21 (Under SCA)
	Group No.	Estimate Cost Earnest Money Cost of BOQ(Rs.) Time of Completion
2	Date of Tender Uploading in Website	9, 15, 128/-, 18,500/-, 2,500/-, 02 Months
3	Last Date / Time for Submission of Tender Documents	17.11.2020 at 5:00 PM
4	Last Date & Time of Receiving EMD/Cost of BOQ (Hard Copy)	24.11.2020 upto 5:00 PM
5	Date of Opening Tender	25.11.2020 upto 3:00 PM in the Office of Executive Engineer, D.W.&S. Division, Chatra and Superintending Engineer, D.W.&S. Circle, Hazaribagh.
6	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA (Jharkhand)
7	Name & Address of Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA (Jharkhand)
8	Contact No. of Procurement Office	+91-8809999672, +91-9931972161 or 06541-253273
9	Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell	0651-2480345

Further details can be seen on & official website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
Executive Engineer
D.W.&S. Division, CHATRA

PR 235606 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 20-21 (D)

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING WORKS
E-Tender Notice No.: S&T/APD/08 Dated: 06-11-2020. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: SN- 1. Tender No. AP-ST-08-2020-21. Name of work: Supply, installation and commissioning of 6 nos. track based ball lubricators (Hydraulic type) under Alipurdia Jn. Division. Tender value: ₹34.87,540.64/-; Earnest Money: ₹65,400/-; Tender will be closed on 04-12-2020 at 13:00 hrs. and opened at 15:00 hrs. of 03-12-2020 at APM/WY/APD's office. For details please visit www.irps.gov.in
DRM (Works), Alipurdia Jn. NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Serving Customers With A Smile

 The Tata Power Company Limited Registered Office: Bombay House, 24, Hornby Road, Mumbai 400 001, Website: www.tatapower.com, CIN: L28200MH1919PLC000567 EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020							
Sr. No.	Consolidated	Quarter ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended	
		30-Sep-20 (Unaudited)	30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-19 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-20 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-19 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-20 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from operations	8,289.81	6,452.99	7,677.82	14,742.80	15,444.54	29,136.37
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional Items and tax	707.80	480.23	529.73	1,188.03	1,228.86	2,142.00
c.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	707.80	480.23	529.73	1,188.03	1,134.89	2,368.16
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the period/year	370.93	268.10	338.56	639.03	581.64	1,316.44
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	5.18	247.82	484.30	253.00	708.82	2,152.64
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹1/- per share)	319.56	270.50	270.50	319.56	270.50	270.50
g.	Total Reserves						17,795.52
h.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised)						
	Basic and Diluted: (In ₹)						
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.62	0.16	1.60	0.78	2.65	5.33
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.87	0.69	0.76	1.56	1.33	4.64
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.15)	(0.09)	(1.52)
	(iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.80	0.61	0.74	1.41	1.24	3.12

* Restated

Notes:
1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 10th November, 2020.
2. Financial Information of the standalone financial results of the Company is as follows:

Sr. No.	Standalone	Quarter ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended	
		30-Sep-20 (Audited)	30-Jun-20 (Audited)	30-Sep-19 (Audited)	30-Sep-20 (Audited)	30-Sep-19 (Audited)	31-Mar-20 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from operations	1,550.28	1,412.42	1,993.21	2,962.70	4,029.75	7,726.39
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional Items and tax	242.04	95.19	171.64	337.23	604.54	656.88
c.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	242.04	95.19	171.64	337.23	510.57	350.53
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the period/year	145.00	44.93	154.61	189.93	451.12	148.12
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	130.10	77.31	109.40	207.41	414.56	95.36
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹1/- per share)	319.56	270.50	270.50	319.56	270.50	270.50
g.	Total Reserves						13,491.47
h.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised)						
	Basic and Diluted: (In ₹)						
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.19	(0.04)	0.81	0.15	2.31	3.23
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.43	0.09	0.38	0.52	1.44	1.44
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.15)	(0.09)	(1.52)
	(iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.36	0.01	0.36	0.37	1.35	(0.08)

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.tatapower.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

PRAVEER SINHA
CEO & Managing Director
DIN 01785164

Date : 10th November, 2020
Place : Mumbai

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of borrower by the Authorised Officer (For Immovable property)

Whereas Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned in the account calling upon the borrower to repay the amount as mentioned in the account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s).
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned in the account.
The borrower's guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower	Name of the Owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice/ Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of demand notice
Old GT Road, Aurangabad	Sudarshan Singh S/o Late Shiv Janam Singh	Sudarshan Singh S/o Late Shiv Janam Singh	Property covered under Registered mortgage deed no.3966 dated 04.03.2016, Khata No.19, Plot No.-111, Thana No.-264, Area-30.00 decimal. In the name of Sudarshan Singh, Mauza-Jasoilya, PS+Distt.-Aurangabad. Boundary: N-Nij & Pind, S-Nij & Pind, E-Nij & Gopal Narayan Singh, W-Nij & Ram Vinay Singh.	26.02.2020/ 05.11.2020	₹ 2523920.45 (Rs. Twenty five lac twenty three thousand nine hundred twenty and paise forty five only) + Interest and other charges
Old GT Road, Aurangabad	Sh. Manoj Kumar Singh S/o L.L. Ramdeni Singh & Smt. Usha Devi W/o Manoj Kumar Singh, At-Khastriya Nagar, Katharua, Ward No.01, PO+PS-Aurangabad, Distt.-Aurangabad, Pin-824101	Smt. Usha Devi W/o Manoj Kumar Singh	1. Property covered under equitable mortgage vide Sale Deed No.3528 Dated 22.04.2006, Khata No.04, Plot No.692, Area-3/8 Decimal located at Mauza-Katharua, Thana No.561, PS-Aurangabad, Distt.-Aurangabad, in the name of Smt. Usha Devi W/o Manoj Kumar Singh. Boundary: N-Dharamraj Yadav, S-Pind, E-Niz Bikareta, W-Kamlesh Kumar Singh. 2. Property covered under equitable mortgage vide Sale Deed No.4017 Dated 29.03.2011, Khata No.04, Plot No.692, Area-0.875 Decimal located at Mauza-Katharua, Thana No.561, PS-Aurangabad, Distt.-Aurangabad, in the name of Smt. Usha Devi W/o Manoj Kumar Singh. Boundary: N-Dharamraj Yadav, S-Pind, E-Niz Bikareta, W-Kamlesh Kumar Singh.	18.07.2019/ 05.11.2020	₹ 3965954.30 (Rs. Thirty nine lac sixty five thousand nine hundred fifty four and paise thirty only) + Interest and other charges

Date : 05.11.2020
Place : Aurangabad

(Authorised Officer)
Punjab National Bank

ROCKBRIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
57, MIG, 1st Floor, Galib Apartment, Road No. 42, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the RBI has vide its letter dated 14/10/2020 granted permission to Mr. Ishan Agrawal to increase their stake to 44.57% in Rockbridge Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. The public may also note that the Company has not accepted any public deposit till date. This public notice is given in compliance of RBI's Direction pertaining to change in management of NBFC in terms of their Circular No. DNB(PD)CC No. 11/02.01.99-2000 dated 15th November, 1999. Any person having any objection or whose interest if any, is likely to be adversely affected by such change may send his objection within fifteen day from the date of publication of this notice to the manager DNBS, RBI 6 Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 with a copy to the Company at above mentioned address.

for Rockbridge Financial Services (P) Ltd.
Prasoon Chauhan
Director

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer /Const.-I/ Northern Railway, State Entry road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender (Single packet) for the following work:

1 Name of work & location	Cleaning and Up keeping & Chemical sanitisation of CAO/Const.'s office complex of Northern Railway, Kashmir Gate, Delhi
2 Approx. Cost of Work	Rs. 169.70 lakh (Rupees One hundred sixty nine point Seven Zero lakh only)
3 Earnest Money Amount to be deposited online	Rs. 2.34,900/- (Rupees Two lakh thirty four thousand nine hundred only)
4 Completion period of work	24 (twenty four) Months
5 Sale/ availability of tender document on Railway website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 11.11.2020 to 02.12.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
6 Last date and time for uploading of tenders	02.12.2020 up to 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 18.11.2020 to 02.12.2020
7 Date and Time of opening of tender	02.12.2020 at 11.30 hours (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2)).

