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US TELLS CHINA TO SHUT HOUSTON CONSULATE

EXPLAINED



THE SIGNIFICANCE OFKAKRAPAR-3

MAULSHREESETH

THE RAM Janmabhoomi Teerth

Kshetra Trust, formed to facili-

tate construction of a Ram tem-

ple at the site where the Babri

Masjid once stood, announced

Wednesday that Prime Minister

Narendra Modi would be at-

tending the "bhoomi pujan" of

the temple site in Ayodhya on

treasurer of the Trust, told me-

dia persons that the Trust had in-

vited the Prime Minister for the

"bhoomi pujan" and he had ac-

cepted it and would be reaching

would be around noon and be-

fore that, the Prime Minister

would offer prayers at Hanuman

Garhi and the makeshift temple

distancing requirement, a total

Keeping in mind the social

CASES:

He said the "bhoomi pujan"

Ayodhya on August 5.

of the idol of Ramlalla.

Swami Govind Dev Giri,

LUCKNOW. JULY 22

August 5.

RAJASTHAN CRISIS: SC TO HEAR MATTER TODAY

Speaker goes to SC, says courts can't step in at this stage on disqualification

Joshi's petition to apex court says HC ruling 'illegal, perverse'; Pilot files caveat seeking to be heard

chief

get information. That is standard

practice. When a complaint is re-

ceived, a showcause notice is is-

sued. I have not taken any deci-

Whatever they (High Court)

have decided, we have agreed to

it... But the fact of the matter is

that the judgment given by the

Constitution Bench in 1992 was

very clear – that it is totally in the

"I don't want confrontation.

sion on it," he said.

Congress

MANOJ CG & **ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A DAY after the Rajasthan High Court asked him to defer action on the disqualification notices issued to former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and his 18 MLAs till July 24, Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C P Joshi

Seeking an interim stay on the High Court's direction, Joshi, in his petition, said it was "ille-

of 200 people, including 150 in-

vitees, would be allowed for the

Express, Kamal Nayan Das,

spokesperson for Trust chairman

Nritya Gopal Das, said: "Govind

Giri is a senior member and we

will go with his words." He said

on August 5, the "muhurat" (aus-

picious moment) will be for 32

was decided at the Trust meet-

ing that not more than 200 peo-

ple would be invited to the event

in view of the Covid-19 pan-

demic." While he maintained he

was not aware of the PMO deci-

sion, he said, "our preparations

On July 18, the Trust said it

had sent two dates, August 3 and

August 5, to the Prime Minister

and he could choose either for

Incidentally, August 5 will

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the "bhoomi pujan".

RECOVERED: 7,53,049

Kameshwar Chaupal, another Trust member, said: "It

seconds at 12.15 pm.

have begun"

"bhoomi pujan", he said Speaking to The Indian

Wednesdav.

Bhoomi Pujan Aug 5,

PM to be there, 200 in

all: Ram temple Trust

moved the Supreme Court on

gal, perverse and in derogation of the powers of the Speaker under the Constitution". A Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari will hear the matter on Thursday.

Hours after Joshi filed his petition, Pilot filed a caveat in the Supreme Court urging it to hear him before passing any order.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Joshi said while he did not want a confrontation with the judiciary, the law is clear that courts cannot intervene before the Speaker decides on the disqualification.

He said he had only issued domain of the Speaker to decide showcause notices to the MLAs on disqualification of members, and no court can intervene in beon a complaint filed by the tween," said Joshi. "Showcause notice is simply to

"A Speaker is a Constitutional authority. And he is given ample powers by law - the disqualification law passed by Parliament, duly endorsed by court, and all examples till today is that no court has intervened in be-

Asked if a member could be disqualified for not attending a legislature party meeting, Joshi said: "I have not dealt with all

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ED RAIDS ON GEHLOT BROTHER; CM WRITES TOPM; REBEL MLA **GOES TO HC REPORTS PAGE 5**

> Kalyan Singh, said in a TV debate Approving the names suggested by the UP government, the Supreme Court said the inquiry headed by retired judge

> Chauhan must look into how Dubey managed to get bail or parole despite 64 criminal cases against him. "We consider it to be the single most important factor," the Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and comprising Justices A S

panel: ex-DGP who said why doubt police

ANANTHAKRISHNANG& BUSINESS AS USUAL **AVANEESH MISHRA** NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JULY 22

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday approved a draft notification by the Uttar Pradesh government recommending the names of retired Supreme Court judge B S Chauhan and ex-DGP KLGupta for an expanded panel to probe the killing of gangster Vikas

Dubey in an alleged encounter. Days ago, Gupta, who served as the DGP of UP from April 1998 to December 1999, mainly under the BJP government led by that it was not right to doubt the police over the encounter.



manian, said, adding that the role of the state authorities must be covered.

It also said that it would not

monitor the probe. "Just because it has received so much publicity doesn't mean the SC will now monitor a criminal investigation," the CII said When Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the UP government, told the Bench that the terms of reference **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

SC notice to Bhushan, Twitter says will act if told, posts are identified

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE SUPREME Court has issued notice to advocate Prashant Bhushan on a suo motu criminal contempt case registered against him over two of his tweets, saying these had "brought the administration of

justice in disrepute". The bench of Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari, which began hearing the matter Wednesday, said: "We are, prima facie, of the view that the aforesaid statements on Twitter have brought the administration of justice in disrepute and are capable of undermining the dignity and authority of the Institution of Supreme Court in general and the office of the Chief Justice of India in particular, in the eyes

of public at large.' The bench also issued notice to Attorney General K K Venugopal and sought a reply from Twitter Incorporated, USA. It directed that the matter be listed again for hearing on

against Bhushan of June 27, 29

Complaint

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TWO TWEETS

The complaint against Bhushan was registered over a June 29 tweet by him on a photo of Chief Justice of India SA Bobde

While taking up the matter for hearing, the bench also took note of another tweet by Bhushan on June 27 regarding the judiciary which it said was published Wednesday in The Times of India.

"We take suo motu cognizance of the aforesaid tweet also apart from the tweet quoted above and suo motu register the

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7-DAY AVG DOUBLING

KEYSTATES 24HOURS TOWATCH CASES **GROWTH** RATE** ■ Maharashtra 3,27,031 8,336 2.90% 24.80 ■ Delhi 1,25,096 1,349 1.17% 61.75 ■Tamil Nadu 1,80,643 4,965 2.96% 24.36 7.06% ■ Karnataka 71,069 3,649 10.19 58,668 4,944 8.56% 8.41 Andhra Pradesh

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

11.92.914 | DEATHS: **28,732**

TESTS: 1,47,24,546 | DOUBLING RATE: 20.44**

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO POSITIVITY RATE 7 DAYS EARLIER: 7 DAYS EARLIER: 2.60 2.41

7.54 Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress

(in %): indicator of the spread of disease

Becoming sick vs

may signal the peak Data as on July 21, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include

DAILY IN. DAILY OUT

DETECTED TODAY

37,724

28,472

recovering; more recoveries for 14 days



Masked & Distancing

Jyotiraditya Scindia, now in the BJP, with Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh and Ghulam Nabi Azad before taking oath in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, Scindia has been elected to the Upper House from Madhya Pradesh. Anil Sharma

Never been a better time to invest in India, a nation you can trust: PM to US investors

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JULY 22

PITCHING INDIA'S rise as a country with "increasing openness" and one that the world "can trust", Prime Minister Narendra Modi told US investors Wednesday that there has "never been a better time to invest in India".

The Prime Minister's remarks, in an address to the US-India Business Council's India Ideas Summit, come at a time when Beijing's aggressive be-

SANDEEP SINGH

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

WITH MARKETS impacted by

the Covid pandemic and lock-

down, cash-rich corporates and

high net worth individuals

(HNIs) in financial capital

Mumbai have enhanced the

city's dominant position in as-

sets under management (AUM)

Cash-rich Mumbai

powers mutual funds,

other cities see decline



PM Modi speaking at the **India Ideas Summit.** ANI

haviour has sparked global con-

held by mutual funds.

Accounting for nearly 60 per

cent of the incremental indus-

try AUM over the last three

months, Mumbai increased its

share in mutual funds by over 3

percentage points from 33.4 per

cent in March to 36.5 per cent in

June, according to data released

by the Association of Mutual

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Funds in India.

CAN HELP PROTECT OUR INTERESTS: US

sions to a trade war.

cern and many countries are considering alternatives away

with China on a range of issues - from Hong Kong's autonomy to Taiwan, South China Sea ten-Pointing to India's rise, Modi

The US, in particular, has

been in a bruising war of words

said, "The rise of India means a

Money

THERE ARE two factors behind Mumbai's domiin markets. The economic distress led to much smaller fund in-

to spare

nance. The presence of corporates that invested in liquid and debt funds, and the large number of high net-worth and retail investors who took advantage of the March fall flows from other cities.

Valley teen accused of murder sent home, where his troubled life began

NAVEED IQBAL ANANTNAG, JULY 22

IT should have been a happy family reunion. However, the story of this 17-year-old Anantnag boy is anything but.

rise in trade opportunities with a

nation that you can trust, a rise

in global integration with in-

competitiveness with access to

a market which offers scale. And

a rise in your returns on invest-

ment with the availability of

in the frontier technology of 5G.

of opportunities. Let me give you

one example of the tech sector.

Recently, an interesting report

came out in India. It said for the

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He showcased opportunities

"India is emerging as a land

skilled human resources."

Given up by his underage parents as soon as he was born, growing up scarred by violence and mental health issues, married off at the age of 13, arrested two years ago for the alleged murder of his wife, herself a child, this teenage inmate at a Srinagar observation centre was sent to live with his father.

Three weeks later, officials involved in his rehabilitation told The Indian Express, the boy spends most of his time trying to find work, and praying. His homecoming, mandated by a court order. has everyone on edge.

His parents, who separated soon after his birth, are fearful. More so, because his alleged hostility towards fellow inmates at the observation home

prompted the court to track them down.

The hope now, say officials, is that the juvenile's life may finally turn the corner. But given the past, no one's guessing what will happen next.

'The story begins in South Kashmir in 2003," savs Madasir Nazar, a J&K Police Sub-Inspector who traced the parents. That was the year the boy was born to an underage mother who abandoned him citing her poverty

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Chashmah, or is it?

and popular series on Indian tel-

Covid backdrop, own make-up, face shields in TV scripts evision, Taarak Mehta... returned **ALAKA SAHANI** to the small screen Wednesday MUMBAI, JULY 22 after a four-month gap.

With shooting of television serials gradually resuming with JETHALAL Gada is having a meltdown. Father Champaklal has a set of safety guidelines, the cast gone missing but no one can and crew are learning to negotileave the housing complex to go ate a new normal. Social distanclooking for him because there is ing has replaced the easy bona lockdown. The crisis soon tides homie of yore with some actors over and all's well. Scene over even carrying their own makeup kits while lockdowns and face and Gada, played by Dilip Joshi, puts his mask back on and reshields make their way into cedes into the background. It's scripts and storylines. business as usual in the world of

"We have mustered a lot of Taarak Mehta Ka Oolta courage and returned to the sets,' savs Asit Kumarr Modi, creator of One of the longest-running the series which is based on a Gujarati column by journalist-



On the sets of Taarak Mehta ka Oolta Chashmah, masks only come off when one is before the camera. Nirmal Harindran

playwright Taarak Mehta.

The cast and crew undergo temperature checks and have sanitisers sprayed on them before entering the show's massive set in Mumbai's Film City. Bottles of sanitisers are kept across the set and everyone, barring the actors facing the camera, wears a mask. Once a scene is shot, the masks return with co-directors constantly reminding actors to "maintain social distancing".

'When we resumed shooting after such a long break, it was unusual to find such few people on the set. And since the set is frequently sanitised, it smelt like a hospital," says Joshi.

mask while giving a shot does pose a risk and a once-ordinary gesture like hugging a co-actor in the show now seems somecWhile the new storylines of television serials avoid scenes requiring crowds and actors over 65 years in order to adhere to the safety guidelines, the challenges include how to ventilate rooms where shooting takes place and how to keep the spirit of the cast

He admits that taking off the

As the lockdown restrictions ease, the industry is slowly hobbling back to activity. On Tuesday, Kapil Sharma shared a photograph of two men in PPE

and crew up.

show will be back soon. On Sony, new episodes of India's Best Dancer, a reality show, were aired on the weekend. A bunch of other shows such as Vighnaharta Ganesh, Crime Patrol, Mere Sai, Mere Dad Ki Dulhan, Ek Duje Ke Vaaste Season 2 returned on Sony on Monday. Zee TV is also bringing back Kumkum Bhagya, Guddan Tumse Na Ho Payega, Tumse Hai Rishta and Qurbaan Hua among others this month. Colors TV too has started airing new episodes of Shakti Astitva Ke Ehsaas Kii. Barrister Babu. Pavitra

suits applying make-up on him

while a teaser promises that his

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BHALUKPONG WOMEN'S LANGAR: SERVING HOT MEALS TO FRONTLINE WORKERS

In Arunachal Pradesh, a self-funded community kitchen ensured frontline workers in town did not skip lunch during lockdown. "Our objective was simple — to feed the frontline worker, be it a doctor, a nurse, a policeman or even a daily wage labourer," said Mary Sisidow, the 39-year-old who first suggested the idea

VIDEO OF THE DAY



SCINDIA, DIGVIJAYA IN RAJYA SABHA

The colleagues-turnedfoes exchanged greetings in RS

EXPLAINED



N95 MASKS WITH VALVED RESPIRATORS

The govt says they don't prevent the coronavirus from spreading out

EXPRESS Q AUDIO

How far away are we from a vaccine for **Covid-19?**

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

mission should sit in Delhi, the

Court rejected it, saying, "Why

should the evidence be in

Lucknow and commission sit

When the petitioners re-

ferred to other encounters in the state, the CJI turned to

Mehta and said, "You see that these incidents are not re-

who has filed a separate peti-

tion in the Dubey case, alleged

that the order to "finish" the

Advocate Anoop Awasthi,

in Delhi?"

peated in UP."

In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we take a look into the the race for a vaccine against the novel coronavirus

FROM PAGE ONE

Never been a better time to invest in India, a nation you can trust: PM to US investors

first time ever, there are more rural Internet users than even urban Internet users, Imagine the scale! There are about half a billion active Internet users in India now. Half a billion connected people. Does this sound huge to you? Hold your breath. Because, there are over half a billion more people who are being connected. Opportunities in technology also include opportunities in the frontier technologies of 5G, big data analytics, quantum computing, blockchain and Internet of things," he

"American investors often look out for the perfect timing to enter a sector or a country. To them, I would like to say: there has never been a better time to invest in India." he said.

Modi's remarks are significant given that there have been concerns over India's protectionist tendencies due to the formulation of the "self-reliant" India

He framed the self-reliance rationale: "India is contributing towards a prosperous and resilient world through the clarion call of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. And, for that, we await your partnership."

Today, there is global optimism towards India. This is because India offers a perfect comopenness. opportunities and options. Let me elaborate. India celebrates openness in people and in governance. Open minds make open markets. Open markets lead to greater prosperity. These are principles on which both India and the USA agree," he

"When the markets are open, when the opportunity is high and the options are many, can optimism be far behind," he

"For this vision, there are few better partners than the United States of America. India and the USA are two vibrant democracies with shared values. We are natural partners. The US-India friendship has scaled many heights in the past. Now it is time our partnership plays an important role in helping the world bounce back faster after the pandemic," Modi said, underlining the strength of bilat-

He also spoke on India's rise in the Ease of Doing Business rankings of the World Bank. He said each year, India is reaching record highs in FDI, adding that FDI inflows in India in 2019-20 were 74 billion dollars, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year.

He highlighted that even during the pandemic, India has attracted foreign investment of more than 20 billion dollars between April and July this year.

Masks, social distancing: Shooting in the time of Covid

Bhagya and Naati Pinky Ki Lambi

Love Story among others. The actors are happy to be back on the sets but the fear of contracting the virus looms large. "When I return home after the shoot, I first take a shower, ignoring my two dogs who demand my attention," says Malav Rajda, co-director of Taarak Mehta... who has a seven-

pected break" with his family his longest in the 12 years of the series being around — is happy to be back but says the news of Amitabh Bachchan and his family testing positive for Covid-19 only underlined the risks of their profession and got the unit worried. "We all have to be careful and learn to live with it, for now," he says.

The show, after all, must

Dubey probe gets new panel; **UP list includes** ex-DGP who questioned doubts over encounter

of the commission would include inquiry into the circumstances which led to the killing of Dubey, the CJI intervened to ask, "How can you refer to it as killed?" Mehta said they would modify it as alleged to have been killed.

Asked about his remarks, on an India Today TV debate on the Dubey case, ex-DGP Gupta told The Indian Express on Wednesday, "Once we are made a part of the inquiry, we should not speak much on the process. Now we have to work more and speak less. We will be objective and fair to the in-

In the show, uploaded on YouTube a week ago, Gupta takes on the various questions raised over the alleged encounter, including how only police vehicles were allowed to cross tolls and barriers ahead of the "encounter" spot, how Dubey was made to shift from one vehicle to another, and how the SUV he was finally in met with an accident. Speaking in Hindi, Gupta

said, "First of all I thank the media that you people did such investigative journalism, you followed the vehicle from Ujjain (where Dubey was caught), his own family members probably did not do so. Now, at tolls and barriers, police vehicles are allowed to pass, everyone knows. Other vehicles are checked, also because of coronavirus these days, if someone is carrying something. People might have been stopped for 5-10 minutes, in that time itself the media started creating a ruckus. Har ek cheez ko aap negativity pe mat dekhiye. Pehle dekhiye ki bechare aath maare gaye the, unke liye aap logon ne kuchch kiva kva?... Uske paas carbine kahan se aayi, kahan se usne woh bana rakha tha bilkul ordnance factory ghar mein (Don't see everything negatively. First, see if any of you did anything for the eight policemen killed by his gang... Where did he collect so many arms from, how had he made his house an ordnance factory)?"

The ex-DGP added, "Aap har cheez ko doubt se shuru kar rahe hain, ke uski gaadi kyun badal di gayi. Arey surprise element ke liye gaadi bhi badli jaati hai. SUV turn hoti hai, aap roz dekho national highway mein ... Wo gaya tha surrender karne ke live. ki mein judicial custody mein, judicial remand mein aaunga. Wahan ki police ne koi mukadma naĥin kayam kiya... uske saamne pesh hone ya transit remand ki zarurat hi nahin padi... Ab suniye, woh bhagega hee... dekha ki yeh police ne hand over kar diya, ki mara na jaun, jahan palta toh bhagne ka prayas kar raha tha... Woh trained hai, itne aadmi ko maar chuka hai, agar goli saamne se chalayega... toh police maaregi, toh saamne seene pe hi lagega na (You are starting with a doubt, that why was his vehicle

Speaker goes to SC, says courts can't intervene at this stage

that on the merit of it I have only issued showcause notices on a complaint re-

"As a Speaker, the group is not important for me. I have received a complaint from the Congress chief whip. And on the basis of that, I have given notices. That is all. I have not proceeded further. And in between, this has happened. The courts cannot intervene before the Speaker decides on the disqualification. Then the Speaker cannot do anything," he said. "As a Speaker, then I am only a silent spectator. Then what am I the Speaker for, if I cannot use the powers given to the Speaker," he said.

"For me, it is not about Sachin Pilot or Ashok Gehlot. I am the Speaker. The 1992 judgment of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court and all judgments after that, including the recent one on Manipur, make it clear that the court can only intervene after the Speaker decides on the disqualification... This is the set principle of law," he said.

Joshi said the lawyer who represented him had urged the High Court to direct the petitioners to approach the Speaker first, but they didn't agree.

In the Supreme Court, Joshi said he was "constrained to move this instant Special Leave Petition urgently" as the High Court "has intervened in pending Tenth Schedule proceedings at the initial notice stage itself and restrained" him "from even calling for replies and conducting the disqualification proceedings pending against the respondents 24.07.2020."

The petition, filed through Senior Advocates Kapil Sibal and Vivek Tankha and Advocate Sunil Fernandes, said the High Court's order "is in effect a stay on the powers of the Speaker under the Tenth Schedule to adjudicate on a disqualification petition".

"The proceedings under the Tenth Schedule before the Speaker are proceedings of the Legislature and as such cannot be interfered with, as repeatedly held by this Hon'ble Court, as envisaged under Article 212 read with para 6(2) of the Tenth Schedule," said the petition.

Referring to the 1992 ruling of a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in the Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu case, it said the Bench "expressly held that courts cannot interdict the Speaker from proceeding ahead at the quia timet stage (where action is threatened or imminent but has not yet commenced)".

Joshi, in his petition, said the notice issued to the rebel MlAs on July 14 "was only limited to inviting comments from the respondents and there was nothing adverse against the respondents. It is submitted that such a notice is not the final determination or decision on disqualification but only a commencement of the proceedings".

He said even the final decision of the Speaker is amenable to judicial review only on limited grounds, and,

conceivable that the notice... calling for comments on the disqualification is subject to judicial review".

Seeking an urgent hearing, the petition said the Supreme Court, "as the sentinel on the qui vive, has a duty to ensure that all the authorities under the Constitution exercise their iurisdiction within the boundaries and respective 'Lakshman Rekha' envisaged by the Constitution itself".

It said the "judiciary was never expected, under the Tenth Schedule, to interfere in the manner it has done in the instant case resulting in this constitutional impasse".

Granting temporary relief to Pilot and his MLAs, the Rajasthan High Court on Tuesday deferred its order on their petition challenging the disqualification notices, till July 24. It also asked the Speaker to extend the period given to the rebel MLAs to reply to his notice till then. The Speaker later agreed to defer any action "till the evening of

quarters, the aggregate share

of these cities came down

in December 2019 to 10.21

the flow of investors has not

stopped. In fact, it witnessed a

significant recovery last

month, with data showing

that new SIP registrations in

June rose to 9.13 lakh after

having dropped to 7.5 lakh

cities and towns got impacted

during the lockdown as many

investors, who invest by

physically visiting the branch.

were not able to do so. They

have also not been able to re-

new their SIPs that have com-

pleted their investment pe-

riod," said another executive

smaller cities, but the fresh

investments made by new in-

vestors is of relatively smaller

ticket size," said the executive.

the industry-wide liquid fund

During the quarter, while

"There is fund inflow from

with a fund house

"Inflows from smaller

But experts point out that

per cent.

gangster came from the Chief Minister's office. The CJI said, "We said circumstances which led to the killing of Dubey (will be investigated). It will include this.' Valley teen

accused of murder sent home, where his troubled life began

and impending divorce. But the boy's father, then 18 and a daily wage labourer, convinced the maternal grandparents to raise the child.

The boy attended a local government school till the fifth grade before his grandparents got him to start manual labour and agree to marriage "to instil a sense of responsibility". "They arranged for him to be married at 13 to a girl who was barely 12," says Nazar.

The "forced arrangement" lasted just about a year. On June 4, 2018, according to police, "he first tried to strangulate the girl with his hands and then hacked her". The boy was arrested the same day, and his grandparents were jailed as co-accused.

The teenager spent the next two years at a Juvenile home in Srinagar until the Juvenile Justice Board granted him bail in June last year on the condition that his father would submit an undertaking taking responsibility for his ward.

According to Principal Magistrate Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, Juvenile Justice Board, Anantnag: "The version of the father is that he has no responsibility to look after or take care of him. Both the father and maternal uncle declined to furnish bail or accept the responsibility of the invenile.

The board then decided that the bail conditions be modified in accordance with the Juvenile Justice Act 2015, and the boy was handed over to a Child Care Institute in Srinagar.

"But he had frequent outbursts of violence. Despite being a child in conflict with the law, he was also a child in need of care. We tried everything to convince the parents, social, moral. religious and even legal, but they had apprehensions," says Qureshi, adding that the boy was shifted to the observation centre in September 2019.

"His behaviour was still erratic and a cause of concern. He even injured some fellow inmates at the home. The judiciary intervened," says Qureshi.

It was then that Nazar was tasked with the search. After enguiries, he found the parents in a forest near their village where "they had gone to collect firewood while taking livestock for grazing".

"I brought his mother and father together, appealed to their humanity and reminded them of their responsibility. For hours, I tried to convince them that they should at least afford him a chance at reform." savs Nazar.

Finally, the police officer was able to bring the father, who has remarried, to the court on June 30. There, with a signature, he accepted his son, who had

in his life. Bhumi Pujan Aug 5, PM will be there, 200

in all: Ram

turned 17 just 54 days ago, back

temple trust mark one year of the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the State of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories.

Article 370 and the Ram temple were two ideological issues that the BJP, in the NDA's earlier avatar under Atal Bihari Vajpayee, had been forced to place on the backburner due to coalition compulsions.

In November 2019, three months after the abrogation of Article 370, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court directed that the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site be handed over to a Centre-appointed Trust for construction of a temple and Muslims be given an alternate 5acre site for a mosque.

Emerging from the July 18 Trust meeting, Champat Rai, general secretary of the Trust, said engineering and construction major L&T was collecting soil from a depth of 60 feet at the proposed temple site for tests.

SC contempt notice to Bhushan, Twitter says will act if told

proceedings," the bench said. Seeking the Attorney General's assistance, it said the petition "was placed before us on the administrative side whether it should be listed for hearing or not as permission of the Attorney General for India has not been obtained by the petitioner to file this petition. After examining the matter on administrative side, we have directed the matter to be listed before the Court to pass appropriate orders".

The bench had added Twitter India as a party to the matter. Appearing for Twitter, senior advocate Sajan Poovayya submitted that "Twitter Inc., California, USA is the correct description on which the tweets were made" by Bhushan and urged the court to replace Twitter India with it.

He said Twitter had nothing to defend and will act if the court directs it to disable the tweet identified by the Registry. He said Twitter cannot disable a tweet without the court's order.

Currently, Bhushan is appearing in the Supreme Court for the Centre for Public Interest Litigation, seeking transfer of PM Cares funds to the National Disaster Response Fund. He also represents the Association for Democratic Reforms in a petition challeng-

The top court will also take up on July 24 another contempt matter against Bhushan and former Tehelka editor Tarun Tejpal. The 2009 matter pertains to statements by Bhushan against former Chief Justices in an interview to Tehelka.

ing the Electoral Bond Scheme.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, who was amicus curiae in the 2009 matter, had submitted a report, drawing the court's attention to the alleged statements. Senior advocate Ram Jethmalani had represented Bhushan in the matter. Jethmalani passed away last

Cash-rich Mumbai powers mutual funds, other cities step back

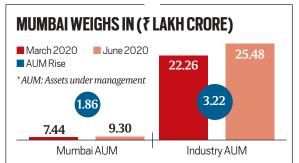
Experts say that as markets fell amid the pandemic, ployed their funds in sectororiented and gilt funds. among others. With a large presence of corporates, Mumbai also benefitted from their investment in liquid

The data shows that the industry AUM rose by Rs 3.2 lakh crore from Rs 22.26 lakh crore on March 31, 2020, to Rs 25.48 lakh crore at the end of June 2020.

In that three-month period, Mumbai's contribution in the gain was Rs 1.87 lakh crore -- 58 per cent of the industry's incremental AUM -as its share rose from Rs 7.43 lakh crore to Rs 9.3 lakh crore.

Experts say Mumbai's growing dominance, amid the severe economic distress caused by the pandemic, is a reflection of the presence of a large number of cash-rich HNIs and corporates in the city.

"They are sitting on cash but not lending or investing in businesses, which is a sign of low confidence in the economy. Since the markets are purely driven by liquidity and the hope of a medical solution to Covid, retail investors should be careful about where they invest and how much." said an investment expert, who did not wish to



"The decline in bank interest rates has also resulted in HNI and corporate money moving into the markets," the expert said.

While a large number of smaller cities witnessed a decline in their share, even cities such as Delhi. Bengaluru. Pune and Kolkata. which form the top five, witnessed a dip. In fact, the share of the top 15 cities, excluding Mumbai, dipped from 41.58 per cent in March 2020 to 39.36 per cent in June 2020.

Last year, a wealth report by Knight Frank said that Mumbai had 797 ultra HNIs out of 1,947 across the country, while Delhi had 211.

Industry insiders say that in Mumbai, "smart money" made its way into the market between April and June. "HNIs and investors in Mumbai deployed their funds in sectoral funds, such as pharma-oriented funds, and moved

money into gilt funds even as investors from a large part of the country were trying to figure out whether to remain invested and continue with their SIPs," said a senior executive

The mark-to-market gains in such sectoral funds has also led to the rise in Mumbai's share as a high number of investors of such funds are in the city, the official said.

trast to what has been seen Mumbai's share in industry nessed a huge inflow of funds from smaller cities and towns.

In the same period, cities beyond the top 110 -- based on AUM contribution -- saw their share rise from 2.6 per cent to 11.47 per cent. However, over the last two

with a leading mutual fund.

This trend is in sharp conover the last six years. AUM stood at 42.04 per cent in March 2014 and dipped to 33.23 per cent in December 2019, as the industry wit-

AUM rose from Rs 4.24 lakh crore in March to Rs 5.29 lakh crore in June, that of the equity-oriented and ELSS schemes combined rose from Rs 6.02 lakh crore to Rs 7.28 lakh crore. Gilt, income and other debt schemes saw the combined AUM rise from Rs 7.55 lakh crore to Rs 7.69 lakh crore in the same period.

switched, that's done for suprise element. SUVs overturn all the time on national highways... He had gone to surrender, thought he would stay in judicial custody, remand. But the police there had no case. there was no need for a remand... So it's natural he would run... seeing that police have taken me into custody, I might get killed. The moment the vehicle turned over, he must have tried to run... He was trained, he had killed so many, if he fires from the front, police will fire back, and he will get hit in the

be identified.

Gupta added that anyway there would be an inquiry and the police would have to explain what happened. The police were not "sarve sarva (supreme)", he said.

Saying he was yet to receive

any written order appointing him to the Dubey probe panel, **Gupta told The Indian Express** that his comments on the TV show were at "a different time and situation". "I might have said some things as a former policeman when asked by someone. But now I should not speak anything about it. Now I am reportedly part of the in-

quiry commission and the police are also the subject matter in that inquiry. In fact, police conduct is more under the scanner. Therefore I do not have any comment at this point of time. The final report by us will go to the court in a sealed envelope.' The UP government had

earlier set up a one-man commission under retired Allahabad High Court judge Justice Shashi Kant Agarwal. The Supreme Court had asked it to expand the panel including a former judge of the top court and an ex-police officer.

On the alleged encounters which led to deaths of five associates of Dubey, the Court said Wednesday, "We also direct that the Special Investigation Team already constituted by the state government will be free to inquire into any of the related incidents which are the subject matters

The Court said that the commission will sit in Lucknow and secretarial assistance would be provided by the Centre. When advocate Ghanshyam Upadhyay, one of the petitioners, said the com-

New Delhi



month-old child at home.

Joshi, who spent this "unex-

Assembly panel looks at Tripura CM's remarks

New Delhi: The Delhi Assembly's Committee on Peace and Harmony Wednesday decided to take cognizance of remarks made by Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb on Jat and Sikh communities. "Several aggrieved persons deposed before the committee. More depositions, findings to follow," committee chairperson Raghav Chadha said. The Aam Aadmi Party also demanded the resignation of Deb for his "regressive comments".

Man kills wife, children, held

New Delhi: Police said a 39-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his wife and their two children at their home in Outer Delhi's Nihal Vihar on Sunday.

Man held for snatching cop's pistol

New Delhi: A man was arrested for allegedly snatching a police constable's service pistol after he was caught consuming alcohol at Outer Delhi's Shahbad Dairy.

HC directs DU on degrees

New Delhi: The Delhi HC Wednesday directed DU to consider making a special interface to provide degree-certificates with security features to students through an online mode with digital signatures. ENS

WILL HELP FORMULATE CONTAINMENT POLICIES: JAIN

New plan to check Covid spread in capital: Sero survey every month

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JULY 22

DELHI WILL witness a sero survey during the first five days of every month, starting August 1, the AAP government has announced. The move comes a day after the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced the results of a comprehensive sero surveillance carried out in Delhi between June 27 and July 10. The results showed that 22.86% of the 21,387 people surveyed had been exposed to Covid-19.

"A survey was done last month in Delhi to check the prevalence of the disease, and the results show that almost onefourth of Delhi's population has been infected with the virus and have now recovered. Most of them were not even aware that they had been affected. The government has now decided to conduct a sero surveillance every month to assess how many people have been infected with the disease," said Delhi Health Satyendar Jain Minister Wednesday.

The recent survey collected samples from across 11 districts of the capital, which were then divided into two groups - of less than 18 years and older. The survey carried out by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) along with state health authorities also concluded that 77% of the remaining population continues to be vulnerable to the virus - and that rigorous measures to enforce containment zones are necessary.

"We will collect more than 21,000 samples. We are doing it again to identify further spread of the disease and to formulate policies for containment and management. It will be a representative sample of the society, which will include people from all age groups. We are developing a strategy as per scientific evidence," Jain said.



22.86% of the 21,387 people surveyed between June 27 and July 10 were found to have been exposed to Covid-19. Praveen Khanna

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL					
TO	TAL CASES		Total	Vacant	
1,26,323		HOSPITAL BEDS	15,431	12,118	
		VENTILATORS	1,181	753	
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
July 21	1,349	1,200	27	20,852	
July 22	1,227	1,532	29	20,060	
Total	14,954*	1,07,650	3,719	8,71,371	
			*Tota	l active cases	

This will be the third serological surveillance to be carried out in Delhi. Earlier, ICMR had conducted a pilot sero survey in April across 83 districts in 21 states. That survey, carried out in containment zones of Delhi's Southeast district, showed a prevalence of 9-11% of the dis-

Asked about community transmission and where the city stood in terms of herd immunity, Jain said: "There is a spread in the community as around 23% of people have been infected and recovered. The decision to call it

community transmission has to be taken by the NCDC and the Central government. According to experts, if 40-70% people have been infected and recovered then herd immunity is developed. At present, it is not feasible to say that herd immunity has developed in Delhi.'

Jain further added that the percentage of deaths due to Covid-19 in July is far less than in

During the recent sero survey, the ICMR had approved the use of COVID KAVACH ELISA kits for testing. About 160 teams of

four members each, comprising anganwadi/ ASHA, ANM, pharmacists and phlebotomists, visited the houses randomly picked

by the districts. On Wednesday, Delhi recorded 1,227 coronavirus cases, taking the tally in the city to over 1.26 lakh, while the death toll from the disease rose to 3,719. Twenty-nine fatalities have been recorded in the last 24 hours. The number of Rapid Antigen Tests conducted that day stood at 14,810 while the RT-PCR, CBNAAT $and \, True \, NAAT \, tests \, figures \, were \,$ 5,250, in all adding to 20,060. The total number of tests done till date in Delhi stands at 8,71,371. The number of tests done per million, as on Wednesday, was 45,861.

At private labs

Earlier this month, all top private hospitals and labs had started antibody testing, where a blood sample is collected to determine if a person is infected with the novel coronavirus. It is also used to detect if the person was infected in the past based on whether antibodies were pro-

"We started the IgG antibody test around 10 days ago and have carried out around 3,000 such tests so far. As per the results, around 15-20% of the people have tested positive, which means they have developed certain immunity levels against the virus," said Dr Arvind Lal, chairman and managing director of Dr Lal PathLabs.

Dr Dangs Lab, which has tested 1,200 people, has found a positivity of 20-25%. "Majority of those who have tested positive are asymptomatic. It is extremely important to understand that the test does not indicate infectivity but is only used for surveillance purpose. It only explains whether the person has been exposed to the virus before. Those who are coming for the test include healthcare workers, other frontline workers, and some professionals who are about to join work," said Dr Arjun Dang, CEO, Dr Dangs Lab.

Dr Poonam Das, principal director, Max Labs, said: "We are doing a study on 315 individuals who had tested positive for Covid-19 in the RT-PCR test. Around 84% showed IgG antibody positivity after three weeks of infection/symptoms. This is a healthy sign as it indicates not only past infection but also immunity against a particular virus or reinfection by the same virus We are following up some of these patients to recheck their antibodies after an interval of two weeks - majority are showing a rise in IgG antibody values. It's too early to say what the trend would be like, but as of now it's a positive sign, contrary to initial reports shared during the pandemic from countries abroad where it was stated that patients who recovered from the infection were not producing antibodies against it. However, we have to continue following up the count of IgG antibodies to see

Fresh tenders issued for Ghazipur abattoir

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, JULY 22

FOLLOWING CRITICISM that the tender conditions to run the Ghazipur slaughterhouse only favoured big players, the East MCD has relaxed the criteria for hiring a new contractor and floated a fresh tender, The Indian Express has learnt.

The civic body, which runs the 25-acre facility near NH-24, had closed the slaughterhouse in the last week of March amid the pandemic. The abattoir was also closed because the contract of the company that carries out slaughter had ended.

Sources said East Delhi BJP MP Gautam Gambhir intervened in the matter and held a meeting with councillors and senior EDMC leaders, asking them to invite fresh tenders that are more inclusive, instead of giving extension to the same company.

The 10-year lease period of the firm running the slaughterhouse, Frigorifico Allana Pvt Ltd, had expired in August 2019. The EDMC floated a tender twice, in September 2018 and July 2019, but no other firm came forward.

This led to the company being given extensions twice. Last week, it was provided a third extension after which AAP leaders in the MCD alleged that due

process was not being followed. "I looked into the issue to ensure maximum participation. Extension without a transparent system should not happen; a new tender is being raised. This will lead to EDMC earning more,"

Gambhir told The Indian Express. Revisions in the tender include a condition that the bidding company needs to only have an annual profit share of Rs 6 crore, against earlier criteria of Rs 40 crore. EDMC Mayor Nirmal Jain said, "Performance guarantee which was kept at Rs 40 crore has been reduced to a royalty fee of just six months. Besides, the clause that the bidding company should have experience of running a rendering plant is not needed."

A senior official from Frigorifico Allana said, "We never stopped anyone from bidding... The company has run the slaughterhouse all these years smoothly, following all norms.'

EDMC commissioner Dilraj Kaur did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding misinformation being spread by MCI that Singhania University requires Central Government permission to take admission in MBBS and other medical courses and to award degree to the pass out students kindly refer to the IGNOU judgment of Hon'ble Delhi High Court in which it has been held that statutory university like IGNOU and likewise Singhania University, does not require any permission from Central Government or MCI to take admission in MBBS/MD/MS & other medical courses and award degree/ diploma to the pass out students and that degree holder will be automatically recognized & eligible to apply for registration with State Medical Council and in Indian Medical Register. Taking into consideration relevant provisions of the MCI Act, the High Court further held that theMCI Act stipulates recognition of qualification and not recognition of university i.e.the degree holder shall be eligible for registration if the degree/diploma is listed in First Schedule of the MCI Act.

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HC questions UGC on feasibility of online exam

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Wednesday sought clarification from the University Grants Commission (UGC) on whether universities can conduct Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), open choices, assignments and presentations, instead of long-form final exams. Justice Prathiba M Singh also observed it failed to understand why UGC was insisting on conducting final exams. It said, "Imagine the number of writ petitions that are going to come here... after OBE in August. DU (Delhi University) will be struggling with it for years. I think the administration has collapsed and students are suffering. OBE is not going to work." "It is completely

impractical to have timed examinations. We live in the heart of Delhi and there was no electricity or connectivity for hours due to the rain. You have to adopt a method for exams which is practical.," the judge orally observed.

When the court said the online exams require a minimum of 4G connectivity, the counsel for

DU submitted that 3G speed will be fine. "Your own FAO (Frequently Asked Questions) on your website says 4G is recommended and 2G speed will not be sufficient," the court pointed out. The court's observations came while hearing a plea against DU's decision to hold OBE for final-year

undergraduate courses, ENS

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LEGAL OPINION

As per law and legal advice supported by various Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court judgments, Singhania University being a statutory university, in exercise of its fundamental rights under Articles 14 and 19 can take admission, impart education, conduct research, award degree/ diploma, certificate in all courses and render placement assistance to its students. Since degree, diplomas and all qualifications are awarded by the university authority of law by authority of law, the same are *sui generis* valid for all intents and purposes and degree holder students will be automatically eligible for Government jobs and registration with councils. There will be no requirement to take any approval/recognition from any authority including Government, councils incl. MCl, PCl etc.
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As such, Singhania University degree/diploma holder students shall be automatically entitled to be eligible for registration in State Medical Register, Indian Medical Register and the MBBS and other qualifications which are awarded by Singhania University are listed in Schedule I of the MCI Act. Kindly note that all authorities who do not act according to law will be liable for civil and criminal action.

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Sonu Punjaban gets 24 years in jail for trafficking minor

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A DELHI court has awarded Geeta Arora alias Sonu Punjaban (35), accused of trafficking a 12year-old girl for prostitution, a 24 year-prison sentence, observing she "has no right to live in civilised society" and "crossed all limits to be called a woman and deserves severest punishment

provided under the law".

documents is a habitual offender, was facing trial for the trafficking of the minor girl. The child was initially kidnapped by co-accused Sandeep Bedwal (41), who was also convicted and sentenced to 20 years in jail. He has to pay Rs 65,000 while Punjaban has to pay a fine of Rs 64,000. This is the first time she has been convicted in a case.

Punjaban, who as per court

The court said the girl was sexually exploited for three-four years at the hands of several offenders, and if Sandeep had not kidnapped her, "perhaps the ordeal would not have happened".

The victim was then sold to Punjaban, who confined the girl, administered drugs to incapacitate her, and sold her for prostitution. After keeping her for 3-4 months, the minor was sold to her associate, Lala from Lucknow.

While sentencing Punjaban, Additional Sessions Judge Pritam Singh observed she "not only purchased a victim for prostitution but she also brutalised her to make her surrender to her demands. She forcibly administered drugs to the victim so that she could not resist a customer... The modesty of a woman is next

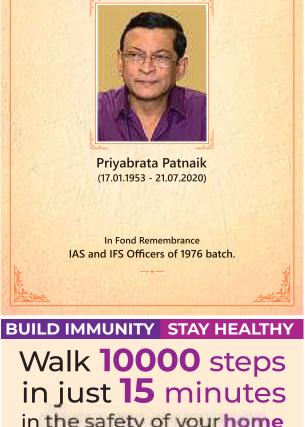


Sonu Punjaban

to her soul. How a woman can outrage and brutalise the modesty of another woman, who is a minor, in such a horrific way? The shameful deeds of Geeta Arora alias Sonu Punjaban deprives her of any lencieny from the courts. A person, irrespective of gender, who does such horrific and terrible acts, has no right to live in civilised society and for her the best place to live is within the four boundaries of the jail. The convict crossed all the limits to be called a woman and deserves severest punishment provided under the law."

The court also ordered a compensation of Rs 7 lakh along with the Rs 2 lakh interim relief already granted by a court order on June 4, 2019, saying, "The victim was deprived of the company of her parents, siblings and friends that a child requires most in her childhood".

RM Tufail, Punjaban's lawyer, had urged the court to grant her leniency considering her husband was murdered and there was no one to look after her minor son, her 60-year-old mother and her HIV-positive brother. She has already been in custody for over two years.



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Journalist shot in Ghaziabad dies, delay in police action under scanner

AMIL BHATNAGAR

GHAZIABAD, JULY 22

DESPITE RECEIVING a complaint by journalist Vikram Joshi on July 16, alleging that his relative had been molested, it was a day after he was attacked that police converted it into an FIR.

Ioshi was shot in the head, in front of his two minor daughters, on Monday. He succumbed to injuries on Wednesday morning at Ghaziabad's Yashoda Hospital.

Police have so far arrested nine people for his murder, and claim the accused are the same men against whom Joshi had filed the molestation complaint.

sub-inspector, Raghvendra, has been suspended for dereliction of duty with immediate effect. The role of the Vijay Nagar SHO is also under probe to ascertain if other police officers were complicit in the alleged delay. A report has been sought, which will be submitted within the next 24 hours. The report will fix responsibility of the incident and action will be taken accordingly," said Praveen Kumar, IG (Meerut Range)

Joshi's family alleged that two hours before he was shot, he made a call to sub-inspector Raghvendra, saying he was under threat from the accused mentioned in the July 16 com-

"The accused had come to my house a day after we approached police with the com-



Vikram's mother (left) and wife at their home in Ghaziabad Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

plaint. On Monday, they were spotted nearby again. Vikram called the police and said they were up to something, but he (the SI) dismissed it, saying he was unwell. If he could not come, could he not have sent someone else?" Joshi's sister alleged.

Police said the allegation that the policeman did not respond to the call is being

Two complaints, dated July 16, written by Vikram's sister state that two accused, Ravi and Chotu, came to their residence that night, abused her family and made "lewd gestures". The letter further alleges that when her son tried to argue with the accused, they assaulted him.

While one letter was sent to the SSP office, the other was addressed to the Vijay Nagar po-

Family members alleged that the complaint was the reason behind Vikram's murder.

Both Ravi and Chotu have been arrested along with seven others. Chotu was accused in a stabbing case in 2016 and granted bail. Police said they are looking into criminal records of

Vikram was returning from his sister's home, near his own residence, when he was shot. The family had gathered to celebrate his niece's birthday.

"What his children have seen is beyond anyone's imagination. Vikram's daughter has barely spoken since that day. His wife is dazed and has not comprehended the situation. When these people are out on bail, who is to say that they will not target us again?" his sister

AAP, Cong sharpen attack on UP govt over law and order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday announced Rs 10 lakh compensation for the family of journalist Vikram Joshi, who succumbed to injuries after he was shot by a group of assailants Monday night. The state government fur $ther \, announced \, that \, they \, will \, be \,$ providing a job to Joshi's wife and free education to his three children.

Condemning the attack, the Congress as well as Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal questioned the law and order situation in the state.

Kejriwal tweeted: "The murder of journalist Vikram Joshi, for raising his voice against the harassment of his relative, raises a lot of questions on our system of law and order. The murderers should be given the harshest punishment possible."

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said "the promise (of the BJP) was of giving 'Ram Raj' but it has given 'Gundaraj'." "The jungle raj in Uttar

Pradesh has reached such a level

that a common man feels scared



Vikram Joshi was shot on Monday night

of criminals after registering a complaint. The BJP government, like previous governments, has failed in tackling crime," said AICC general secretary Priyanka

Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel also said the killing of the journalist is another example of the breakdown of law and order in UP.

Media bodies such as the Press Association and the Indian Women's Press Corps demanded a judicial probe into the death as well as into other incidents of assault on journalists in



Kejriwal, Sisodia and Atishi were at the meeting with the students Wednesday. Express

Kejriwal meets toppers: Never forget what nation did for you

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal met 19 students of Delhi government schools who had performed well in their class XII board exams, along with their parents and heads of schools, at his residence on Wednesday.

Talking to them, he said, "Everything is free in your school. How is it free? Where is the money coming from? Who is paying the government to sponsor education in government schools? It is the taxpayers' money that is being utilised. And who pays taxes? Everyone, including even the poorest man of this nation, pays tax. It is the

PRITAM PALSINGH

Northeast Delhi riots case.

ing the "system for ride", despite

the fact that their petition seeking cancellation of Farooq's bail

is pending adjudication before

trial court had in its June 20 or-

der observed that the police

chargesheet "is bereft of mate-

rial showing his links with PFI,

Pinira Tod group and Muslim

clerics". It had also said. "It is

prima facie not established that

the applicant was at the spot at

Court on June 22, challenging

the trial court's order on the

ground that "while granting bail

to Farooq, the Additional

Sessions Judge incorrectly

recorded that in none of the

CCTV footage, presence of re-

spondent was there". The Delhi

Police appeal is pending consid-

tion against Faroog, Delhi Police

counsel Amit Prasad submitted

that there is violation of the bail

order and on July 4, Dharmesh

Sharma, son of complainant

Yatendra Sharma in the present

case, received a life-threatening

call from an unknown number,

Defending the separate peti-

Delhi Police moved the High

Granting bail to Farooq, the

it in another petition.

the time of incident."

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

money paid as tax by a poor man through which you are receiving free, good quality education. So when you grow up, be what you have aspired to be but never forget what the nation has done for you.'

Among the students he met were Mehjabi, who scored 94% and is the first girl in her extended family to study till class XII; Charu Yadav, who topped her school in humanities with 96% after having failed maths in class IX and flunked class XI after opting for the science stream; and Raghav Kumar, who lived alone and gave tuitions to earn a living while simultaneously preparing for his board exams and finally scoring 93.4%.

"A perception was created

In riot case, HC says police

that a low income family does not want their child to study. They want their children to work and earn money. But the reality was that the failure on part of the government in not ensuring quality education to children made low-income families think that sending them to school would be a waste of time. Now that the condition of government schools has improved in Delhi, the poor man wants his child to study and make a bright future for himself. A common man now wants his child to go to school, study hard, and make a name for himself. Every father or mother is committed to seeing to it that their children have access to good education," said

Kidnap bid foiled as woman leaps to daughter's defence

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A WOMAN rescued her fouryear-old daughter from two bikeher from her house in East Delhi's Shakarpur Tuesday. Neighbours too rushed to the woman's aid, attacking the kidnappers and trying to block their way, but the accused threatened them with a weapon and managed to escape.

One of the kidnappers was traced and arrested. A day later, police arrested Upender, the child's paternal uncle, who allegedly planned the kidnapping to get money from his brother Tarun. Police said he was in debt.

Police said Upender sent his friend Dheerai (26) and his associate to his brother's house on Tuesday. Around 4 pm, one of the accused entered the house and asked Tarun's wife Sangeeta for water. When she went to the kitchen, the man picked up the child and ran towards the bike.