No. 52-G-C-K.GATE-DLI Dated 09.11.2020 2484/20

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Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology
Directorate of Geology
Engineers' Hostel No-1, 2nd floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Notice No.- 01/2020-21

Directorate of Geology invites sealed application on attached format from *National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories* (NABL) accredited Laboratories of repute having their registered office in India for Chemical, Petrological, Physico-Mechanical and other Laboratory analysis of Minerals, Rocks, Ores etc.
Last date of submission of EOI is **26.11.2020**

- Terms, Conditions & Application forms are available on our website www.jharkhand.gov.in and also at our office notice board.
- Cost of tender document:- 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) It will be submitted online through official website www.jharkhandminerals.gov.in → Other & Services → e Payment → Payment office (Directorate of Geology) → Head of Payment (Cost of Tender Document) → Description → Type of Depositor (Other) → District Name (Directorate of Geology) → DDO Code (PRJOTH002)
- Attach receipt of Rupees Ten Thousand with Document.

Sd/-
(Kumari Anjali)
Director, Geology

PR 235646 (Mines and Geology) 20-21 (D)

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda

Regional Office, Gaya: 2nd Floor, In Front of CRPF 159 Battalion, Jail Road, Gaya - 823001
E-mail- rm.gaya@bankofbaroda.com, legal.gaya@bankofbaroda.com

E-AUCTION - SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) 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, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is/where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price of the Property EMD of the Property Bid Incremental Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1.	M/s Baba Poultry Feed and Chicks Centre, Prop.-Shri Shaileendra Kumar Srivastav Base Branch: Gourakshni	Property/Land consisting of M.S. Plot No. 2143 & 2144 in Survey No. 44 M.S. Khata No. 587, Khasra no. 19, Mauza - Hetimpur, Thana No. 124, Under Nagar Parisad, Sasaram within the registered sub-district- Sasaram and District-Rohtas in the name of Shri Shaileendra Kumar Srivastav S/o Sri Yogeshwar Prasad Srivastav. Area-16 Decimal. Bounded by: North -M.S. Plot No. 2143 & 2144, South -M.S. Plot No. 2132 & 2133, East -Rasta, West - Late Belash Mahta & ors. M.S. Plot No. 2141.	₹72,85,364.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹78,73,200/- ₹7,87,320/- ₹50,000/-	Physical	On or before 10.12.2020
2.	M/s Vaishnavi Enterprises, Prop.-Mr. Sanjay Kumar Base Branch: Gaya Main	All that part and parcel of Land and Building in the name Smt. Binda Devi w/o Sri Arun Kumar Singh situated at Khata No.68, Plot No.Old 542 Ka Ansh/New Plot No.2319 Ka Ansh, Block No.30 & 31, Area-2249 Sq.ft, Mauza Nauranga, PS Mofassil, Thana No.316, Khawat No.01, Tauji No.3202, Ward No.10 (O)/32(N), Anchal Manpur, Dist Gaya, Acquired by Sale Deed No.4587 dated 08.05.2008. Bounded by: North-15 ft proposed Road, South-Nij Lekhyakari & Block No.31A, East-12 ft. Proposed Road, West-Plot No. 116.	₹93,01,946.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹91,32,000/- ₹9,13,200/- ₹50,000/-	Physical	On or before 10.12.2020
3.	M/s Jai Maa Mangla Industry, Prop.-Umesh Kumar Guarantor: Smt. Ranjana Devi Base Branch: Gaya-E-Vijaya	1. All that part & parcel of the property of Land & Bldg. in the name of Mr. Umesh Kumar S/o Ram Sewak Prasad at Vill.-Dhanawan, PS-Bodhgaya, Distt.-Gaya. a) Khata No.24,91, Plot No.192, 191, Thana No.351, Area-6.243 Decimal (2720 Sq.ft.) vide Sale Deed No.2151, Bounded by: N-Sonu Babu, S-Abhishek Bhardwaj, E-Gopal Prasad, W-Niz Lekhyakari. b) Khata No.24, Plot No.192, Thana No.351, Area-0.826 Decimal (360 Sq.ft.) vide Sale Deed No. 4376. Bounded by: N-Sonu Babu, S-Niz Lekhyakari, E-Umesh Kumar, W-Proposed Rd.20 feet. c) Khata No.24, Plot No.192, Thana No.351, Area-2.295 decimal (1000 sq.ft) vide Sale Deed No.9631, Bounded by: N-Niz Lekhyadhari, S-Abhishek Bhardwaj, E-Niz Lekhyadhari, W-Proposed Rd. 20 feet. All situated at Vill.-Dhanawan, PS: Bodhgaya, Distt.-Gaya.	₹1,41,20,885.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹58,47,500/- ₹5,84,750/- ₹50,000/-	Physical	On or before 10.12.2020
4.	M/s Aman Box Prop.: Mr. Virendra Kumar Base Branch: G.B Road, Gaya	All that part and parcel of Land & Building situated at Mouza-Kandi Nawada, PO-Chandauti, Khata No.386, Plot No.-766, PS.-Chandauti, Thana No.189, Ward No.-05, Area-1284 Sq.ft. (2.94 Dec.) standing in name of Mr. Virendra Kumar S/o Rajendra Prasad, acquired from Sale Deed No.598/2017. Bounded by: North-Babita Devi & Sumitra Devi, South-Bullu Yadav, East-16 ft. Rasta, West-Prabhachand Yadav.	₹86,86,048.84	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹45,02,304/- ₹4,50,230/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
5.	Mr. Jitendra Kumar And Mr. Pappu Kumar Chaudhary Pasi Base Branch: Mohania	All that part and parcel of the landed property /House situated at Mauza-Mohania bearing Khata no.164, Plot no.535, Area-3.00 Decimal, Thana no.537, Ward no.16, standing in the name of Mr. Jitendra Kumar and Mr. Pappu Kumar Chaudhary. Bounded by: North-Rest Plot Nij, South-Fakirana, East-Plot No.531, Jayshannar Singh, West-Rasta 2 Ft.	₹77,75,000.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹14,30,663/- ₹1,43,066/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
6.	Shri Avinash Kumar Base Branch: Daudnagar	(A) All that part and parcel of the landed property consisting of Khata No.165, Plot No.10, Mauza-Chauram, Thana-Daudnagar and District-Aurangabad, Area-2 Decimal (bearing Sale Deed No.2996 Dated 07.06.2013) in the name of Avinash Kumar. Bounded by: North-Rasta 10ft., South-Brijnandan Singh, East-Nij Vendor, West-Nij Vendor. (B) All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khata No.165, Plot No.10, Mauza-Chauram, Thana-Daudnagar and District-Aurangabad, Area-2 Decimal (bearing Sale Deed No.4536 Dated 12.08.2013) in the name of Avinash Kumar. Bounded by: North-Rasta 10ft., South-Brijnandan Singh, East-Madan Sao, West-Nij Vendor. Total Area-4 Decimal = 1742.08 sqft = 1.28 Katha.	₹75,107.32	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹12,86,564/- ₹1,28,656/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
7.	M/s Bee Smart Partner: 1. Mr. Khwaja Saman Sharique, 2. Mr. Baldehi Prasad & 3. Mrs. Renu Devi Base Branch: Hamzapur	All that part and parcel of the property of Land and Building in the name of Smt. Renu Devi W/o Baldehi Prasad, Mauza/Village-Mahuwan, Thana No.452, Khata No.36, Plot No.652, Area-52.5 Decimal, Po-Sherghati, PS-Amas, Distt.-Gaya, Bihar-824211. Bounded by: North-Munni Devi & Malvi Devi, South-Wife of Yadu Yadav, East-Yogendra Singh, West-Nij Bikreta.	₹19,69,973.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹23,62,500/- ₹2,36,250/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
8.	M/s Baghel Enterprises Prop.: Mr. Lalain Singh Base Branch: Aurangabad	All that part and parcel of the property/Land/Building consisting of Plot No.1814, Thana No.566, Khata No.90, 36 Decimal, Mauza-Shahpur, Thana Aurangabad in the name of Mr. Lalain Singh s/o Late Lakhan Singh, City-Aurangabad within the registered sub district Aurangabad and District-Aurangabad. Bounded by: North-Bishundeve Singh, South-Bishundeve Singh, East-Road, West-Chandra Bhushan Lal.	₹32,75,773.20	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹1,04,20,800/- ₹10,42,080/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
9.	M/s Sri Sai Enterprise Prop.: Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh Base Branch: Tekari Road, Gaya	All that part and parcel of land & building in the name of Smt. Jayvanti Devi situated at Village/Mouza-Kharkhura, Gautam Budha Colony, PS. Delha, Ward No.12 At Present-01, Gaya Nagar Nigam, Dist.-Gaya, Acquired from Sale Deed No.5095 dated 21.08.1997. Bounded by: North-Saryu Prasad, South-Vacant Land, East-Nala, West-PCC Road.	₹24,20,627.22	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹58,53,000/- ₹5,85,300/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Mob. No. 9264429601, 9264429614.