CCTV footage of the incident shows Sangeeta running after the man and pulling her daughter from his clutches. She also bushed the bike rider, causing him to fall. The rider starts his bike and speeds away, while the other accused flees on foot.

A neighbour then runs after the men. To stop them from fleeing, another neighbour parks his



CCTV grab of the incident

two-wheeler in the middle of the road. The men then catch the accused and thrash them, but one of the accused pulls out a knife and they flee on foot. Prabhakar Jha, Tarun's neighbour, told The Indian Express, "I hit him and tried to stop him, but he had a knife. He opened his bag and I saw a pistol.'



DCP(East) Jasmeet Singh said, "We sent out a team from Shakarpur police station to search for the accused." A team led by SHO Sanjeev Sharma scanned CCTV footage and traced Dheerai through the bike they left behind. He was arrested from Jagatpuri. When questioned, Dheeraj said he and his associate were offered Rs 1 lakh by Upender, who was arrested Wednesday.

Upender told police he worked at a casino years ago and was in debt. He was planning to get Rs 35 lakh as ransom from his brother Tarun, who owns a garment store in Gandhi Nagar



GONDOLAS NEEDED

A flooded AIIMS flyover Wednesday. Elsewhere, around 10 feet of the Ashoka Road on the Windsor Place circle near India Gate caved in Wednesday afternoon due to a sewer leakage, caused by the rain. 41 waterlogging complaints were received across the city. Tashi Tobgyal

Parents seek official help after school 'bars students' over fee

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JULY 22

A DELEGATION of parents of students at the Pathways World School, Aravali, met the Commissioner of Gurgaon Wednesday and sought his intervention, after the school allegedly "debarred" their children from attending online classes allegedly over a fee dispute.

According to parents, the institution has been demanding

the entire "composite fee" for the semester despite the fact that students are currently not attending school. The Harvana government in April had said only monthly tuition fee should be charged from parents.

"We pay a hefty fee of around Rs 10 lakh per annum for our daughter, a class X student. The school has infrastructure like a swimming pool and other facilities, which are not being used now. But the school wants us to pay the whole amount," claimed

anonymity. The school did not comment

Parents alleged that around 450 students have been debarred from attending online classes since Tuesday.

on the matter.

After the parents apprised the situation, Commissioner of the Gurgaon division Ashok Sangwan wrote to the District Education Officer and directed that no coercive action be taken against students.



The trial court had earlier granted bail to Farooq, the owner of Rajdhani Public School

asking him to take back the case against Farooq.

Dismissing the separate petition today and terming it as 'not maintainable", the court specifically sought to know from the Delhi Police's counsel if they have been able to find out the owner of the mobile number from which the complainant's son received the call.

Prasad submitted that investigation with regard to the call is on and an FIR has been regis-

To which, Justice Kait said, 'Since it is not established till date that the said phone call was made by the accused (Farooq) or on his behalf, no action can be taken at this stage. Also, the present petition concerns the order of June 20, passed by the trial court, which is pending before this court.

The court, however, made it clear that if it is established who made the call to the complainant or his family members during the probe, the report shall be considered at the time of deciding this petition. The appeal will be heard on July 24.

Delhi government's Standing Counsel (Criminal) Rahul Mehra objected to the second petition, saying: "Can two petitions on the same cause of action be filed ...?'

"In fact the registry (of the High Court) must be hauled up; how they have allowed on the same cause of action two petitions. One is already pending. There is a disclaimer and disclosure, which has to be made before the registry. That I have not filed any other petition, before any other court. How has the registry permitted this petition to be placed before this court? Just because the Centre's lawyer wants to do it, can the registry throw all the rules to the wind...," he said.

Farooq is currently in jail, as he was arrested in another case related to the riots.

AIIMS doctor donates blood to critical patient, then dons gown for surgery

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JULY 22

FACED WITH a critically ill patient who required a blood transfusion before he could be operated on, a junior resident doctor at AIIMS stepped in to donate blood.

Dr Mohd Fawaz (24), working with the department of surgery, said the patient, in his mid 30s, came to the emergency on Tuesday and was suffering from septic shock due to infection in the lower left leg.

According to doctors, the in-



Dr Mohd Fawaz

fection had spread across the leg and had to be operated on at

"The patient came with his wife, who was not physically fit to donate blood. I wanted to take him to the operation theatre and remove the infected parts so that he can be stabilised. We couldn't wait for his attendants to reach the hospital, so I decided to donate blood and get a few more units from the blood bank," Dr Fawaz told The Indian Express.

The patient's hemoglobin was low and doctors had to intubate him. According to doctors, there

was not much blood available in the bank as well. "He was given external support to manage the blood pressure and put on ventilator. He required three-four blood transfusions," said Di **Fawaz** Hours later, the patient's he-

moglobin levels finally stabilised and a team of doctors, including Dr Fawaz, are preparing to perform the operation. "At the time of a pandemic, it is getting difficult for people to reach out to each other... For a doctor, the main aim is to save the lives of patients. Every patient visiting the hospital should be treated with the best

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

TWO DAYS after a contractual doctor with the Delhi government, who was on Covid duty, succumbed to the virus, Health Minister Satyendar Jain announced that his family will receive Rs 1 crore as compensation.

Dr Javed Ali, who is survived by his wife and their two children, joined Delhi government's National Health Mission in 2011. Since March, he was on duty at a quarantine centre, a Covid care centre, and at a sero surveillance

On duty since March, contractual doc dies of Covid, family in lurch

Jain declares Rs 1 crore compensation

for family of doctor who died of Covid

The Indian Express report dated July 21

centre, before getting infected in June. He died on Monday. On Tuesday, The Indian Express

reported that the cost of Dr Ali's treatment at a private hospital was borne by his family at first.

"CM Arvind Kejriwal has announced that he will be given Corona Warrior status. Delhi govt will give Rs 1 cr compensation to the family." Dr Javed's wife, Dr Heena, said that she was "touched by the gesture". On Wednesday, four mem-

On Wednesday, Jain tweeted,

bers of the NHM Doctors' Welfare Association met Jain with a set of demands for NHM doctors.

On Wednesday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met the family of healthcare worker Charan Singh, who succumbed to the virus on May 30, and gave them Rs 1 crore compensation.

5 GOVT & POLITICS



PM Narendra Modi interacts with BJP's newly elected Rajya Sabha MPs on Wednesday. ANI

45 new RS members take oath

PM advice to BJP MPs: Stay updated on latest policy issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

FROM VETERANS like Sharad Pawar, Mallikariun Kharge and Digvijaya Singh to first-timers such as Priyanka Chaturvedi and Shaktisinh Gohil, 45 newlyelected members of Rajya Sabha took oath on Wednesday in a ceremony held for the first time in the Rajya Sabha chambers during the inter-session period.

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu urged the members to uphold rules and procedures while discharging their duties as lawmakers and not fall prey to disruptions.

The oath is usually administered to newly-elected members either during the session or in the chamber of the Chairman if the House is not in session. But since the Monsoon Session has been delayed due to the pandemic, the members were administered oath so that they can participate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on

Wednesday called on BIP veteran

LK Advani, ahead of the former

deputy prime minister's sched-

uled hearing in the 1992 Babri

Shah was accompanied by BJP

general secretary Bhupender

Yadav. Sources said a battery of

government lawyers also called

on the 92-year-old leader's resi-

dence in connection with the case.

that the meeting was a courtesy

call. "He is our senior leader and

SC Collegium

appointment of

Judges in 3 HCs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court Collegium

has approved the proposals to ap-

point ten Additional Judges as Per-

manent Judges in Kerala, Jhar-

khand and Bombay High Courts.

July 21, has approved the propos-

als to appoint Justices V G Arun, N

Nagaresh, T V Anilkumar and N

Anil Kumar as Permanent Judges

in Kerala High Court. They are now

Additional Judges in the high court.

The Collegium, headed

by the CJI, met on July 21

The Collegium, which is hea-

ded by Chief Justice of India

S A Bobde, approved the propos-

als to appoint Justices Sanjay

Kumar Dwivedi, and Deepak

Roshan as Permanent Judges in

the Jharkhand High Court, They

are currently Additional Judges in

Those approved for appoint-

ment as Permanent Judges in the

Bombay High Court are Justices S

M Modak, Jamadar N Jahiroddin,

Vinay G Joshi, and Avachat R

Govind. They, too, are currently

Additional Judges in the high court.

the high court.

The Collegium, which met on

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10 Permanent

approves

Yadav told The Indian Express

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

Masjid demolition case.

in meetings of Standing Committees, which resumed this month. The members will be nominated to committees in a day or two.

Among those who took the oath are 36 first-timers. Some of the re-elected members are NCP chief Pawar, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Union minister Ramdas Athawale and Congress's Digvijaya Singh. The BJP's Jyotiraditya Scindia and Congress's Kharge, KCVenugopal, Rajeev Satav and Deepinder Singh Hooda — who were members of the Lok Sabha earlier — were among the first-time members.

Scindia and Digvijaya greeted each other. Scindia's exit from the Congress in March was because of differences with Digvijaya and the then Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath. Scindia also greeted Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad.

After the ceremony, Chairman Naidu urged MPs not to fall prey to the temptation of disrupting pro-

term gains". "Ensuring rule of law is the spirit of our law of the land (Constitution). It shall begin with your compliance with the rules and procedures of this House."

Modi met with the newly-elected BJP MPs after they took oath, later tweeting, "Had an excellent interaction with the newly elected @BJP4India Rajya Sabha MPs. It was wonderful to hear their views and passion towards public service. This is a group of MPs who are diverse and will certainly make effective contributions to Parliamentary proceedings."

Shah calls on Advani ahead of hearing in Babri demolition case

> The Supreme Court has asked the special court to finish the trial in the case by August 31. Conducting regular hearings, the court is recording the statements of 32 accused under Section 313 of CrPC to enable them to plead their innocence,

> if they so want. Shah's visit to Advani also comes weeks before the grand ceremony planned at Ayodhya by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra. On August 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the Ram

ceedings of the House for "short-

Prime Minister Narendra

"Urged MPs to keep themselves updated with latest policy issues. Also emphasised on being effective on the floor of the House as well as in the field, among people. Reiterated the need for constant people connect and embracing latest technology as well as social media,"

LK Advani

the visit was just a courtesy call." On Monday, a special CBI court set July 24 as the date for recording Advani's statement in the case. His statement under

CrPC Section 313 will be recorded via video conferencing.

Temple to be built in Ayodhya.

RAJASTHAN POWER PLAY

Conspiracy to topple state govt: Gehlot in letter to PM

HAMZAKHAN

JAIPUR, JULY 22

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that efforts are being made to destabilise a democratically elected government "which is gross insult to the mandate of the people and open violation of constitutional values".

While the letter was written on July 19, it was shared with the media by Gehlot's office on Wednesday.

In the letter, Gehlot wrote to Modi that he would like to draw his attention towards attempts to topple the state government through "horse trading". He said the attempt was being made by "Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, some other BJP leaders, and some very ambitious politicians of

our party". "Due to a multi-party system, various parties are chosen in the state and in the

Centre. It is Ashok Gehlot the beauty of our democ-

racy that these governments have risen over party politics and worked while prioritising public interest," Gehlot said.

"I will regret that while the Centre and state have a responsibility to save life and livelihood of common man, the ruling party at the Centre is playing the main role in the conspiracy of toppling Rajasthan's Congress government. Such allegations were earlier levelled during toppling of Madhya Pradesh government during coronavirus, and your party earned a bad name throughout the country," he

"I don't know how much of this is known by you or if you are being misled. History will never forgive those who are participating in such acts. In the end, I am sure that our government will give good governance and complete its tenure.' Gehlot said.

State BJP president Satish Poonia said the CM's letter makes it clear that he has lost all trust of his MLAs and that his government is in minority. He said the CM is attacking the BJP to get people's sympathy and hide its

ED raids premises of Gehlot brother in fertiliser scam case

HAMZA KHAN

JAIPUR, JULY 22

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Wednesday conducted nationwide raids, including at properties of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's brother Agrasen, in connection with an alleged fertiliser scam.

The agency conducted raids at 13 places in Rajasthan, West Bengal, Gujarat and Delhi, sources said. In Jodhpur, ED officials searched multiple properties of Gehlot's company, Anupam Krishi.

The scam concerns alleged illegal export of Muriate of Potash (MoP), which is imported by Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and distributed to farmers, through companies, at subsidised rates. According to officials, between 2007 and 2009, Agrasen, who was an authorised dealer for IPL, bought MoP at subsidised rates and instead of distributing to farmers, allegedly sold it to a few companies.

These companies, ED says, subsequently exported it to Malaysia and Singapore in the guise of industrial salt.

MoP is listed among items banned for export. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had un-



An official in PPE during the raid at Jodhpur. PTI

earthed the scam in 2012-13. A source said Agrasen was not

present on the premises when the raids were conducted. Calling the development a

part of the Centre's "raid raj", Congress's communications incharge Randeep Singh Surjewala told the media in Jaipur, "A frustrated government sent ED at the home of CM Gehlot's elder brother.... His only fault is that he is the elder brother of Ashok Gehlot. He has nothing to do with politics but raids were conducted...'

Agrasen is the sixth person to be investigated or questioned by

constitutional authority through legal channel: Speaker Joshi

Bid to circumvent

DEEP MUKHERJEE

JAIPUR, JULY 22

RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY Speaker CPJoshi said on Wednesday that he is "miffed with the Rajasthan High Court directions" to him.

On Tuesday, the court "requested" Joshi to extend the period given to the rebel Congress MLAs to reply to his notice after the court deferred its order on the petition till July 24.

Joshi said on Wednesday that he has directed his counsel to file a special leave petition in the Supreme Court to avoid a "constitutional crisis".

'The role of constitutional authorities is defined in a parliamentary democracy. In 1992, the Supreme Court in the Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu case had established how the process of disqualification will be conducted and who has jurisdiction over it. The court said that the Speaker has jurisdiction and no court shall intervene till the Speaker makes a decision. This is the verdict of a constitution bench," Joshi told reporters here.

He said that the constitution bench of the SC in 1992 restituted the validity of the 10th Schedule.

"I am kshubdh (miffed) with the orders given to me," said Joshi in a press note. "For the first time, our elected

friends want to circumvent the functions of a constitutional authority through the legal chan-

Pilot notice to MLA who said he offered Rs 35 cr to join BJP

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, JULY 22

FORMER RAJASTHAN Deputy CM Sachin Pilot has served a legal notice to Congress MLA Girraj Singh and sought a written apology after the latter alleged that Pilot had offered him crores of rupees to switch over to the BJP.

Addressing a press meet on July 20, Singh, MLA from Bari, had claimed that he was offered Rs 35 crore by Pilot to switch to the BJP. Hours later, Pilot had said in a statement, "I am saddened but not surprised to be at the receiving end of such baseless and vexatious allegations being levelled against me... I will be taking appropriate and strictest possible legal action against the MLA who was made to make these accusations."

The notice, sent through Supreme Court lawver S Hariharan, states that Pilot was "disturbed" to know the allegations levelled against him "with sole intention of tarnishing his image and to obtain political mileage and to accrue undue advantage to his political opponents". Singh told The Indian Express

that he will comment on the notice once he receives it.

Pilot has sought a written apology from Singh before the media and a token amount of Re 1 "for issuing a false and frivolous allegation" within seven days of the receipt of notice. The lawver also said that failing to do so may invite "appropriate proceedings criminal and civil litigation" for defamation. He said Pilot never spoke to Singh in this regard.

Date: 22-07-2020

Rebel MLAs want Centre as party in case before HC

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR. JULY 22

political crisis began.

About the alleged scam, a

source said one Shantilal Mali, of

Ramdev Chemicals and Sandeep

Suppliers, based in Sirohi, had pro-

cured MoP from Agrasen's com-

pany, which was an authorised

dealer. Mali allegedly arranged

fake bills of feldspar powder and

salt from Kolkata-based Classic Sa-

les Agency and Ashoka Salt Refi-

nery Industries in Rajasthan's Fal-

odi. The MoP was camouflaged as

feldspar powder or salt and expo-

rted — it never reached the farm-

ers it was intended for, the agency

says. Agrasen was accused of be-

ing part of a syndicate and receiv-

ing an amount as commission. The

office of the Commissioner of

Customs Kandla, Gujarat, had im-

posed a penalty of Rs 5.45 crore on

Anupam Krishi. ED sources said

Agrasen and his company were

eventually fined Rs 60 crore. Acco-

rding to the agency, over 35,000

metric tonnes of MoP, worth nea-

rly Rs 130 crore, was diverted in all.

laundering after Customs Depart-

ment filed a chargesheet on July 13,

the day Income Tax Department

raided three Rajasthan-based busi-

ness groups said to be close to CM

Ashok Gehlot. WITH ENS, DELHI

The ED lodged a case of money

REBEL CONGRESS MLAs led by former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot have moved the Rajasthan High Court, seeking that the Union government be made a party in the matter concerning Assembly Speaker CP Joshi's notice to them.

The plea, moved by Todabhim MLA Prithviraj Meena on behalf of the rebel MLAs, says their ear-

lier plea challenged constitutional validity of Para 2 (1) (a) of Schedule Ten of the Constitution.

The constitutional validity to the same was made pursuant to an amendment application that came to be allowed by this Honourable Court. In view of the above and since the constitutional validity of the provisions of the Constitution of India are under challenge, The Union of India is required to be made a party to the present proceedings.

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Advt.No.19/2020/ISER-T/Rect./23.07.2020 Registrar



30th June, 2020 (published in Newspaper on 01.07.2020), that a meeting of Board of Directors of National Fertilizers Limited is scheduled to be held at Noida (Uttar Pradesh) on 30th July, 2020 to inter-alia consider and approve the audited financial results of the Company for the quarter and inancial year ended **31⁵¹ March 2020**, after these results are reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board

Keeping in view of ending of first quarter for F.Y. 2020-21 on 30.06.2020 read with circular/clarification issued by National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. and BSE Ltd. dated 2ndApril, 2019, the trading window shall continue to be closed from July 1, 2020 till 48 hours after the declaration of financial results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2020 in terms of Code of Conduct for regulating and reporting Trading by Designated Persons and their securities of NFL

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's website www.nationalfertilizers.com and on the BSE/NSE website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively

Date: 22.07.2020

Company Secretary NFL: Farmers' Friend, Nation's Pride

(Ashok Jha)

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations), notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company inter alia to consider and approve the standalone and consolidated unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 instead of Friday, July 24, 2020 as notified earlier.

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's website at http://www.ril.com and may also be accessed on the Stock Exchange websites at http://www.bseindia.com and http://www.nseindia.com.

> For Reliance Industries Limited Savithri Parekh

Place: Mumbai Joint Company Secretary and Date : July 21, 2020 Compliance Officer

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TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM)

the Notice of AGM.

In compliance with the Circulars issued by MCA, electronic copies of the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20. will be sent to all the Members whose e-mail addresses are recistered. available with the Company / Depository Participants. Members holding shares in physical mode and have not updated their e-mail addresses with the Company are requested to update their small addresses by sending copy of the following documents by e-mail to investors@smisuzu.com:

a) a signed request letter mentioning your name, folio number and complete address:

Notice of AGM and the Annual Report will be available on the Company's website www.smlsuzu.com on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com. on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at www.nseindia.com and also on the website of NSOL at

Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote remotely on the business items as set out in the Notice of AGM through remote e-voting e-voting at AGM for Members holding shares in dematerialized mode,

addresses will be provided in the Notice of AGM. 5. The Board has not recommended any dividend for the Financial Year For SML ISUZU LIMITED

Place: Chandigarh Dated: 22.07.2020

Company Secretary

(Nawanshahr) Punjab -144 533. Phone : 01881- 270255; Fax : 01881-270223

36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SML ISUZU LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 24th August, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 & Circulars issued thereunder by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, to transact the businesses as set out, in

b) scanned copy of Share Certificate (front and back);

 self-attested scanned copy of PAN card. Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to register their e-mail addresses with their Depository.

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e-voting at AGM. The manner of casting vote through remote e-votings physical mode and for Members who have not registered their email

(PARVESH MADAN)

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

M.S. Building, Banglore - 560 001.

Notification - Selection of Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University The Government of Karnataka invites applications for the selection of Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapur as per sec.14(2) of Karnataka State University

Act, 2000 from eligible distinguished Academicians/Professors with following credentials i. A person of the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment.

A distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years' of experience as Professor in a University or ten years' of experience in a reputed research and / or academic Administrative

Organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

iii. As provided in the sec 14(5) and 14(6) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000, the Vice Chancellor shall, subject to the pleasure of the Chancellor and the State Government, hold the office for a maximum period of 4 years or until he attains the age of Sixty Seven years whichever is earlier. Consequently, a person to be appointed as Vice Chancellor shall have clear four years tenure.

2. It is hereby apprised that second proviso of sub-section (4) of section 14 provides that the Vice-Chancellor of the Women University shall, as far as practicable be a woman.

3. Persons interested in submitting their candidacy for the Vice-Chancellor of Akkamahadevi Women's University, should make hard copies of the application in triplicate duly filled along with the academic, research credentials and administrative experience, achievements & other details in the proforma prescribed by the UGC within 15 days at the latest from the date of publication of this advertisement, to: Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, 6th Floor, Gate No. 02, M.S. Building, Banglore - 560 001.

4. Single soft copy of the application in PDF format should be mailed to e-mail: kgsheduni2020@gmail.com.

5. In support of unblemished career and undoubted integrity, the applicant who is retired from service, should file a self attested certificate to the effect that no departmental / criminal enquiry is instituted / pending against him or no enquiry is culminated in penalties. Whereas, in case of applicant in service, he should file a certificate of his employer in this regard. The concerned will be subjected to stringent action if certificates are found to be false. Further, the applications not accompanying the above mentioned certificates will not be considered and processed.

6. The application proforma is available on the website of Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapur, Karnataka. 7. Incomplete applications and applications received after the stipulated time limit will not be

entertained. This office is not responsible for postal or other kinds of delays. 8. The candidature of those who indulge in undue influencing on the selection process through unethical means will stand cancelled.

Higher Education Department

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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BACKGROUND HUMOUR

THE PANDEMIC may have interrupted physical hearings in the Supreme Court, but courtroom humour is still alive. Justice Arun Mishra, holding a videoconference hearing, was amused by Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi's stark red background. Rohatgi said it was a portrait, and pointed to the rain outside that was visible on a part of the screen. Agreeing to an adjournment, Rohatgi said he would like to enjoy the weather. Intervening, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said in a lighter vein, "Since he said he would like to enjoy the weather, I was looking at his table to see what is on it." Justice Mishra asked if it was something Mehta could not afford, to which Mehta said, "No my Lord, but I come from a different state of Gujarat."

RAKHI REQUEST

OPPOSITION PARTIES have novel ways of making a political point. BJP general secretary Saroj Pandey sent Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel a rakhi and tilak to remind him about his promise of prohibition. "In your party manifesto you had promised the mothers and sisters... The women in Chhattisgarh blessed you with both hands in the election," Pandey recalled. She said that by sending him the rakhi, she was entitled to ask for a gift. Pointing out that women had suffered during the lockdown and the opening of beverage shops has worsened the situation, the BJP Rajya Sabha MP said that she along with other sisters in the state were expecting a gift from the CM on Rakshabandhan.

TECH OPPORTUNITIES

A NITI Aayog-led conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and technology experts gave a sneak peek into the PM's ideas for using technology to help alleviate what he called a "mismatch" between people who have skills and the places that need them. He suggested using artificial intelligence to help companies and job seekers sift through options, especially when many Indians are not willing to travel far from home. Participants from Youth Affairs, Health, Labour and Employment Ministries, the PMO, the Principal Scientific Adviser, National Health Authority, and technology industry experts sought the PM's advice on features for such an algorithm, like adding educational options for children of job seekers, availabilities for both members of a couple, and a global mapping of job seekers and opportunities matched to India's.

Indigenous nuke reactor in Gujarat achieves criticality

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ALMOST 25 years after the last unit was commissioned at Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant, the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has achieved criticality of a third unit of 700 MWe at the plant in Tapi district which is fully based on indigenous technology.

The first two units at Kakrapar of 220 MWe (Megawatt electric) each were based on Canadian technology. The third unit is fully indigenous," said an official from the power plant. The first Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) of 220 MWe was commissioned on May 6, 1993, while the second unit of similar capacity was commissioned on September 1, 1995.

The third reactor at Kakrapar is the front runner in a series of 16 indigenous 700 MWe PHWRs which are under various stages of development. The third unit at Kakrapar achieved its first criticality at 9:36 am on Wednesday. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted congratulating the scientists for this feat.

"A reactor is said to be critical

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF **KAKRAPAR-3**

when the nuclear fuel inside a reactor sustains a fission chain reaction, where each fission event neutrons to sustain a series of reactions. Criticality is first step towards power production. In the coming days, we will be testing various parameters and the power production will be slowly scaled up," the official told *The*

Indian Express. NPCIL has termed the development "historic" as the components and equipment for the reactor were manufactured by Indian industries and the construction and erection was undertaken by various Indian contractors.

The work on third and fourth unit of 700 MWe each began in 2011, the official said. The fuel loading for the reactor core was completed by mid-March 2020. The indigenous 700 MWe PHWRs have advanced safety features like steel lined inner containment, passive decay heat removal system, containment spray system, hydrogen management system, among others.

EXPLAINED

'Like-minded', India can protect interest against China: Pompeo

US needs to learn to work with a more multipolar world, says Jaishankar

SHUBHAJITROY NEW DELHI, JULY 22

CALLING INDIA one of the "few trusted and like-minded countries", US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo on Wednesday said, while referring to the June 15 clash between Chinese and Indian troops in Ladakh, that he is confident they will be able to protect their interests with "concerted efforts".

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, speaking elsewhere at the same event, said that the US needs to "learn to work...with a more multipolar world" and "go beyond alliances with which it has grown up over the last two generations".

Addressing the India Ideas Summit, organised by the US India Business Council, Pompeo said: "Recent clashes initiated by the PLA (of China) are just the latest examples of the CCP's (Communist Party of China) unacceptable behaviour. We are deeply saddened by the death of





S Jaishankar, Michael R

20 Indian service members (in Ladakh's Galwan Valley). I am confident that with our concerted efforts we will be able to protect our interests.'

Speaking at another session of

the summit, Jaishankar said, "I think the US really has to learn to work in a sense with a more multipolar world, with more plurilateral arrangements, go beyond alliances with which really it has grown up over the last two generations. There will be issues on which our convergence will be more, somewhere it could be less. I think the quest in the last 20 years, and I see that continuing into the future, is really to find more common ground.

"We have the ability today by working together to shape the world," he said, and underlined the areas of maritime security counterterrorism, pandemic, climate

Pompeo said the US has never been more supportive of India's security, and called New Delhi "an important and a key pillar" of US President Donald Trump's foreign policy.

change and knowledge economy.

"We don't just interact on a bilateral basis. We see each other for what we are - great democracies, global powers, really good friends," Pompeo said. "India is one of a few trusted, like-minded countries whose leaders I call on a regular basis for counsel and collaboration on issues that span continents. I'm grateful in particular to minister Jaishankar and his friendship, for his sage advice."

He said, "It's important that democracies like ours work together, especially as we see more clearly than ever the true scope of the challenge posed by the CCP. Our infrastructure projects, our supply chains, our sovereignty

and our people's health and safety are all at risk.'

Pompeo said, "India has a chance to check global supply chains away from China and reduce reliance on Chinese companies in areas (of) telecommunications, medical and others.

He said: "India is in this position because it has earned the trust of many nations around the world. including the US. But to achieve these worthy goals India will need to encourage an environment that is more open to increase trade and investment. And I'm confident our partnership is only getting stronger. Let's emerge from this current challenge more resilient and innovative. Let's seize this moment to deepen cooperation..."

On the issue of trade, Iaishankar said, "I would say the last few years have been dominated by a conversation about your complaints and our complaints and, depending on where you sit...it looks a little bit differ-**FULL REPORT ON**

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Col Babu's wife

Hyderabad: Telangana

CM K Chandrashekar Rao

Wednesday handed over

a letter of appointment as Deputy Collector and a

house site in Hyderabad

to Santoshi, the wife of

Col Santosh Babu, who

was among 20 Indian sol-

diers killed in the Galwan

Valley. "The Collector in-

vited me today, showed

the place (land in

Hyderabad) to me and

gave the related docu-

ments. I am thankful to

the CM and Collector,"

appointed as

Dy Collector

Prasad: Need to acknowledge sovereignty of data

KARISHMA MEHROTRA NEW DELHI, JULY 22

IT MINISTER Ravi Shankar Prasad on Wednesday reiterated the importance of "data sovereignty" at the G20 Digital Economy Ministers virtual meeting, where he spoke in the presence of the Chinese IT minister.

"The digital platforms need to be responsive, accountable and sensitive to the concerns of sovereign nations as far as safety, defence and data privacy are concerned," Prasad said in the meeting. "We understand the issue of data innovation and data cross flow but we also need to acknowledge the sovereignty of the data... we are very clear that data must belong to the sovereign nation concerned to protect the privacy of its people, to protect the digital concerns of its people. And obviously, giving good occasions for innovation... all has to have a proper balancing act."

The minister's remarks come in the backdrop of the Centre banning 59 apps with Chinese links, citing "emergent nature of threats" and saying that they were engaged in activities "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity", defence, security and public order.

A press statement said that Prasad "mentioned that India is soon going to put in place a robust personal data protection law which will not only address the data privacy related concerns of citizens but also ensure availability of data for innovation and economic development. In view of these concerns, the digital platforms having presence in many countries must become trustwor-

Data protection laws and calls to restrict flow of data between national borders has been an unresolved debate among global leaders. In 2019, G20 leaders had drawn up the "Osaka track" that promoted cross-border flow of data. India did not sign the declaration, while Australia, China, Japan and the UK were among 24 countries that did.

A ministerial declaration from Wednesday's meeting hosted by Saudi Arabia stated: "The crossborder flow of data, information, ideas and knowledge generates higher productivity, greater innovation, and improved sustainable development. At the same time, we recognise that the free flow of data raises certain challenges, such as the protection of privacy and personal data. G20 members recognise the need to address these challenges, in accordance with relevant applicable legal frameworks, which can further facilitate data free flow and strengthen consumer and business trust without prejudice to legitimate public policy objectives."

The declaration included a G20 Roadmap towards "Common Framework for Measuring the Digital Economy" in order to define and measure the digital economy. The indicators are related to infrastructure, technology adoption and innovations, empowering society, and jobs, skills and growth. The declaration also called for a "human-centered approach to Al".

Prasad also emphasised the need for a resilient global supply chain and making India an attractive destination for investment in those chains



Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at G20 Digital Economy Ministers virtual meeting, in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

IAF's rapid deployment in LAC standoff sent strong message: Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 22

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Wednesday lauded the Air Force for its rapid deployment in forward areas in the ongoing standoff with China and said it had sent across a strong message.

Singh was speaking at the inauguration of the three-day biannual conference of the Indian Air Force leadership to discuss the security, operational and deployment scenario within

Addressing the conference, Chief of Air Force, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, asserted that the Air Force is prepared to handle any short-term or strategic threats to the country.

Appreciating the "proactive response by the IAF in bolstering

COVID EFFECT

APURVA VISHWANATH

INDICATING THE effect of the

Covid-19 lockdown on the judi-

cial system, the filing of crucial

cases in the Allahabad High

Court, the country's largest, fell

by 65% between February and

cases were filed every month in

the high court in 2019, as per an

official of the court, the National

Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) shows

that in July, only 5,157 cases have

maintained database under the

e-courts project, a monitoring

tool to identify, manage and re-

In March, when the lock-

down set in, over 8,000 cases

were filed at the high court. In

contrast, in the previous months

of January and February, when

the court sat regularly, it saw

titions as per the NIDG data. In

March, the writ plea numbers

Of these, 1,038 were writ pe-

over 22,000 filings.

duce the pendency of cases.

The NIDG is a government-

been filed so far.

While approximately 20,000

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Rajnath Singh at the Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi. PTI

Since Jan, cases in Allahabad

High Court drop by a fourth

dipped to 190 cases, while in

April and May, just 36 cases were

filed. Although filings improved

marginally in June, crossing 200

cases, these dipped again in July,

violations of fundamental

rights, and criminal appeals.

that are challenges against

lower court orders, have been

qualified as "urgent", and hence

to be heard during the re-

stricted functioning of courts

Allahabad High Court saw 63

and 60 criminal appeals, respec-

tively. In March, the numbers fell

to half, just 31. Between April and

May, just 21 criminal appeals

were filed, while in June, no

criminal appeals are recorded at

was initially closed down on

March 18, with only remand and

bail petitions allowed. After the

lockdown was extended, the

high court began hearing other

"urgent" cases over video-con-

ferencing, with the prior ap-

proval of the Chief Justice.

The Allahabad High Court

the high court by the NJDG.

In January and February, the

following the pandemic.

Both writ petitions, filed for

its operational capabilities over the past few months", the Defence Minister said "the professional manner in which IAF conducted the air strikes in Balakot as well as rapid deployment of IAF assets at forward locations in response to the prevailing situation in eastern Ladakh has sent a strong message to the adversaries," said a government statement.

Singh said the "nation's resolve to defend its sovereignty stands firm on the faith its people have in the capability of its armed forces", the statement said. Regarding the efforts to de-escalate on the LAC in eastern Ladakh, Singh "urged the IAF to stand ready to handle any eventuality", it added.

Air Force Chief Bhadauria said "the IAF was well prepared to counter short term as well as strategic threats".

However, the lack of sufficient

infrastructure continues to ham-

In June, the Allahabad High

Court offered cubicles on court

premises for lawyers and liti-

gants who did not have access to

infrastructure. However, the bar

termed the functioning

"chaotic". This week, the

Allahabad High Court Bar

Association wrote to Chief

Justice Govind Mathur, urging

him to suspend court function-

ing till "proper arrangements

were made for e-filing, manual

filing and video-conferencing".

Monday and Tuesday, the high

court shut down entirely, with

neither physical nor e-filing al-

lowed, after a surge in cases in

ready accounts for the highest

pending case rate among all high

courts in the country, at 30% (to-

tal number stands at 7.39 lakh).

Over 35% of these pending cases

strength of 160 judges, the court

Against its sanctioned

are writ petitions.

currently has 102.

The Allahabad High Court al-

the state

Meanwhile, this week on

per its functioning.

Lawyers lost livelihood in Covid, why no

Santoshi said.

help them: SC **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

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special fund to

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday took suo motu cognizance of the loss of livelihood of lawyers on account of the pandemic and sought to know why a special fund should not be set

up to help them. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde termed the situation "unprecedented" and issued notices to the Centre and the Bar Council of India.

"We find that the pandemic has taken a heavy toll of the lives of citizens and particulate legal fraternity," the bench said. It pointed out that the legal fraternity is bound by rules to restrict their occupation to the practice of law and are not entitled to earn livelihood by any other means.

"A sizeable proportion is denied of their income and livelihood," the court said. It observed that this had prompted constant calls for resumption of physical hearings which, however, may jeopardise the health situation.

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah has asked the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) to gather more data on backlog in recruitment, and find out if there are instances of appointment of general category candidates on

Suitable", sources said. Shah sought this information

NCBC chairman Bhagwan Lal Sahni said, "We said that if the new criteria are implemented. the representation of OBCs will decrease drastically. Shah listened to all of us and asked for some data in support of the

At meet with NCBC, Shah seeks data on recruitment backlog **SHYAMLALYADAV**

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

posts reserved for OBCs as "None of the OBC candidates) Found

at a meeting with the NCBC at his office on Tuesday. He had called the meeting to discuss the government's proposal regarding inclusion of salary in family income to decide the creamy layer. Sources said that the chairman and other four members of the NCBC raised concerns that a huge number of OBC-reserved posts are already vacant in central government and academic institutions.

Amit Shah

points made by us." general

secretary Bhupender Yadav was also present. Sources said that NCBC member Sudha Yadav quoted from a re-

port of a parliamentary committee headed by Yaday (Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Law & Justice) which mentions the backlog (as on January 1,2019) in recruitment for posts reserved for OBCs in the central government. NCBC members also quoted the report of a parliamentary committee headed by BJP MP Ganesh Singh which said that as on January 1, 2016, the representation of OBCs in Group-A services of the central government was only 13.01 per cent and in Group-B services it was 14.78 per cent.

The NCBC has now started gathering data from all central universities, IITs, IIMs, NITs, IIITs and AIIMS

In seed-potato belt, farmers produced less for planting in new season

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR. JULY 22

GURMINDER SINGH Sangha harvested 41,000 50-kg "packets" of potatoes from his 2019-20 crop, as against the previous year's 43,000. Out of the 41,000 packets, only 25,000 comprised 'seed" potatoes, down from the 35,000 of last year. The rest 16,000 packets were regular "table" potatoes for direct kitchen consumption that he sold in December-Ianuary.

"I sold twice my normal quantity of table potatoes as the prices in December, at Rs 800/quintal, were four times the level a year ago, and rose further to Rs 1,4001,500 in January. I needed the money and decided to grow less of my crop for selling later as seed," says the 38-year-old who cultivates the tuber on 200 acres, 17 of his own and the remaining leased, in Nawanpind village of Punjab's Kapurthala district.

Punjab produces just over 5% of India's potatoes. But the state's Doaba region — covering the four districts of Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur and Nawanshahr — supplies practically the entire potatoes that farmers across the country use as fresh "seed".

Farmers in this belt sow their crop between mid-October and end-November and harvest from mid-February to endMarch. The harvested tubers are kept in the fields under the cover of paddy stubbles for 2-3 weeks. Once their peels get sufficiently hardened, they are put in cold stores for sale as seeds to farmers both in the kharif (May-July) and rabi (October-November) planting season.

But farmers like Sangha who supplies to West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Karnataka – have this time harvested a significant part of their produce in December-January itself for selling as table potato. "Growing and selling seed potatoes would have taken longer. When the rates for table potatoes were so good then, it made sense to harvest immediately



Punjab produces just over 5% of India's potatoes.

and sell more of it," he points out. Harpreet Singh, a farmer from Sarai Kham village in Jalandhar district's Nokodar tehsil who grows potatoes of 40 acres owned and 110 acres leased land, has done the same. While his total crop is unchanged at around 30,000 packets, the share of seed-potatoes in that has fallen from 28,000 in 2018-19 to 20.000.

"The seed-potatoes I harvested in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 fetched Rs 400-500/quintal, not covering even half of the cultivation cost. This time. I was getting Rs 1,000-plus even from table potatoes, which hit Rs 1,600 levels by mid-March before the lockdown. Knowing how unpredictable prices are, I sold more produce as table potato and reduced the quantity kept as seed in the cold store,' explains Singh

Currently, farmers in Doaba are realising Rs 2,000-2,200 per quintal for table potatoes and selling seed at Rs 3,000-3,500.

"We are seeing such prices after more than four years," exclaims Harjinder Singh of Malliwal village in Jalandhar's Shahkot tehsil. This farmer has, however, harvested only 10,000 packets from 42 acres, compared to 21.000 from 90 acres in 2018-19. His seed-potato production, too, is down from 16,000 to 7,000 packets.

The above windfall for Punjab's potato growers may come at a cost though - in the form of reduced availability of fresh seed for planting during the main rabi season from October. And that could put pressure on retail prices, which

are already gone up 50% in the last three months.

The seeds planted by farmers are usually the tubers themselves having "eyes" or nodes. These eyes are what sprout and form new tubers underground. The size of the tubers for seedpotatoes has to be maintained at 45-55 mm — as opposed to 70-90 mm for table potatoes — and this is done by regularly trimming the stalks above the ground to prevent extra growth.

When seed-potato supplies are low or prices too high, farmers plant the regular table potatoes that they have stored from the previous crop. But the yields from these are 15-20% less and can go down to 30-35% in the fol-

New Delhi

lowing year. Either way, production gets affected.

According to the Punjab government's horticulture department, the state's potato output has risen from 27.24 lakh tonnes (lt) in 2018-19 to 28.77 lt this year. "Normally, around 16 lt of our production is for seed purpose and the balance 12 lt for sale as table potato. But this time round, only 14.5 lt was produced as seed potatoes, out of which 2 It was already dispatched for kharif and 12.5 lt are still in cold stores," a department official

That 1.5 lt of less seed, which will also mean more diversion of table potatoes for planting, could keep prices firm for some time.

told The Indian Express.

home treatment reaching hospitals too late: Andhra officials

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JULY 22

A LARGE section of elderly people in Andhra Pradesh who opted for home treatment after testing positive for Covid-19 are becoming severely sick and reaching hospitals too late, making it difficult to revive them, according to senior health officials in the state.

Andhra Pradesh is witnessing a surge in the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths. The case count in the state has gone up from 14,515 on June 30 to 64,713 on July 22. Between July 1 and July 22, $there\,have\,been\,630\,deaths\,in\,the$ state—489 of them between July 13 and July 22. Dr Aria Srikant, the state nodal officer for Covid-19, told The Indian Express that 90 per cent of those dead were in the age group of 55-65 years. "A large number of elderly people who are infected are reaching hospitals at a very late stage and we are unable to save them. They are opting for home treatment, both through supervision by doctor and home remedies, and a number of them are becoming extremely sick. They are reaching hospitals at a very critical stage and even if they ing, especially those with comorbidities," Dr Srikant said.

Dr Srikant said there has been a spike in the number of cases both among the young and the elderly after lockdown restrictions were relaxed. "The number of elderly people getting infected is increasing because voungsters in the house are not taking precautions. They roam around without observing social distancing etc, and infect the elderly at home. Those with pre-existing medical conditions are more vulnerable."

According to officials, approximately 60 per cent of positive cases in the state now are in the 15-45 years age group and about 25 per cent in the 45-60 years age group—this was less than 10 per cent during the lockdown.

In Kurnool, which has 7,797 cases and the highest toll of 130 in the state, District Medical and Health Officer Dr Rama Giddayya said 115 of those who died were elderly persons with comorbidities. "Many of them opted for treatment at home, but did not consult doctors regularly or tried self-medication and became severely sick. By the time they reach hospitals, their condition is irreversible. Still, with the help of ventilators, we are saving many lives."

Many elderly who got 2,111 cases in 24 hrs, Pune past Mumbai Covid count for 3rd day

AJAY JADHAV

PUNE Corporation (PMC) reported the highest number of Covid-19 cases in a city-2,111-in India on Wednesday, as per provided by the data Maharashtra government. PMC reported over 700 more cases than the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in Mumbai, the city with the second highest number of cases, at 1,310.

A day before, PMC had reported 1,678, cases over 600 more cases than BMC, which recorded 992 cases

In Maharashtra, the state worst hit by the corornavirus infection, BMC had been, for days, the most-affected civic body. But, for a few days in a row, PMC's case number has surpassed that of BMC.

Even on Monday, the PMC reported 1,252 new patients, A testing centre at a park in Pune on Wednesday. Ashish Kale sioner Iqbal Singh Chahal to higher than the 1,035 recorded But while the number of new patients has increased in PMC

areas, the number of deaths due to the infection is lower than der control. BMC areas, with 22, 40 and 36 deaths reported on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, compared to the 41, 62 and 58 deaths reported by Last week, the state govern-

Pune, where he attended a review meeting and shared steps taken by Mumbai civic authorities to bring Covid-19 cases un-

The civic administration, however, said the high number of cases was due to the rigorous testing and contact tracing process undertaken by the PMC. The increasing number of new cases is due to the strategy adopted by the PMC to test as many suspected patients as possible. It is a very rigorous process and it is yielding results," said Mayor Murlidhar Mohol.

He said rapid antigen testing, which yields results faster, has helped the PMC scale up its testing capacity. "Nearly 7,000 Covid-19 tests are carried out every day, including both RT-PCR as well as rapid antigen tests. More rapid antigen tests will be carried out in the future to identify more patients," said Mohol, adding that identifying and treating the maximum number of patients now will help check the spread of infection in the long run.

Assistant Medical Officer Vaishali Jadhav said the contact tracing process has helped identify a lot of high-risk and low-risk patients. "Most patients referred for testing are found through the contact tracing process. The rapid antigen test facility is being set up at various places, so that local residents, who feel they have the infection, can get themselves tested," she said.

3-DAY RELAXATION BEFORE EID ANNOUNCED

Kashmir imposes lockdown in 9 of 10 districts till Monday

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JULY 22

AMID A surge in Covid-19 cases in the Valley, the authorities in Kashmir have imposed a complete lockdown in nine out of 10 districts till July 27. Officials also said on Wednesday that a threeday relaxation will be provided hefore Eid. which will be celebrated on August 1.

On Wednesday, the J-K administration said a complete lockdown will be imposed from Wednesday evening till July 27 morning.

"Complete lockdown in all Red districts (excluding Bandipora) of Kmr Div from today evening till 6 am on 27-7-2020. Agri/ horti & constructivities to continue as per DMRR guidelines. Movement of goods carriers/LPG & Oil tankers to continue unhindered," the Department of Information and Public Relations tweeted.

Announcements were made

by police in various areas, asking people not to come out on roads.

While the DIPR tweet didn't mention the reason for reimposing curbs, sources said the surge in Covid-19 cases as well as apprehension over the crowd during Eid were behind the move.

"The number of cases has increased from last so many days. To bring the situation under control. we need to break the chain. Since Eid is approaching, there is also apprehension that people will come out in large numbers and it may increase the cases more...," a senior official told The Indian Express, "For Eid, three days relaxation will be given by district commissioners so people can do Eid

shopping." A government release stated that markets shall remain open for three days from July 28 to July 30 to facilitate purchase of "sacrificial animals and other items".

Out of 15,711 Covid-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir, 12,477 are

are put on ventilators, they are dy-TN reconciles unreported

deaths, toll now 3,144

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHENNAI, JULY 22

AFTER ADMITTING a possible mismatch in Covid-19 fatalities earlier, the Tamil Nadu government Wednesday said that previously unreported 444 deaths related to the virus in the city have been added to the tally.

A nine-member Death Reconciliation Committee formed by the Health department to streamline Covid-19 deaths data assessed all the deaths suspected to be linked with the infection in Chennai.

Subsequently, Chennai's death toll stood at 1,939, while

mended that the 444 deaths would also fall under the category of Covid-19 deaths as per the ICMR guidelines "though such cases were medically considered died due to co-morbidi-

that of the state went up to 3,144. The committee recom-

tiv or other terminal illness", a Health Department bulletin said.

Migrants not behind latest surge, hints data **SANTOSH SINGH** PATNA. JULY 22

WHEN MIGRANTS started returning to Bihar on Shramik special trains, private vehicles and even on foot, the state government had raised an alarm about the potential spread of infection and started quarantining them.

The state government's daily health bulletin then showed how migrants accounted for more than half of the positive cases.

But in the ongoing surge in cases in Bihar, the numbers tell a different story. While the Covid-19 cases in Bihar climbed from 10,250 on 1 July to 30,066 on July 22, only two of top 10 migrant recipient districts are now among the 10 districts with the highest case counts.

The districts with the maximum number of cases now are

Patna (4.479), Bhagalpur (1.859). Muzaffarpur (1,382), Siwan Nalanda (1,143), (1,154),Begusarai (1,114), Gaya (1,070), West Champaran (913), Rohtas (1,051) and Nawada (898). Out of them, 21,433 migrants returned to Patna and 73,769 to Gaya.

ment had sent BMC commis-

The other districts where a large number of migrants returned have reported fewer Madhubani, where 98,175

migrants returned to, has reported 718 Covid-19 cases so far. East Champaran saw the return of 93,292 migrants and has reported 678 cases. Katihar, which received 85,797 migrants, has 619 cases. Darbhanga, where 76,556 migrants returned, has 545 cases. West Champaran, which saw the return of 62,737 migrants, has 913 cases. Araria, where 60.926 migrants returned. has 300 cases, Rohtas, where

59.739 migrants returned, has 1.051 cases, 59,171 migrants returned to Purnia and it has reported 634 cases and Samastipur, where 54,505 migrants returned, has reported 827 cases.

Dr Arun Shah, leading paediatrician and former president of Indian Academy of Paediatrics, told The Indian Express: "All reasons responsible for spread of the virus are overlapping. The spread could be because of some superspreaders, viral loads of symptomatic and asymptomatic cases, gross violation of social distancing norms, density of population and epidemiological reasons."

A senior health department official said, "It is an interesting pattern. The Central team that visited Bihar might look at this aspect as well. It might also suggest that chances of migrants and their contacts spreading the infection are stabilising now.'

CIVIL SURGEON DIES OF COVID IN PATNA

Patna: A top civil surgeon in Bihar's Samastipur district died of complications from Covid-19 at AIIMS, Patna on Wednesday. Authorities from the hospital said Dr S K Jha, the surgeon in charge of the district, had been suffering from kidney problems. Bihar has seen 30.066 coronavirus cases till Wednesday. Patna district accounts for the highest share of cases at 4,479. A total of 208 people have died so far.

While an estimated 40 lakh people returned to Bihar, the state disaster management figures say 15,16,196 people stayed at quarantine centres.

Covaxin trials: AIIMS Delhi to begin participant vaccination by Saturday

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, JULY 22

AIIMS IN Delhi expects to begin vaccinating its first set of volunteers for the Covaxin trials by Saturday.

AIIMS Delhi is one of 12 sites conducting human trials for Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine candidate.

"Screening has begun and recruitment has started. We have so far drawn samples from around 14 potential volunteers (to check whether they will be eligible for the trials)... we should get their results by tomorrow," said Dr Sanjay Rai, the principal investigator in the trial. "We expect to start vaccinating the participants by Friday or Saturday," he said. To start with, the facility will vaccine around 10 healthy participants.