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10.	Sri Ajay Kumar S/o Huro Ram and Mrs. Rinku Kumari W/o Sh Ajay Kumar Base Branch: Lakhisarai	All that part and parcel of the landed property having Khata No.-503, Khesra No.-2241, Thana No.122, Tauzi No.-2591, 1306, 3132, Area-3.125 Dismil (1 Katha), Mouza-Keul, Pergana-Salemabad, in the name of Mrs. Rinku Kumari W/o Sh Ajay Kumar. Bounded by: North-Bachit Mokir, South-Hal Khairidar Luxmi Devi, East-Md. Sarfulla, West-Hishedar Gursahay Das.	₹5,01,106.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹34,83,900/- ₹3,48,390/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
11.	Mrs. Asha Devi W/o Awadh Singh and Mr. Awadh Singh S/o Shri Ram Singh Base Branch: Buxar-E-Vijaya	All that part and parcel of Land and Building bearing details as follows: Plot no.78, Khata No.102, Chak, Mauja Mishrawalia, Buxar, Thana No.325, Buxar. Bounded by: North-Niz Mokir, South-Ramayan Singh, East-Niz Rasta, West-Chak Plot 75	₹5,95,945.36	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹4,77,000/- ₹47,700/- ₹50,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
12.	Shri Damodar Singh Base Branch: Naugarh	Landed property in the name of Mr. Damodar Singh situated at Madanpur District Aurangabad, Khata No.147, Plot No.321, Thana No.785, Tauzi No.1453, Area-adsmeasuring 3.5 decimal. Bounded by: North-Krishna Swarnkar, South-Sanjay Prasad, East-Road 12ft., West-Road 5 ft.	₹4,04,660.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹16,29,000/- ₹1,62,900/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
13.	Smt. Najma Khatoun W/o Nasiruddin Miyan Base Branch: Nokha	All that part and parcel of the property/Land consisting of Plot No.2709/1541, Survey No.632/52, Thana No.441, City or Town Nokha measuring area 1.50 Decimal having Sale Deed No.2836 dated 26.03.2009 property in the name of Mrs. Najma Khatoun W/o Nasiruddin Miya within the registered sub-district Sasaram and District Rohtas. Bounded by: North-Garha, South-Gali, East-Md. Idris, West-Md. Kalamuddin.	₹5,02,595.26	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹15,40,955/- ₹1,54,095/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
14.	M/s YNRJI Industries Prop.: Rajiv Ranjan Pandey Guarantor: Sh. Rajni Kant, Smt. Jyoti Pandey Base Branch: Arrah-E-Dena	Immovable Property: Diverted land of 7.25 Decimal at Thana No.263, Khata No.617, Plot No.2980 at Mauza-Bichla Jangal, Pragana-Bihiyani, Thana-Jagdishpur, Dist.-Bhojpur, Bihar. Bounded by: North-Paien, South-Raghubansh Pandey & Other, East-Niz Mahazan, West-Tapeshwar Pandey & Other.	₹21,36,000.00	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹31,44,335/- ₹3,14,433/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
15.	M/s Shankar Jee Mini Rice Mill, Prop.: Mr. Ayodhya Prasad Base Branch: Buxar	1. Residential Land Building with existing structure in the name of Mr. Ayodhya Prasad S/o Ram Vachan Sah, situated at Mauza-Baghelwan, Thana No.172, Anchal-Rajpur, Sub Registration office-Buxar, Dist.-Buxar, bearing Khata No.chak-80, Plot No.chak-2248238, Area-03 Dec. The sale deed number of the property is 11802 dt-28.11.2001. Bounded by: North-Vacant Land, South-Lalan Yadav, East-Road, West-Vacant Land. 2. Residential Land Building with existing structure in the name of Mr. Ayodhya Prasad S/o Ram Vachan Sah, situated at Mauza-Pandeypatti, Thana No.324, Anchal-Buxar, Sub Registration office-Buxar, Dist.-Buxar, bearing Khata No.504(new)/321(old), Plot No.470(new)/243(old), bearing sale deed number of the property is 3607 dt.-30.04.2007 & 5048 dt: 04.06.2007, Area-1 Katha 5 Dhoor. Bounded by: North-Nij Manmohir, South-Nij Manmohir afterthan Saroj Devi, East-10 ft wide Rasta, West-Baij Nath Yadav. Total Area-1 Katha 10 Dhoor.	₹82,86,497.61	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹40,89,600/- ₹4,08,960/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
16.	M/s Thakur Jee Rice Mill, Prop.: Thakur Dayal Pandey, Base Branch: Buxar	1. Landed Property & Building Situated at Mauza-Buxar Kila, Thana No.332, Thana-Buxar, Anchal-Buxar, Sub Registration Office-Buxar, Dist.-Buxar, Khata No.261, Plot No.300 & 301, Total Area-1 Katha 16.5 Dhur (1.825 Katha), bearing Sale deed no. 3787 dated 10.05.2008, in the name of Thakur Dayal Pandey, Shankar Dayal Pandey & Omkar Nath Pandey, all S/o Sri Uday Narayan Pandey. Bounded by: North-Sharwan Kumar Pandey, South-Gita Devi, East-Rasta 10 ft, West-Rasta 10 ft. 2. Landed property Situated at Mauza-Kajariyan, Thana No.112, Thana-Rajpur, Anchal-Buxar, Sub Registration Office-Buxar, Dist.-Buxar, Khata No.94, Plot No.9,10,11,12,13 through conversion certificate issued by S.D.O. Buxar, Case no.26/13-14 dated 06.05.2014. Total Area-100 Decimal, through Khatiyan of Mauza-Kajariya. The property is in the name of Shri Uday Narayan Pandey S/o Late Jai Kishun Pandey & Thakur Dayal Pandey S/o Uday Narayan Pandey. Bounded by: North-Niz, South-Nahar, East-Sidhnath Pandey, West-Karha.	₹63,80,803.38	16.12.2020 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	₹70,55,100/- ₹7,05,510/- ₹20,000/-	Symbolic	On or before 10.12.2020
17.	M/s Jai Mata Di Traders Base Branch: Nokha	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential property at Village/Mau					