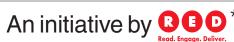
AIIMS Delhi has heard back from around 2,000 potential vol-

Among the 12 sites, it is expected to account for the largest chunk of Covaxin trial participants. It aims to ultimately enroll 100 participants after the Data and Safety Monitoring Boards reviews early data from the 10 participants who will be given the inactivated vaccine.

Bharat Biotech is among several firms in India's race to develop a Covid-19 vaccine. Another candidate developed by Zvdus Cadila is undergoing phase I/II trials in Ahmedabad.

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This global crisis has been named a many name – a pandemic, an unprecedented crisis, and a catastrophe of multiple dimensions affecting multitude of human lives and creating a worldwide pandemonium. A similar situation existed almost a century back in 1918, when the world was grappling with the Spanish Flu. In many of its comparisons, COVID-19



has been most likened with Spanish Flu. which decimated between 50 and 100 million lives worldwide — possibly more than both world wars combined — with India being severely affected by it. The Spanish Flu wiped out 6% of India's entire population.

Fast forward to a century later, in 2020, the world is again at loggerheads with novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a pandemic, which has thrown normal life out of gears creating pandemonium panic. Notably, the pandemic has been causing havoc in even the most developed countries with much improved healthcare systems. However, the entire Western world is currently in the grip of this menace and is finding it tough to deal with the pandemic.

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All eyes in Goa on SC today as it hears key pleas on iron ore mining

Goa Foundation writes to Prime Minister urging state to recover dues from illegal miners

PANJIM, JULY 22

THE SUPREME Court will hear Thursday two petitions urging it to allow resumption of iron ore mining in Goa. While private mining company Vedanta has filed a Special Leave Petition, the Goa government – reeling under a direct annual revenue loss of Rs 600 crore and pushed to "curtail essential infrastructure activities" - too has filed a review petition.

The state government is hoping to convince the bench that all previous legal positions with regard to status of mining leases in Goa have been "discriminatory" as under the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation Act, 1957) every state has benefited from two renewals of mining leases except Goa, where mining leases were quashed before its second renewal.

"Unlike other states, where mining leases were given a second renewal of 20 years, Goa never enjoyed that benefit. If granted now, that would mean the mining activity can begin and extend till 2027," said a senior government official.

Both appeals have sought review of a legal point in the apex court's February 7, 2018 judgment in the petition filed by Goa-based NGO Goa Foundation. The top court while quashing all 88 mining leases — calling them illegal, and also faulting them on environmental grounds — had directed the state government to grant fresh mining leases through public auction and not go for renewals.

The state's review plea says the decision "affects the economy and issues related to livelihood of the state", pointing to renewal provisions of MMDR Act as it stood prior to an amendment to the Act.

Nilesh Cabral, Minister for Law and Judiciary, Goa, cites two key drivers: "One is the economy of the state and the other is the employment potential of the people which has come to a standstill." Given that the pandemic has hit tourism too, this is a triple whammy, he says.

Pitching the dependence of more than 17 per cent of Goa's population directly or indirectly to mining, and loss of peripheral economy to Rs 240 crore, the state has submitted that stoppage of mining led to borrowings to the tune of Rs 2400 crore to fund capital needs.

Vedanta's plea seeks an extension of mining till 2037 - 10more years than the time limit advanced by Goa Government as it points to a new section 8A (3) inserted in the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, which states that "all leases, whenever granted, shall be deemed to have been granted for a period of 50

Goa Foundation's director Claude Alvares on whose petitions the Apex Court put mining on hold has been consistently pointing to the delay in auctioning of fresh leases.

In a letter to the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi last week, he wrote, "Goa had no option in these circumstances but to go for auction...Six years have passed by since the Supreme Court directed the state of Goa to start mining on a clean slate but till today the Government of Goa, fully in league with influential and wholly corrupt private mining companies and former lease holders, has steadfastly refused to implement these directions.'

Alvares has also red-flagged how the government has failed to recover its dues from 21 lease owners. The letter questions whose interests are being served if the ore is being sold to China market.

Pointing that till date only Rs 3 99 crore has been recovered from the miners, the letter adds. "It goes without saying that if the sum of Rs 3431.31 crores is recovered, many of the financial problems facing the State would find relief".

According to the government's own calculation, mining activities represented 16.33 per cent (Rs 6436.18 crore) of the state GSDP (Rs 42,367 crore) in 2012, which fell to 5.98 per cent in 2012 and 0.12 per cent in 2013-14.

Leader of Opposition Digambar Kamat says the delay is crippling. "We had in the last Assembly also passed a unanimous resolution that mining should be started as early as possible. All steps should be taken to begin mining as fast as possible so that the economy of the for Jammu ring road project

Ex-SSB man kills self to

A 55-YEAR-OLD former Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel allegedly died by suicide on Tuesday, a day after revenue officials and policemen went to demolish his home at Chak Avtara village in Bishnah tehsil to clear the way for the Ring Road project around Jammu city.

ARUNSHARMA

BISHNAH, JULY 22

Earlier, Harbans Lal's 22-yearold son Rahul had hanged himself to death in protest against award of meagre compensation to acquire their land, alleged family members. Thereafter, Lal resigned as sub-inspector in the SSB about 18 months back, they added.

Survived by his wife Kamlesh, 50, and son Sahil Kumar, 25, Lal built the single-storey, three-room house on about 10 marla land – about 2,722 sq feet – bought from a relative for Rs 80,000 nearly two decades ago. The family belongs to the SC community.

The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (South), had issued a no-

tice dated July 13 to Lal, directing him to "vacate/remove the structure within 5 days so that work of construction of Ring Road may be

protest demolition of home

done smoothly...' Pointing out compensation 'has also been transferred in your bank account on account of your structure coming under the alignment of Ring Road on July 22, 2019", the notice warned him "directions may be issued for eviction of the said structure..."

In a reply on July 18, Lal sought time as he was not well and did not have any other house to live in.

Two days later, local tehsildar Sohan Lal Rana, a demolition team and a police contingent visited Lal's home and started the demolition. As Lal and his family protested and local residents gathered, the tehsildar and others left the place after demolishing the boundary wall and asked Lal to visit his office the next day.

According to relatives, Lal was not well the next day and his wife and son visited the tehsildar, but could not meet him. On reaching home, they found Lal hanging

While Tehsildar Rana said Lal was under depression, SDM Srikant Balasaheb Suse said it would wrong to connect the suicide with the Ring Road project. Lal was served a notice in July last year as well and a compensation of Rs 9.31 lakh was deposited in his account the same month, the

Lal's son Sahil, however, said the revenue officials deposited Rs 7 lakh into his father's account without his consent. They had taken his bank details from somewhere else, he alleged.

While officials said the rate of compensation was finalised on the basis of circle rates of land fixed by the erstwhile J&K government under the Land Acquisition Act, residents of Chak Avtara village said it was far less than the market rates, Former BIP minister Sukhnandan Choudharv said he has submitted a representation to Home Minister Amit Shah for a review of compensation award for families affected by the Ring Road project.

Andhra: Dalit

being 'beaten

up by police'

AMARAVATI, JULY 22

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A DALIT youth died in Prakasam

district of Andhra Pradesh after the local police allegedly beat

him up. However, district

Superintendent of Police

Siddharth Kaushal said on

Wednesday that he was drunk

and picked up an altercation

Mohan Reddy took serious note

of the incident and ordered pay-

ment of Rs 10 lakh as compen-

sation to the victims family, a re-

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Rajasthan: 6 killed in road accident

Jaipur: Six people were killed when their car collided with a truck in Rajasthan's Nagaur district Wednesday evening, police said. The accident occurred on the Nagaur-Ladnu highway, they added. Five of the deceased are in the age group of 30-35 years and one is an elderly man, police said. Efforts are on to ascertain the identity of the deceased, they

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CHHATTISGARH WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO STILLBORN, HUSBAND ACCUSES HOSPITAL STAFF OF NEGLECT

Woman carried in cooking vessel across river to hospital

GARGIVERMA

BIJAPUR. JULY 22

A PREGNANT and close-to-term woman was carried in a cooking vessel across a river to reach the nearest hospital, nearly 15 km away, in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district and gave birth to a stillborn baby, allegedly due to negligence of the staff at the community hospital in Bhopalpatnam own, according to her husband.

Her husband – Harish Yalam – complained the stillbirth was the result of hospital staff waiting for the duty doctor to arrive for hours to look at his wife - Lakshmi Yalam. The incident took place on

Harish said he has lodged a complaint with the block medical officer (BMO) and will meet the

street.(6th call)

collector if no action is taken. BMO Ajay Ramteke told the

media that showcause notices have been served on three hospital staff. "We have received the complaint and are investigating what happened that night. Due action will be taken," he said. Harish said he has not heard

from the officials even a week on. Married four years ago, Lakshmi, 35, and Harish, 33, were expecting their first child. Residents of Mamidguda village, about 40 km from district headquarters Bijapur, they were staving at Lakshmi's parents' home in

tehsil town in Bijapur. Minur, under the group gram panchavat of Gorla, is 43 km from Bijapur city and 15 km from the tehsil. The Chintawagu river flows

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Minur village since it is closer to

health centre in Bhopalpatnam, a

between Gorla and Minur.

Harish said the showers had swollen the river and the riverbed was slippery. "We had to carry Lakshmi in a big utensil, with wooden poles across it. The ambulance met us at Gorla. We reached the Bhopalpatnam hospital by 3 pm (on July 13),"

He said Lakshmi complained of pain but the nurses kept waiting for a normal delivery. "The afternoon-shift nurses kept visiting the room, but whenever we asked for updates we were told to be patient. The shift changed around 8 pm. When Lakshmi started crying in pain, I asked the on-duty staff to refer us to Bijapur, if they couldn't help," Harish said. "But they asked me to stay calm and said childbirth would take place at its time."

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Lakshmi Yalam being carried across the river in a utensil. Express

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IMPHAL. JULY 22

MANIPUR CHIEF Minister N Biren

Singh on Wednesday announced a

7-day total lockdown in the state,

starting 2 pm on Thursday, which

ister said the decision was taken by

the state Cabinet in an emergency

meeting held Wednesday evening in

view of rising Covid-19 cases, partic-

ularly those without a travel history.

The Cabinet resolved to impose a to-

tal curfew during the lockdown,

Singh said, adding essential service-

Briefing the media, the chief min-

may be extended to 14 days.

distress, but they (nurses) started scolding her and pushed her stomach to induce labour.' Suddenly, they stopped and called for the on-duty doctor, who, Harish claimed, had not reported for duty yet, Dr Gopi Kishan, he alleged, arrived around 10.30 pm

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and operated on Lakshmi It was a stillbirth.

"He(Dr Kishan) said had there been a delay of half-an-hour we could have lost Lakshmi too,' Harish said. He added local residents need access to better doctors, "who are not negligent".

Cases rising, Manipur govt

orders seven-day lockdown

WOMAN WALKS 35 KM TO COLLECT AADHAAR **CARD, GIVES BIRTH**

Raipur: In another instance of lack of infrastructure in interiors of the state, a 30-yearold gave birth at a community hall after walking for nearly 35 km in Dantewada district on July 31. The woman, identified

as Deve, was walking uphill from her village, Bengpal, to the nearest town - Kirandul – to collect her Aadhaar card, made during a special drive organised by the district authorities, it is learnt.

As she reached Kirandul, when she went into labour. After giving birth, Deve and the newborn were moved to the town's health centre. ENS

related activities would be exempted.

The chief minister said the negli-

gence of many people in following

safety protocol has contributed to the

rise of local spread in some districts.

"We understand that the public has

endured enough hardship due to the

lockdown. However, nothing is more

important than saving lives," he said.

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Gangadhar to investigate the incident, which occurred on Tuesday night. The Dalit youth was riding a two-wheeler along with his friend in Chirala town of Prakasam district on July 18 when they were stopped by a

constable for not wearing the The police said both of them ere drunk at the time and picked up an altercation with the constable. The constable alerted the Sub-Inspector who came

rushing to the scene. The police, in a statement said the two were being taken to

the police station in a jeep when the youth tried to escape by jumping from the vehicle In the process he fell down and sustained a head injury and was rushed to the government hospital in Chirala, the police

said. The SP denied that the Dalit youth was beaten up by the Sub Inspector. "We are still investigating the case," he added.

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Vivek Kharwadkar, Chief Engineer Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority,

Residents of MP district take pledge: Will not travel to Covid hotspots

be fined Rs 200.

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 22

MADHYA PRADESH'S Burhanpur is near three districts of Maharashtra Jalgaon, Aurangabad and Amravati - some of the areas most affected by the coronavirus in the state. And the family and business relations between people on either side of the border, and the constant travel that it entailed, has the Burhanpur administration worried.

Burhanpur had seen a surge of Covid-19 cases in May, but with less than 500 cases at present, it is now not even among the 10 worst affected districts in MP. And in an attempt to capitalise on the gains made in the last few weeks in its fight against the virus, the authorities have administered an oath in Hindi and Marathi to hundreds of residents of the district, in which they pledge to "not visit hotspots/severely infected towns for some time and will not invite any acquaintance to Burhanpur district without reason".

Titled 'I will not visit hotspot towns', the pledge lists towns in Maharashtra, MP and other parts

New Delhi

of the country that people should avoid visiting or calling people from those places to Burhanpur.

Burhanpur Collector Pravin Singh told The Indian Express that the idea behind the campaign was to restrict unnecessary travel. He said posters have been stuck at public places and in rural areas sarpanches and kotwars are being

involved to administer the oath. When the unlock phase began, the administration increased vigil on the main roads and sealed smaller routes used by people on either side. The administration made online passes compulsory for travel. When the movement did not reduce, it stopped the system of online passes and made it offline. Even then, the number of people flooding the collectorate

for passes was still substantial. A majority of people whose infection was detected during the fortnight long 'Kill Corona' campaign that concluded on July 15 had travelled to Jalgaon, Muktainagar and Aurangabad. The collector said most of the travel was avoidable. He said people will be sensitised against travelling or holding and participating in gatherings.

Surge in cases, MP announces 10-day Bhopal lockdown

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 22

WITH A sharp rise in the number of Covid cases in the last week in Bhopal, the Madhya Pradesh government on Wednesday announced a 10-day lockdown in the state capital.

The lockdown will come into effect from 8 pm on Friday and remain in force until 8 am on August 4. Essential services, and supply of perishables, will remain open along with industries.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the average positivity rate in Bhopal in the last seven days was 10.23 per cent which required the government to intervene. He appealed to people to follow guidelines to ensure that the infection is not spread.

The government decided to ease restrictions in Gwalior where a week-long lockdown had been imposed. During the lockdown, the infection rate reduced from 7 per cent to 4 per cent, and the district crisis management group recommended that the lockdown be lifted.

EXPRESS NETWORK

Militants kill cop in Kulgam

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JULY 22

COUNTER-INSURGENT Ikhwan-turned-policeman was killed by militants in Furrah area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday evening.

Police said Abdul Rashid Dar was earlier associated with the Ikhwan in the Valley and was presently with the J&K Police.

Kashmir Police Zone said on Twitter, "Terrorists fired upon a policeman Abdul Rashid Dar at his native place (Furrah #Kulgam). He was shifted to hospital but #succumbed to his injuries. Police & SFs cordoned the area and search is on to nab the terrorist. Further details shall follow.'

A senior police officer told The Indian Express that Dar was shot a few meters from his house. "We are investigating the matter further," he said.

The area has been cordoned off and a manhunt was launched to nab the attackers

1985 Rajasthan encounter: All 11 convicted get life term, to appeal

DEEP MUKHERJEE & MANISH SAHU

JAIPUR, LUCKNOW, JULY 22

A MATHURA local court on Wednesday awarded life imprisonment to all 11 Rajasthan Police personnel, since retired, convicted in the killing of a member of the royal family of Bharatpur and his two associates in an encounter in February 1985.

The oldest of those convicted was then deputy superintendent of police Kaan Singh Bhati, now 82. Saying that they will file an appeal against the judgment in the High Court, defence lawyer Naveen Saxena claimed all the 11 were ailing and had difficulty walking. The court directed the jail authorities to ensure they got treatment, he added.

The order holding the 11 guilty, while acquitting three for want of evidence, came on Tuesday. Three of the policemen



After the sentencing at the CBI court in Mathura. PTI

died during the trial while one was discharged by the court. The Mathura court examined 61 prosecution witnesses and 17 defence witnesses in the case. While the prosecution had sought death penalty against the

11, District Judge, Mathura, Sadhna Rani (Thakur) awarded life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 12,000 each.

The 11, from ranks DySP to constables, were convicted of killing Man Singh, the son of the

Singh, and his associates Sumer Singh and Hari Singh in a fake

Out of the total fine, Rs 2,000 each would be given to the four persons injured in the incident and Rs 30,000 each to the next of kin of the deceased. The injured included Man Singh's sonin-law Vijay Singh, Chandan Singh, Nawal Singh and Babulal.

The Supreme Court had transferred the trial to Mathura on the request of the victim's family.

A resident of Bikaner district, Bhati was posted as the Deeg DySP when the encounter took place, a day after Man Singh crashed his jeep into the helicopter of then Rajasthan chief minister and senior Congress leader, Shiv Charan Mathur.

Bhati's son Narendra Singh said they would appeal in a higher court, adding that the case had consumed their lives.

"Due to old age my father had great difficulty even during court visits... We don't know how he will last jail... However, he was calm after the sentencing."

Then inspector Ravi Shekhar Mishra's son Saurabh said they were busy with the paperwork.

The others sentenced included then SHO, Deeg Police Station, Virender Singh, as well as Sukhram, Jeevan Singh, Jagmohan, Bhawar Singh, Hari Singh, Sher Singh, Chattar Singh and Padma Ram.

The defence counsel had pleaded that the 11, all above 60, suffered from various age-related ailments such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems and other illnesses and should be given the minimum possible sentence.

Vipin Kumar, the public prosecutor appearing for the CBI, argued against it, saying the gravity of the crime didn't diminish with age

to India, says Sri Lanka police

Wife of a suicide

bomber escaped

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JULY 22

2019 EASTER BLASTS

THE WIFE of one of the suicide bombers who struck churches across Sri Lanka on Easter in April 2019, resulting in the death of 260 people, has fled to India fearing arrest, the police of the island nation has said.

Testifying before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry, which is probing the blasts, Chief Inspector of Police Arjuna Maheenkanda said Pulasthini Rajendran alias Sarah the wife of Atchchi Muhammadu Hastun, who detonated his bomb at the St Sebastian's Church in Negombo – may have fled to India via sea in September 2019.

His submission was based on an input he received on July 6 this year through an informant. The information was that a woman, believed to be Sarah, who was initially believed to have been killed in the explosion at a house in Sainthamaruthu on April 26, 2019, had actually fled the scene and was in hiding before escaping to India from Sri

Probed by the Colombo Crime Division, Criminal Investigation Department and the Terrorism Investigation Department, the probe into the Easter Sunday blasts has result

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Arputham Ammal, mother of one

of the convicts, A G Perarivalan,

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who needs immediate medical

attention due to several ailments.

time limit prescribed for the con-

stitutional authority to decide on

such issues only "because of the

faith and trust attached to the

constitutional post", the court

said. "... If such authority fails to

take a decision in a reasonable

The bench also directed the

prosecutor to get instructions

from the state government re-

garding the parole request and

time, then the court will be con-

strained to interfere."

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case for so long.

RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION

TN Governor can't sit

on recommendation to

release convicts: HC

pects, and the investigation is in its final stages

According to the Colombo Crime Division, Sarah was hiding in a village called Mankadu in the Kalawanchikudy area.

Jaliya Senaratne, director of the Police Media Division, told The Indian Express, "We do not have any concrete information about her whereabouts in India except a report that she managed to escape to India. We arrested two persons on July 13 -her relative and a senior police officer -- from Ampara (an eastern province of Sri Lanka) for harbouring that lady before her escape. They are in custody."

An estimated 15 people, including four women and six children, were killed in the Sainthamaruthu blast. The explosion, which killed the families of at least four of the suicide bombers, had occurred when security forces launched an operation to capture them, a week after the Easter blasts.

When The Indian Express visited Sainthamaruthu blast site two days later, the two known survivors from the explosion were the wife and daughter of Zahran Hashim, the main suicide bomber.

A senior officer said Hashim's wife, who sustained serious injuries in the blast, is currently un-

Hearing, speech-impaired local body teen uses Internet during lockdown to find family get security **NAVEEDIQBAL** SRINAGAR, JULY 22

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, PATIALA, JULY 22

ABDULLATIF was eight years old when he was found crying on the streets of Fatehgarh Sahib in 2010 by a Sikh villager, Gurnam Singh. Ten years on, the hearingand speech-impaired teenager from UP's Farrukhabad used his school's decision to provide students extensive access to the Internet during the lockdown to track down his family.

Now a Class 11 student at the Patiala School for the Deaf and Blind, Abdul found an old friend whose name he remembered on Facebook, who then managed to connect him to his parents.

Abdul's father Tahib Ali reached the Patiala school Wednesday to meet his son. "We moved heaven and earth when we lost Abdul in Ghaziabad... We do not know how he reached Fatehgarh Sahib," he said.

Abdul's mother Salma Begum made repeated phone calls inquiring about her son as the fato take custody of his son.

Five arrested for 113 days after murder, beating to death Meerut police find bodies Armyman's of woman, daughter father in Amethi

AMIT SHARMA

MEERUT. JULY 22

THE POLICE on Wednesday re-

covered the bodies of a woman

and her daughter from the house

of the man they were living with

in Meerut, 113 days after the

39, had befriended Priya, 35, on

Facebook, and after a while, Priya

and her teenage daughter from

a previous marriage moved in

Chanchal lodged an FIR at the

On July 14, Priya's friend

Shamshad alias Amit Gurjar,

man had murdered them.

with him, police said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 22

FIVE PEOPLE were arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi on Tuesday after they allegedly beat to death their 55-year-old neighbour — the father of an Army jawan – for plastering a wall of his house. Another accused has been admitted to a hospital and is under police custody.

The victim, Rajendra Prasad Mishra, died en route to hospital. A case has been lodged at Sangrampur police station under IPC sections for rioting, murder and the Criminal Law Amendment Act. Circle Officer (Amethi)

Piyush Kant Rai said, "On July 21, a compliant was given by Satya Prakash Mishra... He alleged that six neighbours had assaulted his father and that he died on his way to hospital. An FIR was lodged based on the complaint. An iron rod and three wooden sticks were recovered."

In a video that has gone viral on social media, Surya Prakash Mishra is purportedly heard saying he is an Army jawan and was posted in Poonch when his father was attacked. He also accused police of not acting against his neighbours during past run-ins.

However, Rai said, "... In the last eight months or so, no complaint was given to us... After the death, the family members were angry. But we spoke to them and they are content now.'

Amethi SP Khyati Garg said, "The family was plastering a wall which the neighbours objected to. Prima facie, it seems he was killed with lathis and an iron



Abdul Latif meets his father after ten years. Express

Col Karminder Singh (retd), secretary of the society which runs the Patiala School, where the Gurnam Singh family got Abdul admitted, said, "We give limited access to our students. However, in lockdown we increased their access of Internet to help them with online studies... Abdul utilised this time to search on social media platforms for some of his old friends... Meanwhile, Tahib was all

praise for the Gurnam Singh family and the Patiala school. "We gave birth to him but these people kept him with lot of love," he said. been upgraded to Y category.

I&K: 113 elected representatives

AT LEAST 113 elected representatives from urban local bodies and panchayati raj institutions in the Valley are being provided security by the J&K administration.

Apart from them, 16 officebearers of the newly-created J&K Apni Party and three BJP officebearers have been designated protectees as well.

These individuals have been designated X2 protectees and will be given two PSOs each.

This comes two weeks after BJP leader Wasim Bari and two relatives were killed in Bandipore. Bari, 27, was a member of the BJP's state executive committee.

The list of 113 elected representatives includes 56 from the BJP and at least 19 Congress officials "in view of threat perception report received from ADG CID". Elected representatives of PDP, NC, People;s Conference and some independents are also on the list.

Meanwhile nine other polital protectees of the RIP have

Partapur police station, alleging

that Shamshad had kidnapped

rested and has also confessed

killing of the two because Priya

got to know that he was already

married and is a Muslim... She

was living with her daughter at

his rented accommodation...

Both were killed on the night of

March 28 and the bodies were

buried in the backvard of

Shamshad's house in separate

graves," Anand Prakash Mishra,

the in-charge of the Partapur po-

lice station told The Indian

Express over the phone.

"Shamshad has been ar-

Priya and her daughter.

The blowout at the OIL's Baghjan 5 well in Assam was first reported on May 27. Courtesy: OIL Fire at OIL well during capping

ops, 3 foreign experts injured

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JULY 22

THREE FOREIGN experts in-Oil India Ltd's (OIL) Baghjan 5 well in Upper Assam suffered burn injuries after a fire broke out near the wellhead area on Wednesday.

For almost two months now, the energy major has been trying to plug the blowout-first reported on May 27-in the Baghjan oilfield, located close to the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park and Maguri-Motapung wetland in Tinsukia district. On June 7, experts from Singaporebased firm Alert arrived to control the blowout. Subsequently, on June 9, the well caught fire, further complicating matters.

"Today in the afternoon, three experts from M/s Alert Anthony Steven Reynolds, Doug Dallas and Craig Neil Duncan suffered minor burn injuries while removing a spool from the wellhead," said a statement from OIL on Wednesday. They were taken to the to burn unit section of a nurs-

ing home in Dibrugarh and released after the injuries were dressed. The incident took place at around 1.30 pm in the afternoon, authorities said.

"The three experts volved in the opening of the wellhead flange, a very precise operation," explained OIL spokesperson Tridiv Hazarika. 'When they were in the final stage of the operation, a portion of the wellhead suddenly caught

The fire from the June 9 incident continues to rage at the top, about eight to ten feet from the ground. "Today's fire happened at the bottom, near wellhead," said Hazarika.

The incident forced capping operations—which are in its final stages — to be called off for the day. According to OIL's statement, work is expected to resume on Thursday. "All equipment like the Blowout Preventer (BOP) and other requirements like flare lines etc. are being kept in ready condition for the capping operation" said the statement. The final step to cap the fire and the blowout will involve

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan took stock of the situation and enquired about the Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal advised OIL to provide the best of treatment to the injured experts.

The disaster at Baghian has impacted the surrounding ecological life and displaced close to 11,000 people. Both the Central and state governments have instituted inquiries into the incident. As per the Tinsukia district administration authorities, the number of people in relief camps has now come down.

Last month, the National Green Tribunal had constituted an eight-member Committee of Experts — chaired by Justice BP Katakey, a former Gauhati High Court judge - to investigate the matter and submit a preliminary report within 30 days.

On Wednesday, OIL said that blowout is expected to be controlled soon. "The well control operation continues and capping of the well is expected shortly," tweeted OIL.

directed the court registry to in-**ARUN JANARDHANAN** form the counsel for the CHENNAL JULY 22 Governor's office to get appropriate instruction as to the dis-THE MADRAS High Court on posal of the recommendation. Wednesday said that Tamil Nadu

The case will now be heard The Tamil Nadu cabinet had

hmitted the recommend tions before the Governor in September, 2018, under Article 161 -- it is pending even after 22 months.

While the Governor cannot reject the state's recommendation and there is no time limit prescribed to take a decision, the same has been delayed for nearly two years "for consultations", according to a Raj Bhawan source.

Of the seven convicts, four, including Perarivalan and Nalini, were sentenced to death by the Supreme Court in 1999. The sentence was commuted to life in separate decisions in 2001 and 2014.

In a short order passed in September 2018, the SC had stated that "the authority concerned will be at liberty to decide the application as deemed fit". The order was on an application filed by Perarivalan under Article 161, which is about the power of the Governor to grant pardon or suspend, remit or commute prison sentences in certain cases.

MP forest ranger

70-year-old, who lived last 6 yrs at Azad Maidan protest site, dies

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI. JULY 22

OFFICE-GOERS, COLLEGE students

and others who criss-cross Azad Maidan may recall running into an elderly woman walking around its expanse. Vimal Pethakar had been camping on the grounds, Mumbai's official protest site, since 2014 with her son Dattatrey, and her husband Mohan until his death two years ago. On Monday. after six years of protest demanding compensation of Rs 2,600 crore for 3.5 acres of ancestral land in Sangli purportedly acquired by the state government, Pethakar died on the footpath opposite the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation headquarters.

The 70-year-old and her son had been forced to vacate Azad Maidan by the local police during the Covid-19 lockdown. On Monday morning, when Dattatrey found his mother unre-

sponsive, he rushed her to JJ hospital with the help of policemen. She was declared dead on arrival. A post mortem was conducted on Wednesday. The doctors have reserved her cause of death until they get histopathology reports.

Pethakar, her husband and son first came to Mumbai in early 2014. Dattatrey, who said he was a civil engineer, had been insistent that the family must be compensated for a 3.5-acre portion of land at Sangli Miraj road owned by his great grandfather, as a portion of it had been acquired by the British colonial rulers in 1881 to build a metre gauge track and the rest by the state government to expand its road network. He had a thick file of documents to show anyone who auestioned.

When district level officials brushed off the family's claims, the Pethakars moved to Azad Maidan to protest against what they claimed was government



Vimal Pethakar

Vimal.herson -- and intermittently, her husband - were a familiar sight at Azad Maidan. They would sit at the maidan throughout the day and as no one is allowed on the grounds after 6 pm, they would go to the CST station to sleep. "I had taken permission from the central railway to allow



Vimal Pethakar and her husband Mohan at Azad Maidan in a January 17, 2016 report carried on indianexpress.com

us to sleep there," said Dattatrey. after suffering a heart attack at He said mosques and fellow protesters at Azad Maidan shared food with them. "Sometimes my sister would send food through my childhood friend from Sangli. He is a truck driver and comes to Mumbai often." he said.

Mohan died at Azad Maidan

the ground in August 2018. "We had to go home to conduct his final rites. After completing the 15-day ritual, we came back to Azad Maidan at the end of 2018," said Dattatrev. The protest by the two con-

tinued until the first phase of the

nationwide lockdown began on March 23. "As trains were not functional, we could not go back to Sangli. Meanwhile I would keep visiting Mantralaya to clear my documents," he said. They did not take the

Shramik Special trains that began in May, Dattatrey said, because "a government official told me that our proposal is about to be passed and just because we did not want our ten years' struggle to go waste, we stayed back."

The two moved to the footpath opposite BMC headquarters, where they had used a tarpaulin to cover themselves from the rain.

But early on Monday, when Dattatrey noticed that his mother had stopped breathing, he rushed to the Azad Maidan police station, from where with the help of police, he took his mother to II hospital. He is now taking her remains to Tasgaon,

where she will be cremated.

transferred after complaint by BJP MLA

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 22

A FOREST ranger, who refused to release men he caught for illegally fishing in the Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary in MP's Sagar district despite a BJP MLA's intervention, has been transferred.

After the arrest of the two on July 10, an audio clip emerged in which Jabera MLA Dharmendra Lodhi purportedly threatens ranger Tilak Raipuria with consequences. Lodhi had lodged a complaint against the ranger in June and sought his transfer, alleging he was harassing people.

Responding to the transfer, Raipuria said he had submitted documents in his support and had video recordings of the action he took against the violators.

WORDLY WISE

IF LIBERTY MEANS ANYTHING AT ALL, IT
MEANS THE RIGHT TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY
DO NOT WANT TO HEAR.—GEORGE ORWELL

The Indian EXPRESS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Two tweets

Contempt case against Prashant Bhushan shrinks the space Supreme Court has itself created — and hurts the court

HE INITIATION OF contempt proceedings by the Supreme Court, suo motu, against lawyer-activist Prashant Bhushan for his tweets, is off-key and jarring, not least because of its timing. At a time when matters affecting citizens' lives and livelihoods vie for its attention, when the pandemic has set off social and economic distress at an unprecedented scale, when questions persist about the effectiveness of the state's response, when crucial constitutional cases have continued to drag on for years — like the electoral bonds case — and when the court has shown little urgency in matters in which delay could render the case infructuous — as in habeas corpus petitions stemming from detentions in Jammu and Kashmir — two tweets have riled Their Lordships. For the court, in this moment, to invoke its contempt jurisdiction with alacrity against criticism of it is disappointing, and disturbing.

Contempt of court is more and more an anachronism in a democracy — it has been circumscribed and rejected in the US and UK. In India, it remains a sweeping and vaguely worded offence which is at odds with the Supreme Court's own record on expanding the scope and ambit of the fundamental right to freedom of speech. And yet while the courts have made some effort to narrow the remit of sedition — another outdated and controversial law which can be and is weaponised (by government) — by requiring a direct link with breach of public order or violence, they have not insisted on a similarly demonstrable link with obstruction of justice of the contemptuous act or speech. This failure to narrow it down is compounded by what the apex court has done on Wednesday. It sends a signal to courts across the country that the chilling power of contempt is here to stay. That is especially disquieting when there are apprehensions over a concentration of executive power and the spread of a political culture with a shrinking space for difference and dissent.

In fact, particularly in times such as these, the court needs to take the high road, show broader shoulders, instead of taking to task a public interest lawyer whose work has spurred legislation and made an invaluable difference in matters ranging from public corruption to pollution and displacement. Bhushan's comments on Twitter, the court has said in the notice issued to him on Wednesday, "have brought the administration of justice in disrepute and are capable of undermining the dignity and authority of the institution ... and the office of the Chief Justice of India in particular...". Social media is not exactly suited for nuance, for the on-the-one-hand and on-the-other argument. Five years ago, in *Shreya Singhal*, the apex court expanded the contours of freedom of speech and Article 19 to this noisy space. The Supreme Court's contempt case against Bhushan shrinks that space — and itself.

BENGAL PITCH

Mamata Banerjee makes subnationalist appeal at virtual rally — she will be watched for how she takes battle to BJP

HE VIRTUAL RALLY organised by the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal on Tuesday, was, for all purposes, the launch of the party's election campaign. This is the last Shahid Dibas, a major mobilisation event for the Trinamool, before the state heads for assembly elections in early 2021. Trinamool chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's public address indicated what her political pitch is likely to be for seeking a third successive term in office.

Banerjee identified the BJP as the Trinamool's main rival in the state, much of her speech was aimed at blunting the edge of the latter's campaign. She sought to build herself as the face of Bengali subnationalism — "Bengal will be run by Bengalis". Bengali subnationalism, like most other subnationalisms in the country, has a long history and dates back to the early days of freedom struggle. Even the CPM, despite its proclaimed internationalist ideological stance, had made the subnationalist pitch to broaden its class appeal in West Bengal in the 1980s. The rise of coalitions at the Centre since the 1990s had ended its appeal somewhat. But the BJP's majoritarian politics has revived this plank and Banerjee seems keen to ride on it now. In her speech, she flagged the recent political developments in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to argue that the BJP is "power hungry" and wants to "implement the formula of 'One Nation, One Political Party'." This formula is "dangerous" because, she alleged, the BJP doesn't "believe in freedom of each and every person, be it police, teachers, professors, farmers, migrant workers, students, journalists etc." Banerjee sought to portray her politics as liberal and inclusive — a bulwark against the BJP's alleged attempt "to divide people in the name of religion, caste, and creed".

As a major voice in a shrinking Opposition space, Banerjee will be watched for how she takes the battle to the BJP. Her attempt to frame the political contest in the state as Bengalis versus outsiders is fraught with some danger too — history has shown that such rhetoric has a tendency to spin out of control and polarise. Regional and linguistic chauvinism can be divisive too, like communal agendas. Also, no amount of whataboutery is likely to help her ward off criticism about law and order in the state or failures in relief distribution post Cyclone Amphan. Banerjee's record in office will be evaluated more on its own merit, less in comparison to achievements and failures in BJP-administered states.

ECLIPSING SUSHANT

The controversy over the life and death of a young actor is no longer about him

HE DEATH OF actor Sushant Singh Rajput continues to roil the film industry. From the excessive power of closed-door cliques to the gaslighting at award shows, from the snide poison of blind items to the family-run camps that dispense roles and break careers, the circumstances of Rajput's suicide have led film professionals as well as the wider audience to call many things into question. Much of this introspection was overdue. Like all old and creaky institutions, the Hindi film industry is propped up by privilege and barricaded by walls that only serve to keep talent at bay. But, increasingly, the noise around nepotism, amplified by the anger hormones of social media, simply points to a script in need of a monotone villain.

For any community, the death of a young, promising member shakes up things. In his brief life, Sushant Singh Rajput became the exemplar of the outsider who forced doors to open. His unconventional choices, his love for physics, his alleged frustrations with the workings of the industry, and evident talent all added up to a figure whose loss has felt personal to a wider community. The Bollywood struggler who chances his talent against the whims of an inscrutable machine only to lose is as old a myth as cinema itself.

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In the absence of answers — a police investigation into Rajput's death is ongoing — a frenzied hunt for accountability has begun. Like in everything else in these algorithm-driven times, there are as many extreme versions of truth as there are echo chambers. Are the actors speaking up fiery warriors breaking down the walls of the ancien regime? Or are they simply people with an axe to grind, a narrow politics to peddle? Like a lot of cinema, this furious battle mirrors the anger and polarisation in the larger society and culture. But the story of Rajput's life — its promise, achievement and complexity — threatens to become cannibalised by a contest that is no longer about him.

Through its own prism



India should monitor relations between China and Iran, but it must guard against hasty conclusions

SHYAM SARAN

REPORTS THAT IRAN and China are close to concluding a 25-year strategic partnership — which may involve a trade and investment partnership totalling a massive \$400 billion — have generated considerable angst in India. This is being linked to reports that Iran has decided to undertake the construction of the Chabahar-Zahedan railway line to the border with Afghanistan on its own because India continues to delay its implementation of the project. The project has not been handed over to China — at least not yet — so the "India loses, China wins" narrative is premature.

It is not only India but other countries, including China, which have found it difficult to undertake projects in Iran because of US sanctions, particularly the denial of dollar financing. Chinese purchases of Iranian oil have decreased substantially in the past two years and the overall bilateral trade fell to \$23 billion in 2019 compared to a peak of \$35 billion. During Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Iran in January 2016, an ambitious target of \$600-billion trade in 10 years was announced. It has turned out to be mostly hype. The 25-year strategic partnership plan of \$400 billion should also be taken with a generous pinch of salt. Though made much of by Iran, it has not been confirmed by China.

Even Iran has now described it as a "draft" submitted for Chinese consideration and which will need the approval of Iran's parliament. Incidentally, the contents of the draft have been in the public domain since September last year, when they were carried in an international petroleum publication but did not trigger similar expressions of concern. These reports are being encouraged by Iran to suggest that it has powerful friends and that the US has been unable to isolate it. That is how it projected the trilateral Iran-China-Russia naval exercise that was held in the Gulf of Oman in June this year, calling it a "new triangle of power."

China attaches importance to its relations with Iran, which is a key source of energy supplies, a significant component of its ambitious Belt and Road Initiative, and

India should not arrive at hasty conclusions and damage its relations with Iran, which remain strategically important. The pursuit of a closer security partnership with the US does not mean that India should follow the US lead on its other important relationships. It has quite rightly remained engaged with Russia even though Russia-China relations are the closest they have been historically and Russia's confrontation with the US has sharpened further in recent years. The same logic applies to our relations with Iran, which have served as a

restraint on Pakistan.

a potentially lucrative market for its project exports and manufactures. However, like India, it has also in parallel cultivated closer relations with Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which are currently bigger suppliers of oil and gas to China than Iran is.

Just weeks after the trilateral naval exercise, the bi-annual China-Arab States Cooperation Forum met in Jordan earlier this month with ringing declarations of China-Arab friendship. China has also emerged as a major arms supplier to the Arab states and has conducted naval exercises with Saudi Arabia and the UAE. It continues to have a strong relationship with Israel. There is no doubt that as China's economic, military and technological capabilities have increased, its profile in this strategically important region has also expanded. With the US becoming self-sufficient in oil and gas and its reliability as an ally being increasingly in doubt, the Gulf countries have welcomed China as the world's largest oil importer, a source of military supplies

and as an emerging security partner. While acknowledging this changed regional geopolitical landscape, India should pursue its largely successful policy of maintaining positive relations with Iran, the Arab states and Israel, just as China has done and not use a Chinese prism through which to shape its policy. There have been calls by some analysts to downgrade relations with Iran in order to align more closely with the US and to put greater emphasis on relations with Arab states. This would be a mistake. India will have more room for manoeuvring in the region by continuing to maintain a strong and friendly relationship with Iran. One should also not exclude the possibility of a Democratic US President reviving the Joint Comprehensive Programme of Action (JCPOA), or the Iran nuclear deal, concluded in 2015, which President Donald Trump walked out of in 2018. The revival of the deal will open the door for US and European companies to resume business with Iran. In the 2015-2018 period when sanctions had been partially lifted on Iran, it preferred to turn to the West rather than

China for its economic revival. The 25-year strategic plan dates back to January 2016, but the Chinese complained that the Iranians were dragging their feet on follow up action. It is the reinstatement of severe economic sanctions that has led Iran to turn to China, but the latter has remained cautious.

India should not arrive at hasty conclusions and damage its relations with Iran, which remains strategically important. The pursuit of a closer security partnership with the US does not mean that India should follow the US lead on its other important relationships. It has quite rightly remained engaged with Russia even though Russia-China relations are the closest they have been historically and Russia's confrontation with the US has sharpened further in recent years. The same logic applies to our relations with Iran, which have served as a restraint on Pakistan.

This does not mean that India should not monitor closely the development of relations between China and Iran, which could complicate our security interests on our western flank. Of particular concern is a reported reference in the 25-year strategic plan of China constructing a new port at Jask at the mouth of the Hormuz strait. This may be linked to oil and gas fields inland through pipelines and allowing shipments even if the narrow Hormuz Strait was closed. If the port were operated by China just as Gwadar on the Pakistani coast nearby is, then Chinese naval presence in the western reaches of the Indian Ocean would become significant. India's maritime security would be at further risk. It would also be of deep concern to the Arab states who will suffer from any closing of the Hormuz Strait while Iran remains less affected. Here is an issue on which the Arab states may well react adversely to China running with the hares and hunting with the hounds. India, too, should press its concerns on Iran while working on a counter-

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THE RIGHT PATH

The Amarnath Yatra must wait for a better time

Upendra Kaul

THE AMARNATH YATRA has been in the national news in recent years for the wrong reasons. In 2019, pilgrims were called back and this year, paradoxically, they were being allowed to undertake the pilgrimage despite the national emergency and a lockdown in the Valley because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, better sense has prevailed at the last moment. The millions of taxpayers' rupees spent on making arrangements for the yatra could have been used for some much-needed development programmes.

According to its legend, the Amarnath cave and the holy Lingam was re-discovered by a shepherd named Buta Malik, a Muslim, in 1850. He had been grazing his cattle in the mountain when a Sufi saint gave him a bag of coal, which later turned out to be gold. He went back to thank the saint but found the cave and the Shivalingam. Believers say that the Lingam grows and shrinks with the phases of the moon, reaching its height during the summer festival and peaking on the day of the full moon during Shraavana (the fifth month of the Hindu calendar).

This belief may not have a scientific basis. The Lingam is formed from drops of ice-cold water, dripping from the ceiling of the cave and accumulating at that spot in the shape of The yatra provides a living to local Muslims, who guide and assist the pilgrims. This is a task they perform with dedication. Unfortunately, a few militant groups harassed and attacked the yatra in 2017, killing pilgrims, local Muslims and security personnel. This was condemned by every Kashmiri, including the Hurriyat Conference.

a lingam. As per the Hindu faith, Lord Shiva entered the Holy Amarnath Cave along with Mata Parvati, his divine consort, and revealed to her the secret of life and eternity

Rajatarangini (Book VII v. 183) refers to

the sacred site as Amareshwara. It is also believed that in the 11th CE, queen Suryamati gifted trishuls, banalingas and other sacred emblems to this temple. There are several other references to this pilgrimage in many ancient texts as also in the account of Francois Bernier, a French physician who accompanied Emperor Aurangzeb during his first visit to Kashmir in 1663.

The cave is situated at an altitude of 3,888 metres (12,756 ft), about 141-km from Srinagar and can be reached through Pahalgam town by way of a four-day trek. The shorter single-day trek is from Baltal near Sonamarg on the Srinagar-Leh road. The route has some steep cliffs but has been improved considerably recently. Ponies and a helicopter service are also available. This is the route that was allowed this year.

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Kashmiri, including the Hurriyat Conference. The Amarnath Yatra has been a symbol of Kashmir, also called the land of rishis, Sufis, and saints — of which Laleshwari (Lal Ded) and Nund Rishi (Sheikh Noor-ud-Din) are the best known.

It was only in 2019 that the pilgrims were called back in the first week of August amidst panic about an impending terror attack. Later, it became apparent that the reason for the cancellation was the abrogation of Article 370 and the clampdown that followed. Apart from dividing the state into two Union Territories, a vast swathe of the population was put under lockdown. The announcement could have waited a few more days.

This year, the Valley is suffering from the pandemic like the rest of the country. Srinagar is in lockdown till August 1.

Why did it take so long to cancel the Yatra in the interest of the health of the people of the Valley and those who facilitate the pilgrimage? Was it to pander to a particular political base, even if it meant violating the precautions necessary to contain the pandemic? Thankfully, at long last, Lord Shiva revealed the right path.

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JULY 23, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

RAO ON PALESTINE

FOREIGN MINISTER P V Narasimha Rao urged the emergency special session of the UN General Assembly on Palestine to "compel Israel to recognise the inalienable national and human rights of the Palestinian people and put an end to its aggressive and barbarous behaviour against them." Israel, he said, should be compelled to immediately stop and reverse its policy of putting up settlements in occupied territory, recognise the rights of the Palestinian people to organise themselves in an independent and sovereign state of their own under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation and withdraw from all Arab territories occupied since 1967, including the holy city of Jerusalem.

Indira-Abdullah

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah met for 90 minutes in New Delhi and reviewed the political situation in the state in the context of the growing strain between the Congress-I and the National Conference, which is being reflected in the Centre-state relationship. Abdullah followed up the meeting with Mrs Gandhi with an hourlong meeting with Home Minister Zail Singh. CM Abdullah had created a flutter with his outburst at a Martyrs' Day rally in Srinagar on July 13. While his visit to Delhi was scheduled for discussions with the Planning Commission, both sides took the opportunity to talk to arrest the deterioration of Centre-state relations. At their meeting, Mrs Gandhi reportedly drew the CM's attention to apprehensions caused by his controversial speech. Several Congress-I members and other leaders had taken strong exception to the Sheikh's remarks, which had sought to equate India and Pakistan.

DD IN COLOUR

Delhi Doordarshan is understood to have succeeded in conducting a colour telecast using its present transmission equipment, heralding the advent of colour television in the country. The experiment was carried out on the afternoon of July 18. The results of the 30-minute telecast, according to sources close to the centre, were satisfactory.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

A race to the bottom

CBSE needs to rethink its populist approach to evaluation and bring in a system which encourages actual learning



SHOBHIT MAHAJAN

"LUCKNOW GIRL SCORES 100 per cent marks in Class XII" was the headline. The news item went on to say that Divyanshi Jain scored 100 per cent marks in all the five humanities subjects that she appeared in and was given 100 per cent marks in her geography exam which was cancelled due to the ongoing public health emergency. Another news item was about a pair of identical twins scoring exactly the same marks in each of the subjects that they took the exams in. When it comes to newsworthiness. the declaration of the CBSE results can compete with events like the onset of the southwest monsoon, the budget and a stock market collapse.

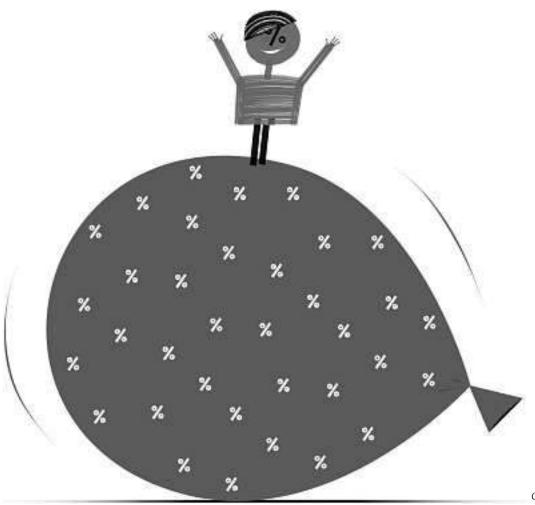
This time of the year, when the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declares its Class XII and Class X results, is nerve wrenching for lakhs of students and their families. A person's performance in these two examinations has become a benchmark for their academic competence. For lakhs of students, success or failure in these exams is the key determinant of their self-worth.

The nationwide exams conducted by the CBSE are a mammoth task in logistics and planning. More than 30 lakh students from across the country appear for these examinations. To reduce the risk of paper leakage, many sets of encrypted question papers are sent to the examination centres, including some in very remote areas. The range of subjects is mind boggling — in 2018, a student could choose from 800 subjects ranging from the mundane physics, economics etc, to esoteric ones like olericulture and confectionery. The fact that the whole process is completed year after year, without any major glitches is a testament to the organisational abilities of the CBSE.

The logistical and organisational competencies of the organisation unfortunately are rarely visible in what is possibly the most important aspect of the exercise — academic soundness of the learning and evaluation processes. Indeed, one can argue that the raison d'etre for the existence of the Board is to ensure high academic standards in the teaching of students and their evaluation. It is here that it has not delivered.