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Mahavir Singh R/o 368A, Gali No.-12, West Guru Agand Nagar, Near Gurudwara, Iaxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar Dixit for all future purposes.
0040554493-1

I, Shalabh Agrawal R/o 19154 ATS Advantage, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad 201014 U.P. have changed my minor daughter's name from Priyanshi Agarwal to Priyanshi
0040554500-1

I, Aisha Khatoun, W/o Late Abdus Salam, R/O-R-54A, FF, Gali, No-1, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my minor son's name, from Amaan Sahil, to Mohammad Arif, for all purposes.
0040554560-5

I, Anjali Saluja, W/o Pankaj Sahni, R/O-H-1/140, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089, changed my name to Anjali Sahni, for all purposes.
0040554547-2

It is for general information, that I ASIF HUSSAIN, S/o-TAHIR HUSSAIN, R/o-D-19/6, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, declare that name of my mother, has been wrongly written as RAISA BEGUM in my 10th-Certificate and Passport. The actual name of my mother is RAHEESA BEGUM, respectively which may be amended-accordingly.
0040554560-8

I, Sunita Devi W/o Harsh Singh R/o, Old No.C-138, New No.-370, Street No.-9 A, Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Sunita Kandiyal, for all purposes.
0040554541-1

I, SUMAIYA BEGUM, W/O-MOHAMMED DANISH SHAHAB, R/O-2763, CHANDIWALI STREET, PAHARI BHOLA TURKMAN GATE DELHI-110066. Changed my name to SUMAIYA AHMED, permanently.
0040554547-3

I, Ramesh Kumar/Ramesh Mandar, S/o Nepal Singh, R/o-61, Village Maipur, Delhi-110053, has changed my name to Ramesh.
0040554560-1

I, RAJENDER PARSAD S/O CHHATTER PAL SINGH R/O D-72, REIDS LINES, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI-110007. CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJENDER PRASAD.
0040554532-6

I, PUSHP LATA TYAGI, W/o Sh. Satisch Chand Tyagi Presently R/O-V-P.O. Kharkhari, Distt. Hapur, Uttar Pradesh-245101, have changed my name, from PUSHP LATA TYAGI to PUSHPA TYAGI, vide affidavit, Date-10-11-2020.
0040554532-8

I, NARESH KUMAR S/O BARANSI DASS R/O B-12/55, FLATS, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI-110063. CHANGED MY NAME TO NARESH ANAND.
0040554532-4

I, Masood Ahmed S/o Abdul Samad Ansari, R/o Plot No-434, Shezad Bagh, Phase-1, Inderkol, Delhi-110035, have changed my minor daughter's name from TAHOORA to TAHOORA AHMED ANSARI, for all future purposes.
0040554523-1

I, MAAN SINGH KAKKAR S/O JHANGI RAM R/O C-40, CHANDER-SHEKHAR AZAD-COLONY, KISHAN GANJ, DELHI-110007. CHANGED MY NAME TO MAN SINGH.
0040554532-5

I, Kullish Sharma S/O Vinod Sharma R/O-V House No. F-19B, Gali No-6, Om Vihar Extn., Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kunal Sharma.
0040554547-1

I, Kuldeep, S/o Sh. Kedar Singh, R/O-A-54, Shakti Vihar, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Kedar Nath Sharma in my service record. The actual name of my father is Kedar Singh, which may be amended accordingly.
0040554566-1

I, Pradeep Palakurissi, father of Amritha R/o A 1509, Ace Platinum, Plot Gh 12/1, Sector Zeta 1, Greater Noida, UP 201310 have changed my daughter's name to Amritha Pradeep for all purposes
0040554504-1

I, Kamal Kishor Sharma, S/O Ram Swaroop Sharma R/O-U-93, Near-Solanik Road Subhash-Park Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kamal Kishore Sharma.
0040554547-4

I, JASVEER KAUR, W/O SHAMSHER SINGH, R/O-VILLAGE-SAKATPURA, NO-5, TEHSIL SWAR, DIST- RAMPUR, UTTAR PRADESH-244921, have changed my name to JASPAL KAUR.
0040554532-7

I, Gaurav S/o Rajender Kumar R/o H.No.J/3, Gali no.37-B, Rajapur, Uttam Nagar, D.K. Mohan Garden, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Gaurav Singh, for all purposes.
0040554541-2

I, Gaurav Madan S/o Ajay Madan R/O-A/8, Gali, No.1, Jagat Puri, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Gaurav Madan.
0040554560-3

I, Preetha W/O, Pradeep Palakurissi R/O A 1509, Ace Platinum, Plot Gh 12/1, Sector Zeta 1, Greater Noida Up, 201310 have changed my name to Preetha Nair for all purposes.
0040554505-1

LOST & FOUND

LOST OF PROPERTY DOCUMENTS I.E. DDA SITE POSSESSION, WATER AND ELECTRICITY, NOC INCLUDES DDA PAPERS LIKE, MUTATION LETTER, DEATH CERTIFICATE, RECEIPT, WILL AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF DDA BUILT LIG FLATS, KIRAN KAPOOR, 70-B, BLOCK-B-4, FIRST FLOOR, ASHK VIHAR, PHASE-II, DELHI-110052.
0040554503-1

It is notified for the information that my original Certificate of main secondary examination of Year 2017 and Roll No.8247183 pass out from CBSE Delhi has been actually lost. Anshita Arora D/o Sanjay Arora, H.No. 10/36, 2nd Floor, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027.
0040554465-1

I, FIRLEEN Kaur, D/o Satnam Singh R/O E-44 3rd-floor st.no. 1, pratap nagar, Delhi-07 have lost my original-certificate/Marksheet class-10th(2012) Rollno-8676646 CBSE DELHI Class-12th (2014) Rollno-270141133286, NIOS.
0040554547-10

I, Vandana Poudel D/o shri Tara Poudel R/o C-320 DDA Janta Flats Pocket II Jasola New Delhi - 110025 have Lost My Secondary School Marksheet & Certificate roll No - 8182582 Passing Year - 2013 issued by C.B.S.E. FINDER CONTACT.
0040554521-2

I, Priti Hans D/o Virender Kumar Hans R/O 9016, C-9, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, has lost my original 10th & 12th CBSE Mark sheet & certificates on 07/07/2020 my Roll No. for 10th 2107559 & 12th is 2216282 if anybody finds these documents kindly may contact on above address or Mobile no.9711740864
0040554475-1

I, Simple Rani D/o Joginder Kumar R/O Flat.No-1203A, Sunworld Vanalika, Sector-107, Noida(U.P.), have changed my name to Simran Batra for all future purposes.
0040554483-1

I, Shaheen Farhat, D/o Late Abdus Salam, R/O-R-54A, FF, Gali, No-1, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name Aaliya Fatima for all purposes.
0040554560-6

I, Rabia Ishtyaque, W/O Ishtyaque Ahmed, R/O House no-10, Ground floor, Block no-13, Spring field colony, Sector-31, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Rabia.
0070720390-1

I, Sanjay Singh S/o Late Rajendra Prasad Singh, resident of 401, Manhattan 1, Mahagan Moderate, Sector-78, Noida-201301, U.P. My name has been recorded as Sanjay Singh in Passport, Voter ID, Pan Card, Driving License etc. I have changed my name to SONNAY R SINGH in future for all purposes.
0040554456-1

I, Vimla Devi, W/O Chandra Mohan, R/O-Vill. Amarpur Post Gazipur Teh. Mahwa Distt- Dausa (Rajasthan), have changed my name, Vimla Devi to Vimala Devi vide Affidavit dated-10.Sep.2020 be for District-Court Jhanger, Rajasthan.
0040554532-9

I, Sam Urma S/o B B Urma R/o Qt No-G-192/2, Near Kali Mandir Railway Account Colony, Chakradharpur, West Singhbhwm, Jharkhand-831302, that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Shyam Verma, B B Verma and B Verma respectively in my Secondary & Intermediate Certificate and Marksheet. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother is Sam Urma, B B Urma and B Urma respectively
0070720411-1

I, Sakuntala, W/O Late Sh. Kanhu Charan Biswal chatish debil PS- Jaipur sadar Dist, Jaipur, have changed my Name Sakuntala To Shankuntala Biswal For All Future Purpose.
0040554466-1

I, PREETI TOMAR, D/O-SATYA PAL SINGH, ADDRESS-E-32, GALLI.NO-5, KHAJOORI KHAS, NORTH-EAST, DELHI-110094. Changed my name to PREETI TOMER, permanently.
0040554547-7

I, Nivedita D/O Chandra Kishore Katheria R/O E 264 Tagore Garden Extn, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Nivedita Katheria.
0040554532-2

I, Monika Kakkur W/O Vineet Kakkur R/O-C-1/637, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana, have changed my name to Monika Kakkur for all purposes.
0040554560-4

I, Manvendra S/O Satyendra singh R/O H.No.23 type 3 sector 2 sadiq nagar have changed my name to Manvendra Rawat
0070720430-1

I, Lalit Singh S/O Bhoop Singh R/O 1192, Sector-55, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004, that name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as Bhup Singh and Sushela respectively in my Birth Certificate. The actual name of my father and mother is Bhoop Singh and Sushila Devi respectively.
0070720408-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that on dated 02.12.2015 my clients Sh. Hari Shankar and Smt. Muni Devi R/O-A-259, Gali No.5, Jaithpur Extn-2 Badapur New Delhi has disowned their son Sudhir Khare and his wife Archana Chauhan from all their movable and immovable properties, shares and assets vide publication in The Indian Express Newspaper. Relationship between my clients and their son has harmonized and resolved. The passing of time and now through the present publication my clients withdraw their public notice of disowment dated 02.12.2015.
ANOO KUMAR (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that my clients Anil Kumar S/o Late Som Nath & Smt. Babita W/o Sh. Anil Kumar both R/O-29, Shiv Vihar, Nikhiti Extn, Nangloi, Delhi-41 have disowned/dishherited their son Ram Kumar alias Ricky & his wife Nidhi Bansal from all their movable & immovable properties with immediate effect. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall do so at his/her own cost, risk & responsibility. My clients shall be in no way responsible for any acts, deeds & things done by them.
Sanjay Kapoor & Associates
78B, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client Sh. Hira Lal S/o Sh. Late Bhoori Lal R/O C-148, Shyam Gali, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi - 110003 is the absolute owner of the property bearing no.10, G-1, Khasra No.118 situated in Sai Enclave, Hastsal, Utam Nagar, New Delhi - 110059 adjoining 50 Sq. yards since October, 1992 which was purchased from Sh. Dharanvir S/o Sh. Hari Chand Anybody dealing with the said property shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences & my client shall not be responsible for the same, no liabilities pertaining to dealing by anyone will be binded on me.
Rajeev K. Chauhan (Advocate)
Ch.No.707, Saket Courts, Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all concern, that my clients Mohd Waheed Khan, Mohd Nasir Khan, Mohd Imran Khan, Nasir Khan, all sons of Late Mohd. Aziz Khan Ali R/O-4203, Laxmi Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110062 do hereby severally their business and social connection of whatsoever nature with their father Late Mohd. Aziz Khan (deceased) both R/O-4203, 2nd Floor, Back Side, Gali No.5, having Office at Ground Floor, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110062. My clients shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds, things, business dealings, other activities of whatsoever nature in manner M.U. Rehman (Advocate), Chamber No.372, Civil Side, Tis Hazari, Court, Delhi-110054.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to My Clients (1) SH. ANIL KUMAR MALHOTRA S/O Late Shri Krishan Lal Malhotra (2) SMT. ANU MALHOTRA W/O Shri Anil Kumar Malhotra both R/O-D-12/185, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 hereby Disown/ Debar their son Dinesh DEEPAK MALHOTRA aged 25 years from all their movable & immovable properties & severe their relations from them as they are no more in their control. If anybody dealing with them, shall be doing at his/her own risk cost & responsibility.
PARKASH CHAND (Advocate)
Enrt. No. D-9065/2019.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that the undersigned is the owner of property bearing SFS Flat no. 60-D, Pkt-D, Mayur Vihar-III, Delhi-110096 and has lost the original allotment letter dated 11-04-1997 issued by DDA if any person find the same, he/she may contact the undersigned at the above address or contact on phone no.9811209975 - Pradeep Chaudhary

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for information of General public that my client Sh. Rakesh Khular R/O C-216 GK. Part-I, Delhi-110048 has been absolute owner of the Plot/Property No. 287, B Block, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi, in Sector-60 since 02/02/2002 executed by Smt. Raj. Kumari, W/o Shri Ram Narain, who was registered owner of the same vide Sale Deed registered on 21.08.1994. After 3 years person dealing with respect to the above said property, will do so at his/her own risk and consequences and my client shall not be held responsible for any of their acts and omission of such person.
Sd/- YASHPAL SINGH Advocate
Ch.No.-64, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Smt. Rajlaxmi Raut W/o Sh. Ramesh Raut has lost the original Share Certificate & Possession Letter both issued by Kalyanesh CHS Ltd in favour of Sh. S. Chakravarty, in respect of Property, i.e. Society built up Flat bearing no. D-20 on Third Floor, Kalyanesh CHS Ltd known as Kakaleya Apartments, Plot no. 86, I, P, Sector-1, Pargaganj, Delhi. Any person possessing the above said lost documents and using them in any manner will do so at his/her own cost and legally liable. My client shall not be responsible for the said documents in any manner of any point of time. Anybody aware of any such person claiming any right, interest, lien, etc. based on the said documents, may file an objection with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication to and at address of the undersigned.
NARENDRA KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
Ch.No. 423, 3rd Floor, DISTRICT COURT KARKARDOOMA, DELHI

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Anvish Kumar Gupta (Advocate)
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This is for information of General public that my client Sh. Rakesh Khular R/O C-216 GK. Part-I, Delhi-110048 has been absolute owner of the Plot/Property No. 287, B Block, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi, in Sector-60 since 02/02/2002 executed by Smt. Raj. Kumari, W/o Shri Ram Narain, who was registered owner of the same vide Sale Deed registered on 21.08.1994. After 3 years person dealing with respect to the above said property, will do so at his/her own risk and consequences and my client shall not be held responsible for any of their acts and omission of such person.
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Babar Azam appointed Pakistan Test captain

Lahore: Pakistan named Babar Azam as their new test captain on Tuesday, putting the batsman in charge of teams across all formats. Babar replaces Azhar Ali, who led Pakistan to a 1-0 series defeat in England earlier this year. "I feel truly honoured to have been appointed Test captain and join some of the most iconic players who have captained Pakistan in the purist format of the game," Babar, who took charge of Pakistan's limited-overs teams earlier this year, said in a statement. "I am ready and prepared to take up the additional responsibility and the fact which gives me additional confidence is that I can do the job is the experience that is available to me in the changing room in the shape of the players and support staff."