An essential part of the learning process is the syllabus in any subject — what is to be taught and to what degree of detail. This is usually done by teachers and researchers — the experts so to say — who are aware of the topics which need to be included, the sequencing and their relative importance. This then gets translated into textbooks usually written by another set of experts commissioned by NCERT. These textbooks are by and large comprehensive and of good quality.

The issue is then really of the evaluation process and its feedback effects on the learning process. If the students and the teachers know that evaluation demands a certain kind of pedagogy and methodology, then there is enough incentive for them to adopt



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the same. And there are many ways in which this feedback works. For instance, the Class XII board exam tests material which is taught only in Class XII, instead of material which has been taught in both Classes XI and XII. The syllabus, for instance, in physics is therefore divided into what is taught in Class XI and that which is to be taught in Class XII. But since the evaluation is only on the basis of what is taught in Class XII, the topics to be covered in Class XI receive a short shrift from teachers and students.

It actually gets much worse. The CBSE, in its desire to do "maximum good to the maximum number," has ensured that the Class XII syllabus, at least in physics, contains relatively easier topics while the more challenging concepts are left for Class XI. The effect of this on the assimilation and understanding of the subject can only be imagined.

The evaluation process thus determines the learning outcomes. However, the evaluation process seems to have only one overarching goal — to ensure that maximum students pass and what is more, a large number of them score very high marks. This is ensured by an innocuously named system called "moderation". The question papers are moderated to ensure that they are not too challenging. And if by any chance, a reasonable question paper which actually tests conceptual understanding of the student gets through this rigorous exercise, all hell breaks loose. Our country must be the only democratic country where the members of Parliament can be exercised over a "tough" mathematics paper for Class XII.

The results show how generous CBSE is with giving marks. Every year the pass per-

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centage increases, the number of students getting above 95 per cent increases as do the number getting a full 100 per cent. This turns the whole evaluation process to a farce. Evaluation of students is meant to test their understanding of the subject, their power of critical thinking and the ability to assimilate concepts of a subject. Thus the marks are supposed to provide an honest benchmark for an outsider to gauge the student's appropriateness for a job, for further academic work. Unfortunately, this doesn't happen when it is obvious to outsiders that the marks are not a reflection of the student's abilities — either by themselves or in a comparative sense. Most self-respecting institutions of higher learning don't trust these marks and thus have their own tests. Academics lament the weak foundations of students' learning. And industry captains frequently complain about the lack of analytical skills in the same students after their college degrees.

Dictators in many countries are known to rig elections — anything less than a 99 per cent vote in their favour is unacceptable. But even they do not make it 100 per cent so as to be able to claim that they were "free and fair". Inflating marks might make the parents, the students and the politicians feel good. But this race to the "top" is really a race to the bottom which will have long-term consequences. The CBSE needs to rethink its populist approach to evaluation and bring in a system which encourages actual learning. This is essential if we want to be a player in tomorrow's knowledge economy.

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Cheating the floor test

"The US has taken more out of the UK than the UK has taken out of it, and the proposed transatlantic trade deal will in all likelihood only reinforce

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

If legislators are lured with rewards, political or otherwise, 'floor test' becomes constitutionally immoral. Courts must revisit its use



DUSHYANT DAVE

WHILE A billion-plus people in India are engaged in the struggle against COVID-19, elected representatives in some parts of the country, visibly in Rajasthan, are busy proving B R Ambedkar right. Ambedkar had said: "I feel, however great a Constitution may be, it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work it, happen to be a bad lot."

Former Congress deputy chief minister of Rajasthan, Sachin Pilot and his companions, who are revolting with the possible objective to bring down the government of the political party that had set them up as candidates in the last legislative election, stand automatically disqualified as such by virtue of Article 191(2), read with the Tenth Schedule. This is the mandate of the Constitution and no one can hold otherwise.

It is time to revisit the issue. In fact, it is crucial to do so.

Article 191(2) declares unequivocally that a person shall be disqualified from being a member of the legislative assembly or legislative council of a state if he is so disqualified under the Tenth Schedule. The Tenth Schedule to the Constitution contains "provisions as to disqualification on ground of defection". It states in explanation to para 2(1): "An elected member of the House shall be deemed to belong to the political party, if any, by which he was set up as a candidate for election as such member".

This provision fixes the relationship between a member and a political party which selected him as a candidate. Paragraph 2 provides one of the grounds for disqualification: "If he voluntarily gives up his membership of such political party".

There are many ways in which a member can give up his membership. He can do so expressly or by implication. He can do so by his action or inaction. He can do so by his conduct. But the decision as to disqualification is left to the absolute discretion of the Speaker and para 6 says that "his decision shall be final". Sub-para 2 thereof says that proceedings as to disqualification shall be deemed to be proceedings in the legislative assembly within the meaning of Article 212. The limits set by the Article is clear from its title, "Courts not to inquire into the proceedings of the legislature".

This brings to the fore the need to em-

phasise "constitutional morality", which means "strict adherence to the core principles of constitutional democracy". Ambedkar had laid great emphasis on "strong adherence to the morality of the Constitution and judicial values". He had warned that "it is quite possible to pervert the Constitution without changing its form".

Constitutional transgressions by MLAs, after having come through a "party platform" to serve the people for five years (Article 172), cannot be countenanced. In so doing, these MLAs forget the oath, taken under Article 188 of the Constitution read with Form VII B of the Third Schedule, through which they affirm: "I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as established by law ...and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter."

Legislators do not have absolute freedom to behave in any way they like. They must bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution and, therefore, to the political party which set them up for the elections. Their conscience is dictated by these limitations.

If members of a ruling party are lured with rewards, political or otherwise, then the "floor test" becomes constitutionally immoral and unjust. Attempts to circumvent the Tenth Schedule through engineered defections cannot be allowed to succeed through the judicial process.

It is high time the judiciary revisited the use of a "floor test" to prove a majority in a legislature. If a party without a clear majority wins over members of the majority party to reduce it into a minority and then claims the right to form a government, the latter's "majority" does not stand the test of constitutional morality.

Let us hope the judiciary re-calibrates itself in this direction because they are the last and only hope. Political parties and their leaders have clearly sounded the bugle: Constitution aside, we want power.

For the ruling party — which has massive support and power at the Centre and in most states — seeming to encourage defections, directly or indirectly, does not look good. How can it explain the events in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat — the manner in which it came to power in the former and won an extra seat in the Rajya Sabha in the latter? Equally, for the country, the slow demise of the Congress sounds the death knell of democracy. But then, what can be said when so-called leaders who till the other day were being talked of as possible replacements for Rahul Gandhi have proven themselves to be clay-footed.

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Holes in the safety net

In times of pandemic, PDS shops should provide rations to all

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INTHE early days of India's lockdown, stories of food insecurity were rampant. As "Unlock 2.0" progresses, many analysts hope that labour markets will provide the much needed economic resources to the vulnerable. But amidst a range of localised lockdown measures, immediate economic distress continues to persist. The Centre and state governments need to expand the ambit of food transfer programmes and bolster policies that target people most at risk of malnutrition.

There is sound policy that can be built on. The Central government has extended the provision of extra rations of five kg of wheat/rice and one kg of pulses through November, making good use of its abundant grain stocks. Many state governments have stepped in to fill gaps—Bihar's recent expansion of rations and transfers to school children is one such example. And, a good monsoon points to the potential for bumper crops.

Yet, our analysis of data from several sur-

veys and previous research suggests the persistence of food insecurity, especially among economically and socially disadvantaged groups.

First, even with smooth access to rations, those out of work and with little or no savings will find it hard to cover their households' full caloric needs. Our research team recently evaluated how Chhattisgarh's public distribution system functioned through the lockdown and how rural households were faring in the state. Ration shops functioned well: Out of over 4,000 PDS shops we surveyed, 99 per cent

were open through the lockdown and stockouts were extremely rare. Of the over 3,900 households we surveyed in rural Raipur, 95 per cent reported receiving rations. But 20 per cent of the surveyed households worried they would run low or out of food in the coming weeks. Interviews with anganwadi workers revealed that households were eating fewer fruits and vegetables, and more rice and dal than before the lockdown. This is consistent with the NSS data that suggest free rations in Chhattisgarh helped households cover 15 to 33 per cent of their monthly food expenditure, depending on the ration card holder.

Second, distribution of food within households could be worsening both during the lockdowns and under increased economic hardship. With anganwadis shut in many states, daily hot meals for young children have been replaced by erratically distributed take-home dry rations. This change is likely to hit girls hard – substantial inequalities in food consumption within the same household are well-documented. Too frequently, girls and women still eat last at home. Research shows how failing to meet nutritional needs among mothers, potential mothers and young children has long-lasting repercussions on women's health, morbidity and mortality and the human capital that constitutes the next generation. This type of food insecurity is often invisible, yet can lead to glaring health, cognitive, educational, and

wealth deficits in the years to come.
Third, significant gaps in the food security safety net remain for returning migrants.

While the prime minister extended two months of rations for eight crore migrant workers in May and June, irrespective of their ration card status, there is no sign that the programme will be continued (although the timeline for distribution was extended). Official data suggest that it remains difficult to get rations to migrants. In April, we began phone surveys of migrants, who were formerly working in urban areas across India. Half of the respondents reported recent food insecurity (eating less than normal). In more recent rounds of surveys in June and July, this increased to two-thirds. Implementation bottlenecks within the delivery system are further restricting access to food and cash transfers in many areas.

So, how can the Centre and state governments address these concerns?

Like many others, we favour providing food to all who arrive at ration shops seeking it, regardless of identification. Waiting for all systems to be fully operational and online for the One Nation, One Ration Card scheme could cause fatal delays. This is especially critical to ensuring that returning migrant workers without ration cards can access food transfers. In the short-run, it will also ease implementation bottlenecks.

For young children, adolescent girls, and pregnant and lactating women, a period of malnutrition can have lifelong adverse consequences. Identifying ways of maintaining social distancing while reopening anganwadis for essential services (such as vaccinations

and hot meals) should be a priority to ensure these individuals, and not just their households, receive food.

Finally, the central and state governments should consider diversifying and expanding products available at fair price shops to help households meet nutritional needs while stabilising local food prices. The short-term introduction of free lentils via the PDS system is welcome. Governments could expand this list to include other essentials such as oil, sugar and locally procured items (such as vegetables and milk). Research has shown that access to rations via PDS helps insulate poor households from food price spikes. Our survey of fair price shops in Chhattisgarh also produced similar results: Prices for chana in private shops in panchayats where PDS shops also stock chana are 10 per cent lower than in panchayats where PDS shops do not stock

India should not allow one emergency — the pandemic — to turn into another. Food security problems are not abating and there are clear steps that should be taken before it is too late.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BATTLE ISN'T OVER

vigil' (IE, July 22). Delhi has done many things right this month and results are there for everyone to see. But it is only the first right step in the fight against the coronavirus. The possibility of false negative reports in Rapid Antigen Tests and serological survey findings are two strong reasons for not letting our guard down. The Delhi government must be on its toes to avoid another spurt in cases in coming days. It is a long battle and we should only rest when a proven vaccine is available to people.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Keep

le to people. **Bal Govind,** *Noida*

Ways of the farm

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Potato tears' (IE, July21). Crop production is highly location specific and depends on number of factors like climate, natural resource, access to input and farmers' knowledge. Farm-level crop planning goes a long way in building a climate resilient food system and better quality produce in increased quantities.

eased quantities. **Nitesh Pathak,** Etawah

NOT BY BOOKS ALONE

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Reclaim Shantiniketan moment', (IE, July 22). The moderation policy adopted by various Indian school boards to bring uniformity in the evaluation process has resulted in a liberal marking scheme and a good number of perfect scores in academic subjects every year. The marks are no longer the reference point to gauge the academic worth of a pupil. The institutions of higher learning should consider achievements in co-curricular and extracurricular activities while making schemes for admitting new applicants.

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GIVE MORE TO SPORTS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Protecting dreams' (IE, July 21). The poor condition of athletes is a testament to the failure of the sports ministry. Instead of keeping themselves fit, athletes have to think about earning their livelihoods during the pandemic. This is a worrying development because sports is one of the important pillars of

Barad Krishnapalsinh, Ahmedabad

CAUTIOUS HOPE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Keep vigil' (IE, July 22). The national capital has turned a crucial corner in its fight against COVID-19 but this virus is very unpredictable. For 11 days in a row, Delhi has posted figures of more recoveries as compared to new infections. If the trend holds, Delhi could achieve a much-desired decline in cases that come after the peak. People need to be very circumspect.

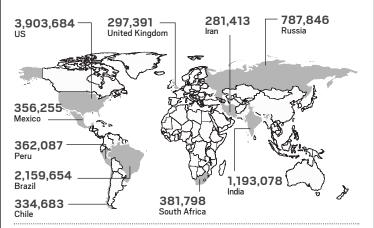
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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

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TOTAL CONFIRMED: 14,982,950

DEATH COUNT: 617,415

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on July 22 . **JHU's India tally and Health** Ministry's tally (below) may not match if these are accounted at different times.

Study links long-time cancer with risk of severe Covid-19

SNEW RESEARCH has examined the relationship between cancer and Covid-19. It has found that cancer patients diagnosed more than 24 months ago are more likely to have a severe Covid-19 infection. So are cancer patients of Asian ethnicity or who were receiving palliative treatment for cancer.



The study was published on Wednesday in Frontiers in Oncology. It was conducted by researchers at King's College London and Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust.

The study examined 156 cancer patients who were diagnosed with Covid-diagnosis between February 29 and May 12. Of these patients, 82% mild or moderate Covid-19 infection and 18% had severe disease. Using advanced statistical methods, the researchers associated their demographic and clinical characteristics with Covid-19 severity or death.

In follow-ups 37 days later, 22% of the patients were found to have died. Patients with Asian ethnicity, palliative

treatment, or a diagnosis of cancer more than 24 months before onset of Covid-19 symptoms were at higher risk of dying. Patients who had dyspnoea (shortness of breath) or high CRP levels (common blood marker of inflammation) were also at higher risk of dying from Covid-19.

Severe Covid-19 infection was associated with presenting with fever, dyspnoea, gastro-intestinal symptoms or a diagnosis of cancer more than 24 months previously.

Most patients in the study cohort were male, from a lower socio-economic background; half were white, 22% black and 4% Asian. Hypertension was the most reported comorbidity followed by diabetes, renal impairment and cardiovascular disease.

The most common tumour types were urological/gynaecological (29%), haematological (18%), and breast (15%). When classified according to Covid-19 severity, the largest proportion of cancers were haematological (36%).

Source: King's College London

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

The significance of Kakrapar-3

KAPP-3, which attained criticality on Wednesday morning, is India's first 700 MWe unit, and the biggest indigenously developed variant of the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor

ANILSASI

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE THIRD unit of the Kakrapar Atomic Power Project (KAPP-3) in Gujarat achieved its 'first criticality' - a term that signifies the initiation of a controlled but sustained nuclear fission reaction - at 9.36 am on Wednesday. PM Narendra Modi congratulated India's nuclear scientists on this achievement, describing the development of the indigenous reactor as "a shining example of Make in India" and a "trailblazer for many such future achievements".

Why is this achievement significant?

This is a landmark event in India's domestic civilian nuclear programme given that KAPP-3 is the country's first 700 MWe (megawatt electric) unit, and the biggest indigenously developed variant of the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR).

The PHWRs, which use natural uranium as fuel and heavy water as moderator, are the mainstay of India's nuclear reactor fleet. Until now, the biggest reactor size of indigenous design was the 540 MWe PHWR, two of which have been deployed in Tarapur, Maharashtra.

The operationalisation of India's first 700MWe reactor marks a significant scale-up in technology, both in terms of optimisation of its PHWR design - the new 700MWe unit addresses the issue of excess thermal margins - and an improvement in the economies of scale, without significant changes to the design of the 540 MWe reactor. (Thermal margin' refers to the extent to which the operating temperature of the reactor is below its maximum operating temperature.)

Four units of the 700MWe reactor are currently being built at Kakrapar (KAPP-3 and 4) and Rawatbhata (RAPS-7 and 8). The 700MWe reactors will be the backbone of a new fleet of 12 reactors to which the government accorded administrative approval and financial sanction in 2017, and which are to be set up in fleet mode.

As India works to ramp up its existing nuclear power capacity of 6,780 MWe to 22,480 MWe by 2031, the 700MWe capacity would constitute the biggest component of the expansion plan. Currently, nuclear power capacity constitutes less than 2% of the total installed capacity of 3,68,690 MW (end-January 2020).

As the civilian nuclear sector gears up for the next frontier - building a 900 MWe Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) of indigenous design — the experience of executing the larger 700MWe reactor design will come in handy, especially with regard to the improved capability of making large pressure vessels. This is alongside isotope enrichment plants being developed to supply part of the required enriched uranium fuel to power these new generation

THE 700 MWe PHWR: INDIA'S NEW NUCLEAR MAINSTAY

The new 700MWe reactors, along with the Russian VVER-1000 reactors at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu, are set to be India's main nuclear reactors in the future. The new projects on the anvil:

PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION						
Plant	Location	Capacity	Expected commissioning, operationalisation			
KAPP3	Kakrapar, Gujarat	700	Oct 2020			
KAPP4	Kakrapar, Gujarat	700	Sept 2021			
RAPP 7	Rawatbhata, Rajasthan	700	Mar 2022			
RAPP 8	Rawatbhata, Rajasthan	700	Mar 2023			
KKNPP3	Kudankulam*, Tamil Nadu	1,000	Mar 2023			
KKNPP4	Kudankulam*, Tamil Nadu	1,000	Nov 2023			
PFBR	Kalpakkam**,Tamil Nadu	500	Dec 2021			

PROJECTS ACCORDED ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL, FINANCIAL SANCTION				
Plant	Location	Capacity		
KKNPP 5&6	Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu	2X1000		
Chutka 1&2	Chutka, Madhya Pradesh	2X700		
Kaiga 5&6	Kaiga, Karnataka	2X700		
Mahi Banswara 1&2	Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan	2X700		
GHAVP 3&4	Gorakhpur, Haryana	2X700		
Mahi Banswara 3&4	Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan	2X700		

*Being implemented with Russian assistance, VVER-1000 reactors

**Being implemented by state-owned BHAVINI

Note: All projects that have been accorded administrative approval and financial sanction, barring KKNPP 5&6, are coming up in fleet mode

reactors over the next decade or so, Department of Atomic Energy officials have said.

When did work start on this 700 MWe

The first "pour of concrete" happened in November 2010, and this unit was originally expected to be commissioned in 2015.

State-owned Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) had awarded the reactorbuilding contract for both KAPP-3 and 4 to Larsen & Toubro at an original contract value of Rs 844 crore. The original cost of two 700 MWe units was pegged at Rs 11,500 crore, and the tariff per unit was originally calculated to be Rs 2.80 per unit (kWh) at 2010 prices (a cost of roughly Rs 8 crore per MWe). This costing is expected to have seen some escalation.

The capital investment for these projects is being funded with a debt-to-equity ratio of 70:30, with the equity part being funded from internal resources and through budgetary support.

What does achieving criticality mean? Reactors are the heart of an atomic power

plant, where a controlled nuclear fission reaction takes place that produces heat, which is used to generate steam that then spins a turbine to create electricity. Fission is a process in which the nucleus of an atom splits into two or more smaller nuclei, and usually some byproduct particles. When the nucleus splits, the kinetic energy of the fission fragments is transferred to other atoms in the fuel as heat energy. which is eventually used to produce steam to drive the turbines. For every fission event, if at least one of the emitted neutrons on average causes another fission, a self-sustaining chain reaction will take place. A nuclear reactor achieves criticality when each fission event releases a sufficient number of neutrons to sustain an ongoing series of reactions

What are the milestones in the evolution of India's PHWR technology?

PHWR technology started in India in the late

1960s with the construction of the first 220 MWe reactor, Rajasthan Atomic Power Station, RAPS-1 with a design similar to that of the Douglas Point reactor in Canada, under the joint Indo-Canadian nuclear co-operation. Canada supplied all the main equipment for this first unit, while India retained responsibility for construction, installation, and commissioning.

For the second unit (RAPS-2), import content was reduced considerably, and indigenisation was undertaken for major equipment. Following the withdrawal of Canadian support in 1974 after Pokhran-1, Indian nuclear engineers completed the construction, and the plant was made operational with a majority of components being made in India.

From the third PHWR unit (Madras Atomic Power Station, MAPS-1) onward, the evolution and indigenisation of the design began. The first two units of PHWR using indigenously developed standardised 220 MWe design were set up at the Narora Atomic Power Station. This standardised and optimised design

had several new safety systems that had been incorporated in five more twin-unit atomic power stations with a capacity of twin 220 MWe units located at Kakrapar, Kaiga, and Rawatbhata. To realise economies of scale, the design of

540 MWe PHWR was subsequently developed, and two such units were built at Tarapur. Further optimisations were carried out when the upgrade to 700 MWe capacity was undertaken, with KAPP-3 the first unit of this kind.

Does the 700MWe unit mark an upgrade in terms of safety features?

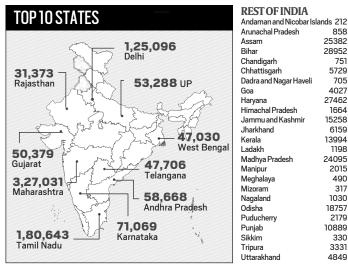
PHWR technology has several inherent

safety features. The biggest advantage of the PHWR design is the use of thin walled pressure tubes instead of the large pressure vessels that are used in pressure vessel type reactors. This results in the distribution of pressure boundaries to a large number of small-diameter pressure tubes, thus lowering the severity of the consequence of an accidental rupture of the pressure boundary.

Additionally, the 700 MWe PHWR design has enhanced safety through a dedicated 'Passive Decay Heat Removal System', which can removing decay heat (released as a result of radioactive decay) from the reactor core without requiring any operator actions. This is on the lines of similar technology adopted for Generation III+ plants to negate the possibility of a Fukushima-type accident that happened in Japan in 2011.

The 700 MWe PHWR unit, like the one deployed in KAPP, is equipped with a steellined containment to reduce any leakages, and a containment spray system to reduce the containment pressure in case of a loss of coolant accident.

INDIA COUNT: 1,192,915 (28,732 DEATHS)



Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, July 22. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above. 7,53,050 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 35 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

Have a question on the COVID-19 outbreak and what you should/should not do? Write to explained@indianexpress.com

Why America is talking about Harriet Tubman

AMRITA DUTTA

BENGALURU, JULY 22

made the surprising claim that Harriet Tubman "never actually freed the slaves", prompting a flurry of fact-checks and also a wave of indignation. For, Harriet Tubman is not just an abolitionist and civil rights activist from dusty history, but an American hero whose story recently become a part of the political narrative around race.

IN A speech on Tuesday, rapper Kanye West

Born in bondage

She was born Minty (Araminta) Ross sometime around 1822 to a family of slaves in Maryland, on the border of slave-owning South and the free North. A feisty child, she grew up working on a plantation. Like many enslaved African-Americans, she watched her family being permanently torn apart, with three of her sisters sold to slave-owners.

In 1849, Harriet and two of her brothers made a bolt for freedom, hiding in the countryside for three weeks. With \$300 announced as a reward to bring them back. Harry and Ben lost their nerve and returned. Tubman carried on, using the iconic Underground Railroad to reach Philadelphia.

The Underground Railroad

It was not a railroad at all, but a clandestine network that helped slaves escape and cross the Maison-Dixon line, which separated free states from the slave-owning states. Run by former slaves and white abolitionists, it was a loose chain of safe-houses where fugitive slaves would be hidden in barns or cellars.

Tubman took the "Underground Railroad", travelling at night by the light of

events are projected over the Brahmaputra,

in South Peninsular and Eastern India expe-

rienced at least two droughts during 1901-

■ Central India, Kerala, and some areas

■Projections suggest an increase by one

or two events per decade over Central and

Northern India. Eastern India could face

two more droughts per decade compared

to what was experienced during 1976-

2005, while the Southern Peninsula is pro-

jected to experience one or two droughts

Ganga and Indus.

ney. But it was not just her freedom that Tubman wanted. In Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman (1869) by Sarah Hopkins Bradford, Tubman recounted to the author: "I had crossed the line. I was free: but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom... my home after all, was down in Maryland; because my father, my mother, my brothers, and sisters, and friends were there. But I was free, and they should be free.'

the North Star on a perilous 100-mile jour-

In the ensuing years, she became one of the most successful "conductors" of the Underground Railroad, earning the nickname Moses. She is believed to have made about 13 trips back to Maryland, travelling during winter, to free about 70 people.

Tubman also worked as a cook, nurse, spy and soldier for the Union army during the civil war. She led a raid against the Confederates at the Combahee River in South

Carolina, freeing over 700. In later life, she settled in New York, and became a suffragist. She never escaped economic hardship, but remained generous to a fault, helping set up a home for elderly coloured people, where she died in 1913.