Australia could lose 2012 Olympic medal in dope case

Melbourne: Australia could lose a swimming medal from the 2012 London Olympics in a doping case. The Court of Arbitration for Sport said it held a hearing Monday on the previously confidential case of Brenton Rickard, who tested positive years after the London Games in a reanalysis of his sample. Rickard won a bronze medal in the 4x100-meter medley relay. The case was revealed last week by Australian media. Rickard, a three-time Olympic medalist, swam in the heats for Australia. The United States won gold with a team that included Michael Phelps. CAS said the case between Rickard and the International Olympic Committee was heard by video link. The court did not set a timeline for a verdict.

F1 drops Vietnam GP from 2021 calendar

London: The Vietnamese Grand Prix was absent from a draft 2021 calendar published by Formula One on Tuesday that featured a record 23 rounds, with a debut in Saudi Arabia and Brazil returning despite fears for that race's future. Vietnam was due to host a street race in Hanoi for the first time last April, but that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The absence of the grand prix on next year's calendar has been attributed to local issues, although Formula One did not give a reason or mention Vietnam in a statement setting out the season. AGENCIES

INDIA-AUSTRALIA TEST SERIES

Upto 25k fans expected for Boxing Day Test



The iconic MCG can accommodate upto 100,000 fans at a time. AP file

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 10

FANS WILL return to stadiums for the upcoming India-Australia series. Cricket Australia (CA) officially confirmed on Tuesday. CA has also informed that ticket prices will remain unchanged, with the entry level being fixed at AUS \$30. The Australian cricket authorities' decision will see fans returning to cricket venues after a gap of almost 10 months.

As per the CA, attendances would be pretty decent across venues, with the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) and Adelaide Oval holding 50 per cent of their total capacity, and the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) around 25,000 spectators per day for the Boxing Day Test.

The Gabba at Brisbane will host crowds 75 per cent of its total capacity. Seating capacities at the SCG, Adelaide Oval and Gabba are 48,000, 53,500 and 42,000 respectively.

Australia has seen the number of Coronavirus cases down to a trickle with Victoria, a previous hotspot, recording 11 consecutive days with no new cases or deaths. New South Wales also reported three days of no locally acquired cases. On November 1, Australia had seen its first day since June 9 when no fresh cases were reported, an Associated Press report said.

"Venue capacities will continue to vary by market depending on government allowances and in line with the approved COVIDSafe plans," the CA press release stated.

It added: "The SCG, which is set to host ODI and T20 International matches and the Vodafone Pink Test this summer, will hold 50 per cent of total capacity, as will

Canberra's Manuka Oval for their ODI and T20 International matches and the Adelaide Oval for historic Day-Night Test match starting December 17.

"At this stage, the Boxing Day Test is set to hold at least 25 per cent of total capacity across Public, Member and Corporate tickets, equating to 25,000 fans each day of the Test. The Gabba is set to host crowds at 75 per cent of venue capacity for the fourth and final Test of the Vodafone Series, starting on January 15, 2021."

Following the Covid-forced lockdown, when international cricket resumed in July via the England versus West Indies series, matches were held behind closed doors. England also hosted Pakistan and Australia in front of empty stands. The Indian Premier League (IPL), too, was played behind closed doors, as also the Pakistan Super League (PSL) and the Pakistan-Zimbabwe series. Earlier this year, when Australia had hosted New Zealand for an ODI series, fans were shut out.

India will play three ODIs, three T20Is and four Tests in Australia, with the first ODI at SCG is scheduled on November 27. And according to a CA functionary, "a very good response" is expected from the match-goers.

With regards to ticket prices, CA stated: "In a major boost for Australian and Indian cricket fans, there will be no increase in ticket prices for the Dettol One Day International Series matches, Dettol T20 International Series matches and Vodafone Test Series matches, compared to the 2018-19 India tour of Australia.

"Entry level ticket prices remain at \$30 for adults for the fifth year straight, while Cricket Australia's Premium ticket prices have been held, the same as the last Indian tour in 2018-19."

Ace up MI's sleeve: Slow bouncers

Nathan Coulter-Nile & Trent Boult used it to great effect to quell DC at the backend

SANDIPG NOVEMBER 10

IN THE 15th over of Delhi Capitals innings—just around the time the batting side had wrestled impetus from Mumbai Indians—Rohit Sharma rang in Nathan Coulter-Nile into the attack. It was widely interpreted as a defensive ploy—his inclusion at the expense of James Pattinson itself was considered counter-intuitive.

Until the fifth ball, the introduction seemed a folly, after Rishabh Pant had netted a brace of boundaries. The first was more of a paddle-flick, while the second was top-edged four. The latter embodied everything risky about a short ball, its ridiculously slim margin for error on a relatively smaller ground. Short-pitched bowling will always leak runs, often in boundaries and with top edges coming into play, it is difficult to predict where the ball will fly to, as there is a lack of protection behind the wicket-keeper. Then, good batsmen have an array of sophisticated strokes to take full toll of it, like the ramp and uppercut. A reason, it's not considered as precious as a yorker.

But that didn't deny the West Australian from slipping in another short ball later in the over. This one landed around the same area of the pitch. Pant, instinctively as much as prematurely, was into the hook. Only that it took an eternity to reach him. It was also a shade closer to his body as he swivelled at the crease. And all he did, for the Sufi-dancer like pirouette of his body, was to splice the ball to the perfectly-positioned fielder, who was just shifted from short fine-leg to the deep.

Impending bouncer

The field change was the only sign of another impending bouncer, which he failed to read. The bowler dropped no clue at all. For Coulter-Nile had masterfully disguised it. As with any slower ball, the deception was in its disguise. The run-up and gather had the same bustle, the follow-through, arm-speed and release had identical intensity.

The difference was just about the grip. He had spread out the index and middle fingers so that the whip of the ball at the time of the release is reduced, which means the ball decelerates after landing. The ball rises up like a fast bouncer, but arrives around 20-25 kmph slower. Coulter-Nile's high-arm action makes it all the more difficult to decrypt. His usual speed was 140 and thereabouts. But Pant's wicket-ball was 125, while Axar Patel's, later on, nudged 120.

Batsmen do cope with fuller slower balls. But well-guided and well-disguised



Nathan Coulter-Nile's clever use of slower bouncers in the death overs meant Delhi Capitals would finish with a grossly inadequate score of 156/7. BCCI

slow bouncers are difficult to repel. For pulling and hooking are instinctive strokes.

There are no half measures about it. After judging the length, the batsman is already most of the way into the shot. So if the ball arrives unexpectedly slower, his balance goes utterly off-kilter. He can't check the stroke, unless when he drives. Neither his hands nor wrists can bail him out of trouble. That is why you often see a batsman initially deceived by a slower bouncer making a desperate flap as it floats past him, invariably mistiming it.

Like Shimron Hetmyer. The Guyanese has a fast blade and a pair of sharp eyes. So good that he had adequate time to detect Trent Boult's slower ball, but didn't have the heightened control over his muscle-memory to change his stroke. He was already committed to the upper cut, he tried to slow his stroke down but all he could manage was to slap the ball gently into the short third-man. What else could he have done? Maybe in a Test match, he could have withdrawn from the shot. But even that method is bound to fail.

The last bowler he would have expected a slow-bouncer was perhaps Boult, someone who sparingly uses his bouncers or relish in a drastic change of pace. In the entire four overs, he bowled one genuine shot ball and just one delivery below 115 kmph. The New Zealander, even in death

overs, doesn't normally resort to such new-age tricks. It only added to the shock value. Boult though does it differently—he cuts his fingers across the ball. With his slippery speed, Boult's version is deviously good. The batsman would hardly anticipate such a dramatic change of pace.

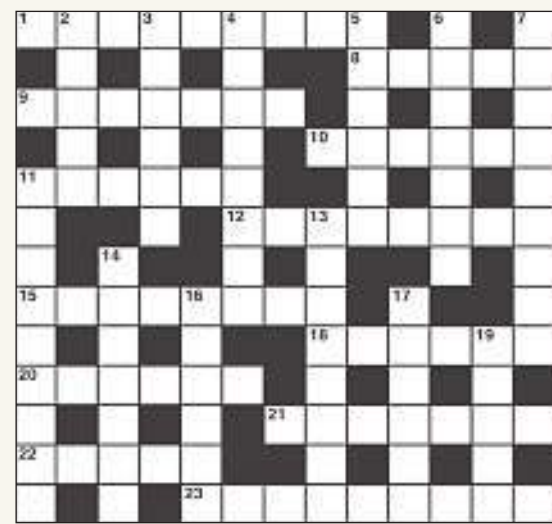
Deceiving Axar

Coulter-Nile has a variety of means to extract slowness from the pitch. Like Boult, he cut the fingers across the ball and release it with the knuckles too. One such delivery deceived Axar Patel. The delivery was even more difficult to comprehend as it barely rose above Patel's mid-riff. He was expecting the ball to rise waist-high, but had to drag it from a much lower point. The dryness of the surface abetted Coulter-Nile, as the ball gripped and stuck in the pitch. Not even Shreyas Iyer could purchase boundaries off Coulter-Nile's slow short-balls.

It was a moment of personal vindication for the strapping Coulter-Nile. There was rampant criticism over his inclusion at the expense of fellow Australian James Pattinson.

As gifted and quick as Pattinson is, he doesn't have the death-over expertise of Coulter-Nile. Not least, his slow short-balls that dealt a deadly blow to Delhi Capitals at the death.

CROSSWORD 4273



- ACROSS**
 1 What makes drips feel so pleased with themselves (4-5)
 8 A ring in the nose as a halter (5)
 9 Last we hear of some European language (7)
 10 Money-making facility (6)
 11 Partly wash large stone for building (6)
 12 Nevertheless last (5,3)
 15 Possibly had a nice estate in South America (8)
 18 Almost none start before time (6)
 20 Thin pointed weapon (6)
 21 He won't stand for his instrument being played (7)
 22 Less in sum possibly (5)
 23 They will (9)
- DOWN**
 2 Goes out of play (5)
 3 Last point must be won by the champions (6)
 4 Check the others have water (8)
 5 Promise to take part (6)
 6 Goes with any sort of posy (7)
 7 Good breeding quality (9)
 11 Many cheer the reformation of Satan (9)
 13 A cross-section of the church (8)
 14 Achieving success with the orchestration (7)
 16 An extremely self-conscious person (6)
 17 Village tragedy (6)
 19 Light beam that's very strong (5)

Solutions Crossword 4272: Across: 1 Attests, 4 Black, 7 Need, 8 Arsonist, 10 Steady wind, 12 Sublet, 13 Proofs, 15 Monogamist, 18 Crossing, 19 Diva, 20 Sloop, 21 Engines. Down: 1 Agnes, 2 The Derby, 3 Sprawl, 4 Brown bread, 5 Aria, 6 Ketches, 9 Idle gossip, 11 Dominion, 12 Seances, 14 Pounce, 16 Thais, 17 No go.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

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DHINGY

ALYIT

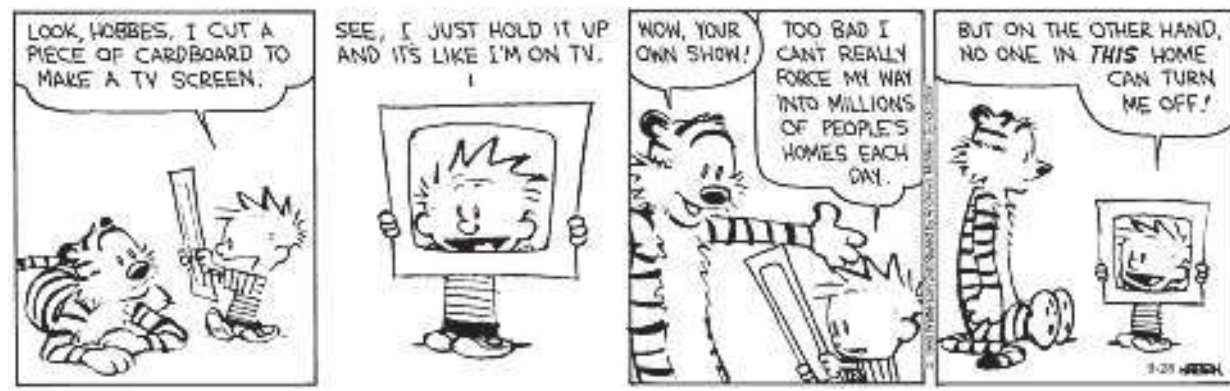
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ANSWER: RAJAH LATHI, DINGHY, HOOSY, RAJAH

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4290

Difficulty Level 5s
 Instructions
 To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



Difficulty Level
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4289



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's time to de-stress. To be quite specific for once, this is an absolutely ideal moment to book in for a peaceful time, tucked away in a rural retreat. Otherwise, you will just have to make do. Whatever you're up to, though, make physical fitness your first priority.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Now is the moment to stick to your principles. Your cautious, conservative plans are favoured: come out of the woodwork and claim your birthright as a traditionalist and don't let anyone persuade you that you need to break your favourite habits. By the way, this is also a perfect period for the young-at-heart.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Professional decisions, whether taken by you or a partner, must combine a sense of what is necessary financially, together with an understanding of what will enable you to enhance the quality of your life. Start by building firm foundations: this is no time for fanciful dreamers.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have high principles, no doubt about that. The only question at the present time is whether you are prepared to make the necessary compromises and accept half a loaf rather than none. Actually, financial pressures build up as the days pass, with a major opportunity at the end of the week.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Comforting developments are due today, perhaps because there's a prevailing sense that security is a necessary attribute of the civilised lifestyle. You should receive some welcome reassurance before long. Until then, continue to do the right thing.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Matters of a long-term financial or business nature must be set aside for a while, for a number of very good reasons. For a start, it is personal issues which count for more. And, secondly, it is a short-term gamble which is likely to do you most good. But your timing must be perfect.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

There are sound astrological reasons why this is an opportune moment to sort out various personal affairs. For one thing, it seems pretty certain that partners will respond to your suggestions with understanding and sympathy and plenty of warmth.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The most prominent planet of the moment is Saturn, a serious celestial body which encourages you to explain yourself clearly, come to sensible decisions and put your ideas into practice. But how do you do this? By making as much effort as you possibly can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Although there's some movement at home, I feel that you're still in the planning stage as far as major long-term ventures are concerned. You've a little while to go yet before you can crank yourself into top gear. Glad to say, though, you should have a much more positive outlook very soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Others' expectations of you are not always fair. Yet the question is: how should you respond to their demands? By ignoring them, perhaps? Maybe the best way forward is to put extra effort into your own favourite activities—and steer clear of unwanted confrontation.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

What on earth is happening with your finances? The presence of that muddled sign, Pisces, certainly seems to be suggesting confusion and possibly one or two bad buys, yet something very wonderful may come out of current discussions. That has to be worth the wait.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Secret romances are suggested by the current frivolous planetary alignment, as are charitable ventures and determined efforts to help other people. Your pleasure-loving instincts are emerging, as are your selfless ideals. What a potentially perfect position to be in.

Mumbai Indian5

Defending champions underline dominance with a superb all-round display to beat Delhi Capitals for their fifth IPL title

SYNOPSIS
A venomous first ball from Trent Boult threatened a one-sided encounter and though Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant lent Delhi Capitals some respectability, Rohit Sharma ensured Mumbai Indians lifted the title for the fifth time.



Rohit Sharma has now led Mumbai Indians to all their five IPL titles. BCCI

SRIRAM VEERA
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POWERPLAY HANGMAN Trent Boult nearly terminated the final on the first ball of the match when he knocked over Marcus Stoinis. That sinking feeling deepened when he took out Ajinkya Rahane in his second over and off-spinner Jayant Yadav removed Shikhar Dhawan to leave Delhi Capitals reeling at 22 for 3. They recovered through Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant but couldn't come up with a fiery finish in the last five overs and ended up on a below-par 156. Supported by brisk cameos from Quinton de Kock and Suryakumar Yadav, Rohit Sharma settled the issue with a responsible 68 as Mumbai cantered home by five wickets with eight balls to spare.

Devilish first ball

It was probably the most venomous first ball of any IPL final, certainly the first to take a wicket. It also led to a bemusing and rare visual: have we ever seen a batsman fall to a regulation nick outside off-stump but swing around 360 degrees to look at the wicketkeeper over his left shoulder? Such was the shock and awe in Stoinis, who was flattened by a devilish ball from Trent Boult. It kicked up from back of a length, even as it straightened just outside off-stump. And boy, was Stoinis stunned by that extra bounce and fizz off the track. By the time the bat came down, the ball had rammed it near the handle and flown to the wicketkeeper. The heavy ball had opened up Stoinis and thrust him into an awkward position.

The moment seemed like a throwback to the 2015 World Cup final when Brendon McCullum fell in the first over and the game drifted to a lame one-sided affair in Australia's favour. A feeling that strengthened after Rahane fell, strangled down the

leg-side and firmed up after Shikhar Dhawan was cleaned up by Yadav.

Yadav's inclusion was another good move by Mumbai, who went for him instead of Rahul Chahar as counter to Delhi's left-handers. Yadav, who has represented India in Tests and an ODI before being sidelined for a long time by a career-threatening injury, is a brave off-spinner. He showed it too, by tossing the ball up in the Powerplay, tempting Dhawan to go for the slog-sweep and spinning it past the heave to clatter the stumps.

Iyer and Pant with the recovery

Perhaps, the dire situation liberated them. Perhaps, their own poor form lifted any expectations. Whatever be the reason, Iyer and Pant slowly started to claw their way back to reach 59 for 3 in 9 overs when Krunal Pandya helped their cause in the next over.

The left-arm spinner usually likes to keep it tight but possibly moved by the fact that another wicket at that stage could derail Delhi, he flighted the ball a lot more than usual. Spinners have generally skidded the ball away from Pant, away from the off-

stump, making him drag it across the line. Pandya tossed it up on the stumps and Pant slammed him for two sixes as 16 runs came in that over and the innings found some momentum.

Iyer crash-landed Kieron Pollard for a six and it was nicely set up for a blast-off in the last five overs when Pant fell off the last ball of the 15th over, his favourite wristy swipe to the inside sending the ball straight to deep backward square-leg. From then on, Iyer too lost steam, and though he remained unbeaten, the final flourish never came – not from him, not from the others as Delhi finished on 156.

Rohit lifts cup for the fifth time

The last few days have been controversial for Rohit, to say the least, with the way he has managed the comeback from his injury. There was also a battle within the battle against R Ashwin, who opened the bowling after some prior success against him, but Rohit rushed down the track to put him over long-on in the first over. With de Kock taking the pressure off with a thunderous cameo and Yadav too starting off briskly, Rohit kept flowing in his inimitable style.

There was also some interest in how Sharma would play leg-spinner Praveen Dubey as he has had problems picking the googly from most leggies. However, he settled any doubts by depositing the young twerker for two sixes in the ninth over.

However, Rohit wasn't entirely confident against Ashwin and a desperate attempt to rotate strike with a quick single against him saw him run out Yadav in the 11th over. Yadav didn't want that run, stayed rooted at the non-striker end but Rohit didn't break his run at any stage and Yadav, Mumbai's best batsman this tournament, sacrificed his wicket for his well-set captain.

"He was batting really well at that moment and anchoring the innings; I don't mind sacrificing," Yadav would say later. Rohit continued to anchor the chase and though he fell near the end, there was no doubt that Mumbai would win the IPL for the fifth time.

BRIEF SCORES: Delhi Capitals 156/7 (Shreyas Iyer 65 not out, Rishabh Pant 56, Trent Boult 3/30) lost to Mumbai Indians 157/5 (Rohit Sharma 68, Ishan Kishan 33 not out, Anrich Nortje 2/25) by 5 wickets.

EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER

Surya's selfless, hard sacrifice

SURYAKUMAR YADAV was coasting along in first gear and was looking ripe to kick it up a notch. His partner on the other end, Rohit Sharma, had already settled down and was looking to bring up his first fifty of the IPL. And right then, a needless attempt at a run that never was to begin with from Sharma and Yadav's IPL final came to a quick finish. While Sharma called for the run, Yadav declined and was pacing back to his end of the crease. But by this time, Rohit had already breached halfway through and continued. Yadav could have stood and watched as his partner walked back to the pavilion but instead, he decided to let go off his wicket and as Sharma sank to his crutches, ruing the split-second decision he made which cost the Mumbai Indians their second wicket. Displaying a fuss free, business-like demeanour, Yadav shunned the glory he had managed to achieve by staying on and taking MI past the finish line and instead al-



lowed his captain to take centre stage. Surya may have been hamstrung by Sharma over there but won the moment when he gave his wicket up for his skipper – who has had to face scrutiny over his hamstring. **SHASHANK NAIR**

High decibel five

"YES! YES! YES! YES! YES!" And each shout of joy from Marcus Stoinis came with a different celebration. A few punches through the air, a punch down low, and then one into the palm of his left hand. Picking the wicket of Quinton De Kock, his joy was understandable. While batting for Delhi Capitals, he was caught behind on the first ball of the innings – and you could tell his annoyance in the way he furiously chewed his gum.

But then the usually stoic Stoinis let loose when he got the Mumbai Indians' set and dangerous opener caught behind from his first delivery on the night. The emotions from the charged up Aussie might have lasted longer, if only he wasn't crunched for a boundary by new batsman Suryakumar Yadav on the very next ball. Suddenly, the straight face was back, as the rate at which he punished his chewing gum began to increase. It wouldn't get better a ball later either, as he'd be dispatched over the leg-side field for six. And as the cameras panned towards the story-faced all-rounder, there was the frustrated crinkle of the nose. After five big yesses came two big Nos. **SHAHID JUDGE**

First banter, then bat talk

THE IPL final offered a refreshing novelty. After the toss, Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma and his Delhi Capitals counterpart Shreyas Iyer were seen having a lengthy conversation. Both Rohit and Shreyas are born and bred in Mumbai, play for the western Ranji team, and not often does an IPL final throw up two captains from the same city.

It was an animated conversation, though the flow of traffic was more from Rohit with Shreyas listening. Rohit looked assertive while Shreyas offered his views before nodding in the affirmative. Having oozed intent even before the start of the match trying to drive home a point, it was much the same when play was underway and no words were spoken.

Having come into the final on the heels of a few low scores and bereft of any visible facial expressions beyond his usual bunched up brows while batting, Rohit let his bat do the furious talking. **SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY**

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