The Tubman bill

In 2016, the Obama administration announced its plan to knock the image of former US President Andrew Jackson, who was a slave-owner, off the \$20currency bill, and replace him with Tubman. But the new bill's release, planned in 2020, has been delayed by the Trump administration till 2028. Donald Trump had dismissed the decision to replace Jackson as "political correctness". Critics have read it as another sign of the ongoing contest between two imaginations of America's past and future.

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Heatwaves, floods, droughts: projections for India in coming decades

ANJALI MARAR PUNE, JULY 22

THE FIRST 'Assessment of Climate Change over Indian Region', released by the Ministry of Earth Sciences recently, warns of tropical cyclones, thunderstorms, heat waves, floods and droughts in India unless mitigation measures are adopted soon. The projections are for the decades leading to the end of the 21st century.



Temperature

Surface air temperature over India has risen by 0.6°C per year during 1901-2018.

■ Regions of North India have undergone warming more than the South, where warming has been mainly during winters.

■ Every decade between 1951-2015 had 7.4 warmer days and 3.1 warmer nights than the annual averages for daily maximum and nightly minimum respectively. ■ The frequency of warm days is pronights by 70%, both relative to 1976-2005. ■ In coming decades, the average dura-

jected to increase by 55% and that of warm

tion of heatwaves during April-June is projected to double, and their frequency to rise by 3 to 4 times compared to 1976-2005.

■ By the end of the 21st century, average temperature over India is projected to rise by 4.4°C, relative to the average temperature during 1976-2005.

■ Sea surface temperatures on the tropical Indian Ocean have been rising by an average 1°C annually over 1951-2015.



Monsoon ■ During 1951-2015, an-

nual rainfall over India showed a declining trend. The reduction ranged between 1-5 mm over central India, Kerala and the far Northeast

■ Contrarily, precipitation increased over J&K and Northwest India.

■ The coming decades are projected to witness a considerable rise in the mean, ex-

treme and inter-annual variability of rainfall associated with monsoon.



Droughts and floods ■ Since the 1950s, the frequency and intensity of both

heavy rainfall events and dry days have gone up. These trends are prominent over Central India and South Peninsular regions during the southwest monsoon (June-September) and northeast monsoon (October-December) respec-

■ Since 1901, India has experienced 22 droughts during monsoon. In addition to an increase in the area under drought, frequency and severity too have increased during 1951-2016.

■ Flood risks are higher over the east coast, West Bengal, eastern Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Konkan and cities like Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

■ The Himalayan flood basins are pro-

jected to greater floods, due to the faster

glacial and snow melting. Major flooding

Sea level

■ During 1993-2015, the sea level over the North Indian Ocean (Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal) rose by 3.3 mm per year, which is in tune with the Global Mean Sea Level (GMSL) rise.

■ In an extreme climate scenario projected by the report, a risk of inundation looms over Andhra Pradesh and GangaBrahmaputra-Meghna delta basins. By 2030, some 340 million coastal residents of the North Indian Ocean and its islands would be exposed to coastal hazards.



Tropical cyclones ■ Before the 1950s, 94 se-

vere cyclonic storms formed in the Bay of Bengal, a number that jumped to 140 post the 1950s. For those formed in the Arabian Sea, the number has risen from 29 to 44 in the same pe-

■ Storms in the Arabian Sea are gaining more strength and the trend is projected to continue. The number of extremely severe cyclonic storms formed in the Arabian Sea has increased in the last 20 years.



Himalaya snow

■ During the last seven decades, the Hindukush Himalayas have warmed at an average 0.2°C per decade,

leading to a decline in snow cover and glaciers in the last four to five decades. The Karakoram Himalayas have reported an increase in snowfall during winter.

■ By the end of the century, the Hindukush Himalayas are projected to be warmer by 2.6-4.6°C.

Cause & effect

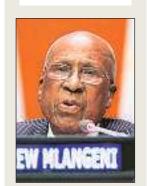
■ The main contributor to climate change is anthropogenic activities pushing up concentrations of greenhouse gases. This has led to rise in temperature and atmospheric moisture content.

■ A higher concentration of water vapour, in turn, leads to intense rainfall during monsoon.

■ Heating leads to vaporisation, which is directly linked to decreasing soil moisture, resulting in droughts. This can lead to reduction in food production and in avail-

ability of potable water, the report says. ■ Rising sea levels would make India's big cities vulnerable to erosion and damage to coastal projects, the report says.

THE WORLD



SOUTH AFRICA Andrew Mlangeni, Mandela ally in anti-apartheid struggle, dies at 95

SOUTH AFRICAN antiapartheid campaigner Andrew Mlangeni, who was jailed alongside Nelson Mandela in 1964 after a treason trial, has died at the age of 95. Mlangeni, who spent 26 years in jail and was the last of the eight defendants in the trial to die, had been admitted to hospital following an abdominal complaint, South Africa's presidency said in a statement. President Cyril Ramaphosa. who fought with Mlangeni for racial equality and an end to white minority rule, described him as a "beacon of ethical leadership and care for humanity" whose death marked the end of a generation of history and left the future in the hands of those who remained.

MALAYSIA Court orders Najib Razak to pay \$400 mn tax bill

A MALAYSIAN court on Wednesday ordered former Prime Minister Najib Razak to settle 1.69 billion ringgit (\$397.41 million) in unpaid taxes over seven years while he was still in office, according to a report by national Bernama. newswire Defeated in the 2018 general election amid widespread outrage over allegedly rampant graft in his government, Najib is facing multiple charges of corruption and abuse of power linked to billions of dollars Malaysian prosecutors say was siphoned off from state 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

Big quake strikes off Alaska, tsunami warning cancelled

A MAGNITUDE 7.8 earthquake struck near the Alaskan peninsula late Tuesday, shaking buildings, but there were no immediate reports of injuries and the US National Tsunami Warning Center canceled an earlier warning of potentially hazardous waves. In Kodiak. the largest community in the earthquake area on an island south of Anchorage, some residents posted video on social media of sirens sounding alarms. The quake struck off the coast, 105 km south-south east of Perryville, Alaska. It had triggered a tsunami warning which was cancelled two hours.

WASHINGTON CITES PATTERN OF ESPIONAGE, THEFT LINKED TO CHINA

US orders China to close Houston consulate, Beijing vows retaliation

Reports say smoke coming from consulate complex as employees dump papers into flaming barrels

EDWARD WONG, LARA JAKES &
STEVEN LEE MYERS WASHINGTON, JULY 22

THE UNITED States has ordered China to close its diplomatic consulate in Houston by Friday, citing a nationwide pattern of espionage and attempted theft of scientific research by the Chinese military that is aided by diplomats.

The order deals a major blow to the rapidly deteriorating relations between the two nations. China promptly vowed to retaliate, calling the move illegal.

The State Department said in a statement that the closure was in response to repeated Chinese violations of American sovereignty, including "massive illegal spying and influence operations".

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said at a news conference on Wednesday in Copenhagen, Denmark, that Chinese citizens stealing intellectual property in the United States had been a persistent problem. "We are setting out clear expectations as to how the Chinese Communist Party is going to behave," he said. "And when they don't, we are going to take actions



Firetrucks were sent to the Chinese consulate in Houston after reports of a fire in the compound. However, they did not enter the building, over which the Chinese have sovereignty. AP

that protect the American people, protect our security, our national security, and also protect our economy and jobs.

The Justice Department said on Tuesday that it had indicted two Chinese hackers accused of trying to steal information about

On Tuesday night, hours after American officials delivered the shutdown order to the Chinese ambassador in Washington, consulate employees burned papers in open metal barrels in a courtyard of the Houston building,

prompting police officers and

firefighters to rush to the area, ac-

cording to online videos and local news reports.

Wang Wenbin, a spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, urged the United States to reverse the decision immediately. "Otherwise China will certainly make legitimate and necessary reactions," he

said. His remarks suggested that China would, at a minimum, close a US consulate in China.

'The unilateral closure of China's consulate general in Houston within a short period of time is an unprecedented escalation of its recent actions against China," Wang said. NYT

Student files first climate lawsuit against Australia

Sydney: A 23-year-old student has filed a lawsuit against Australia's government alleging it has failed to disclose climate change-related risks to investors in the country's sovereign bonds, in the first such action.

According to the litigation filed on Wednesday, Kathleen O'Donnell claims investors who buy Australian government bonds should be made aware of the risks due to climate change that might make it difficult for Australia to pay back its debt.

A spokeswoman for Australia's Treasurer said the government was aware of the case. "Legal representatives are considering the matter. As it concerns current court proceedings the government will not make any comment," she said. REUTERS

Russian researcher of Stalin-era purges

Moscow: A Russian activist who has investigated Stalin-era repression was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison on Wednesday on charges of sexually abusing his adopted daughter, which rights activists have dismissed as a politically

The Petrozavodsk city court

The prosecutors had asked for a 15-year prison sentence for the 64-year-old Dmitriyev. The sentence means he is set to walk free in November as it includes the time he already spent in pre-trial

Trump shifts rhetoric as he urges people to wear masks, warns of worsening pandemic

US to pay Pfizer \$1.95 billion to produce Covid vaccine; global cases top 15 mn

REUTERS

All eyes

on China

response

GIVING CHINA just 72 hours

to shut its Houston consulate

marks a big escalation in already deteriorating US-China

ties. Beijing has vowed retali-

ation, leading to fears of tit-

for-tat moves that could fur-

ther raise tensions. The US

consulate in Wuhan, desig-

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US due to Covid-19. Ordering

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one way for China to respond

without further escalation.

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WASHINGTON, JULY 22

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump, in a shift in rhetoric and tone, encouraged Americans on Tuesday to wear masks if they cannot maintain social distance and warned that the coronavirus pandemic would get worse before it got better.

In his first press briefing in months focused on the outbreak. Trump urged young people to avoid going to crowded bars and maintained that the virus would disappear at some point.

Trump's remarks were a change in strategy from his emphasis on reopening the US economy after its virus-induced shutdown and represented his first recent acknowledgement of how bad the problem has become.

"It will probably, unfortunately, get worse before it gets better — something I don't like saying about things, but that's the way it is," Trump told reporters.

"We're asking everybody that when you are not able to socially distance, wear a mask, get a mask. Whether you like the mask or not, they have an impact. They'll have an effect. And we need everything we can get," he said. The President, who downplayed the virus in its early stages and once referred to mask-wearing as politically correct, has been reluctant to wear a face covering himself.

Nearly 142,000 people have died in the US from the highly contagious respiratory illness Covid-19, the most of any country. Global coronavirus infections surged past 15 million on Wednesday, according to a Reuters tally.

Meanwhile, the US government announed a \$1.95-billion contract with the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and a smaller German biotechnology company for up to 600 million doses of a Covid-19



Trump held his first coronavirus press briefing in months on Tuesday. Reuters

I wish her well, says Trump of **Epstein ally**

Washington: US President Donald Trump offered sympathetic words to Ghislaine Maxwell, the longtime companion of Jeffrey Epstein who stands accused of facilitating the abuse of girls by the nowdeceased sex offender. "I just wish her well, frankly," Trump said when asked about Maxwell during a Covid-19 press briefing. Maxwell, 58, was denied bail last week and is to remain behind bars as she awaits trial on charges she recruited girls for the financier to sexually abuse. AP

vaccine, with the companies on track to manufacture the first 100 million doses by December.

Under the arrangement, the federal government would obtain the first 100 million doses for \$1.95 billion, with the rights to acquire up to 500 million more. Americans would receive the vaccine for free. Before it could be distributed, it would first need at least emergency approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

Trump's request to UK envoy: Get the British Open for me

MARK LANDLER. LARAJAKES& MAGGIE HABERMAN LONDON JULY 22

THE AMERICAN ambassador to Britain, Robert Wood Johnson IV, told multiple colleagues in February 2018 that President Donald Trump had asked him to see if the British government could help steer the world-famous and lucrative British Open golf tournament to the Trump Turnberry resort in Scotland, according to three people with

The ambassador's deputy. Lewis A Lukens, advised him not to do it, warning that it would be an unethical use of the presidency for private gain, these people said. But Johnson apparently felt pressured to try. A few weeks later, he raised the idea of Turnberry playing host to the Open with the secretary of state for Scotland, David Mundell.

Mundell said it was "inappropriate" for him to discuss his dealings with Johnson and referred to a British government statement that said Johnson "made no request of Mr Mundell regarding the British Open or any other sporting event." The statement did not address whether the ambassador had broached the issue of Turnberry, which Trump bought in 2014, but none of the next four Opens are scheduled to be played there.

Still, the episode left Lukens and other diplomats deeply unsettled. Lukens, who served as the acting ambassador before Johnson arrived in November

The White House declined to Department. NYT

Pak journalist abducted, freed; SC seeks report from police

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, JULY 22

PAKISTAN'S SUPREME Court on Wednesday gave Islamabad police chief a deadline of two weeks to submit a report on the abduction of senior journalist Matiullah Jan, who was later freed following massive outrage across the country.

Jan, who has been critical of the government and the security institutions of the country, was freed on Tuesday, hours after he was abducted by plainclothes and uniformed personnel in the national capital.

A three-member Bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Iustice Gulzar Ahmed, hearing a suo motu case of alleged contemptuous tweets by Jan, took notice of his abduction. "What are the institutions doing?" he asked the attorney general.

"I am back home safe & sound. God has been kind to me & my family. I am grateful to friends, national & int. journalist community, political parties, social media & rights activists, lawyers bodies, the judiciary for their quick response which made it possible," Jan posted on Twitter on Wednesday. PTI



Matiullah Jan. Reuters file

Migrant kids as young as 1 held in US hotels, then deported

NOMAAN MERCHANT HOUSTON, JULY 22

THE TRUMP administration is detaining immigrant children as voung as one in hotels, sometimes for weeks, before deporting them to their home countries under policies that have effectively shut down the nation's asylum system during the coronavirus pandemic, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

A private contractor for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is taking children to three Hampton Inn & Suites hotels in Arizona and at the Texas-Mexico border, where they are typically detained for several days, the records show. The hotels have been used nearly 200 times, while over 10.000 beds for children sit empty at government shelters.

Federal anti-trafficking laws



Children were taken to three Hampton Inn & Suites hotels in Arizona and at the Texas-Mexico border, where they are typically detained for several days, the records show. AP

ment of migrant children require that most kids be sent to the shelters for eventual placement with family sponsors. But President Donald Trump's administration is now immediately expelling

and a two-decade-old court set- people seeking asylum in the US. companied migrant children in hotels exposes them to the risk of trauma as they're detained in places not designed to hold them and cared for by contractors with

UK: Dalrymple, 180 other historians protest 'misleading' citizenship test

ADITIKHANNA LONDON, JULY 22

BESTSELLING AUTHOR William Dalrymple is among more than 180 historians who have signed an open letter to the UK Home Office calling for a review of the history segment of the citizenship and settlement test for being "fundamentally misleading" on issues related to slavery and the British Empire.

The "Life in the UK Test" is a compulsory requirement for any applicant for citizenship or "indefinite leave to remain" residency rights in the UK and the

official Home Office handbook issued for its preparation covers different sections of British life, including its history.

The signatories of the open letter include Indian-origin academics from leading British universities. "We are historians of Britain

and the British Empire and writing in protest at the on-going misrepresentation of slavery and Empire in the 'Life in the UK Test'," the open letter, published in the official journal of the Historical Association on

"The official handbook published by the Home Office is

fundamentally misleading and in places demonstrably false – decolonisation was not an 'orderly' but an often violent process, not only in India but also in the many so-called 'emergencies' such as the Mau-Mau Uprising in Kenya (1952-1960). We call for an immediate official review of the history

chapter," the letter said. People in the colonies and people of colour in the UK are nowhere actors in this official history. The handbook promotes the misleading view that the Empire came to an end simply because the British decided it was the right thing to do." PTI

gets prison term

driven fabrication.

in the province of Karelia on the border with Finland found Yuri Dmitriyev guilty on charges of sexual misconduct toward his underage adopted daughter, which he denied.

custody, his lawyer said. AP

knowledge of the episode.

In a brief interview last week,

2017, emailed officials at the State Department to tell them what had happened, colleagues said. A few months later, Johnson forced out Lukens, a career diplomat who had earlier served as ambassador to Senegal.

comment on Trump's instructions to Johnson, as did the ambassador and the State

YIELDING TO GUNMAN'S DEMAND, ZELENSKIY POSTED A VIDEO ENDORSING JOAQUIN PHOENIX-NARRATED 'EARTHLINGS'

Hostage standoff ends after Ukraine's President endorses documentary

REUTERS & NYT

KYIV, JULY 22

ALL 13 people taken hostage on a bus in western Ukraine were freed unharmed on Tuesday after President Volodymyr Zelenskiy spoke by phone with the hostage-taker and agreed to his demand to endorse a 2005

animal rights documentary. Police arrested the suspect, whom the state security service (SBU) identified as 44-year-old Maksym Kryvosh, who seized the bus in the city of Lutsk, saying he was armed with guns and

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said Kryvosh had served time in prison and the SBU said he had propagated "extremist views". Police said Kryvosh threatened to blow up the bus and detonate another explosive in a crowded area in the city.

In a move to secure the hostages' release, Zelenskiy said he spoke to Kryvosh for seven to 10 minutes and agreed to one of his demands, to promote the documentary Earthlings, narrated by

Hollywood actor Joaquin Phoenix. Zelenskiy did so in a six-second clip posted on the presiden-

tial Facebook page, which was subsequently deleted.

The President said he had persuaded Kryvosh to first release three of the hostages, including a pregnant woman.

"We agreed that he would release three people and after that I will record a video," Zelenskiy said.

Zelenskiy had been given the option of launching an assault on the bus, but did not want to risk hostages dying during the attack. "We have the result — everyone is alive," he said.

The SBU published a picture of Kryvosh sprawled on the



Thirteen people taken hostage on a bus in west Ukraine. Reuters

ground with security personnel standing over him after his arrest. Avakov said an accomplice of Kryvosh was detained in the eastern city of Kharkiv.

Police had blocked off the city centre with armed officers, cars and an armoured personnel carrier while they tried to persuade Kryvosh to free the hostages in a day-long standoff.

Photos and footage showed a small bus parked in the middle of an empty street, with at least two windows smashed and others covered with curtains. Police said Kryvosh threw a grenade out of the bus. Avakov said

Kryvosh had fired shots out of the bus at police. Kryvosh had used the nick-

name Maksim the Bad to post a manifesto and demands on Twitter. The rambling demands, including the assertion that the government was a terrorist organisation, seemed not directly related to Ukraine's turbulent internal politics, as they are usually understood, or its six-yearold war with Russian-backed separatists.

"Happy day of the anti-system," Kryvosh wrote in one post. "Don't fool yourselves." In a video posted online he wore a black

the Earthlings documentary. He also showed the documentary to his hostages on the bus, local news media reported.

manded that Zelenskiy endorse

beret and cradled a shortened

Kryvosh specifically de-

version of a Kalashnikov rifle.

"The film this man is talking about is good. And you don't have to... create such a nightmare for people all over the country. The film can be watched without it,"

None of the 13 hostages held in a city bus through the tense ordeal were physically harmed, au-

Avakov said.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR

NOTICE INVITING

No.PHQ/F&P/Sec.-10/Prove-2/3374-A/20 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Tender are being invited from Original equipment manufactures (OEM) or authorised by nanufacturer (Only One) for the following item:-

Name of Item Qty Specification EMD in Rs. DIGITAL CAMERA Rs. 75,000/-50 Nos As Per Tender

The cost of the tender document, State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) amount to be deposited in he Head of A/C- 0055-Police-800-other receipt or it shall be in the form of D. D. of State Bank of India/schedulec Bank (other than cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of A.I.G. (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur. Tender Fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition. The tender document may e obtained from the following address:

Spl. Director General of Police (P&P) Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur. Pin:- 492 002. Phone & Fax: 0771-2431210, 2229622

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	SCHEDULE FOR TENDER						
)	Address for submission of tender document :- Police I	Headquarters, Sector 19, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh Block No. 04 Room no. 409					
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d) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :- Police Headquarters, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, C.G.

17/08/2020 at 04.00 pm E) Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :- Shall be intimated later 120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid. Note:- 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.

Tender documents can be downloaded from website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender for 2000/- will be paid in the form of DD or on the account of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarter

Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be Advertised in the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.

Sd/-A.I.G. of Police (F&P) For-Director General of Police, Police headquarters, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

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U.P.R.V.U.N.L. TENDER NOTICE HARDUA THERMAL POWER STATION Superintending Engineer, Coal Handling Circle, Kasimpur (Aligarh): 1. Tender No. ET-04/CHC/CHD-I 'D'TPS/HTPS/2020-21. "Overhauling of Wagon Clamping power cylinder/ hydraulic cylinder and different Hose pipe of wagon tippler/ side arm charger system of CHD-I, DTPS, HTPS". Estimated cost Rs.3.00 Lacs. Earnest Money Rs. 6000.00, Cost of tender document Rs. 300.00+Rs.54.00 (GST) = Rs.354.00 Extended Last date of E-bid Submission 04-08-2020, Extended Date of Hard Copy Submission date 05-08-2020 and Extended Date of opening Part-I 06-08-2020. 2. Tender No. ET-05/CHC/CHD 'D'TPS/HTPS/ 20-21, "Attending lighting complaints and sistance in shift in electrical maintenance of 6.6 KV/0.4KV switch gear. motors & other electrical for a period of one year". Estimated cost Rs. 3.08 Lacs. Earnest Money Rs. 6160.00, Cost of tender document Rs. 308.00+Rs. 55.00 (GST) = Rs. 363.00 Extended Last date of E-bid Submission 04-08-2020 up to 13:00 Hrs., Extended Date of Hard Copy Submission 05-08-2020 up to 13:00 Hrs. and Extended Date of opening Part-I 06-08-2020 at 16:00 Hrs. **NOTE** :- (1) The details for submission of bids will be e-procurement website: up.nic.in w.e.f. 10:00 Hrs. http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. dated:- 11.06.2020. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the eering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. SUPER-INTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, Kasimpur 3. Tender No. 08/ECMC/ECMD-II/HTPS/2020-21, Name of work "M&R of Main water pipe line in New colony HTPS, KASIMPUR (Aligarh)". Estimated cost 17.14 Lac, Earnest money 34,000.00, E-Tender cost Rs. 1700.00+306 GST (18%) = Rs. 2006.00. Tender extended date extended Last date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up.nic.in) 05.08.2020 up to

14:00 Hrs., e-bid extended date/time for Opening (Part-I) 06.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. or later. Time of Completion- 12 Month. SUPER-INTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-IV, 'D'TPS, KASIM-PUR 4. E-Tender Notice No. ET-16/O&MC-IV/DTPS/EMD-II/DT.P.S./2020-Configuration of Control & Protection logic of Numerical Relays and Retrofitting in MCC Panel of ESP Unit 8 & 9, Harduaganj 'D' Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur for the period Two Months" Estimated Cost Rs. 3,48,150.00. Earnest Money Rs. 6,963.00 Cost of Tender document Rs. 400.00+126.00 (GST) Rs. 472.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 25.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS/B.G. up-to maximum on dated: 25.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated: 27.08.2020, Tender opening date, Part-A: 27.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE:- (1) The details for submission of bids will be available on e-procurement website: hrtp://etender.up. nic.in w.e.f. 10:00 Hrs. dated:- 23.07.2020. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, ucknow by depositing requisite fees for particpation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 5. Tender No. ET- 04/O&MC-IV/EMD-I/Hdj. 'C'T.P.S./2020-21 "Maintaining, filling & Removal of H2 gas in Generator #7 HTPS. Kasimpur" as per scope of work, for the period of one year" Estimated Cost. Rs. 2,52,528.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 5,100.00 Cost of tender document: Rs.300.00 + Rs. 54.00 (GST) = Rs. 354.00 Opening date of tender are as below: Now Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs.. Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/ BG up to dated: 06.08.2020 up to 4:00 Hrs. Now Extended due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated: 08.08.2020. Tender opening date, Part-A: 08.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be already available (ID No. 2020_RVUNL_463899_1) on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs, dated: - 01.05.2020. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. No ET-08-O&MC-IV/EMD I/Hdj.'C'T.P.S./2020-21, "Shifting, transportation & commissioning of 132KV/6.6Kv, 20 MVA M/S CGL Make Transformer from its foundation at Panki TPS. Panki to Harduaganj TPS Kasimpur, Aligarh, after dismantling & shifting of 132KV/6.9 KV, 10 MVA (10T) Transformer, which got damaged" as per scope of work, for the period of one month" Estimated Cost Rs. 7,00,000.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 14,000.00 Cost of tender document: Rs. 700.00 + Rs. 126.00 (GST) = Rs. 826.00 Opening date of ender are as below:- Extended due date of e-procurement website http://etender.up. nic.in: 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs.. Extend due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money nrough RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/ BG up to 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. Again extended due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office undersigned maximum on dated: 08.08.2020 Tender opening Extended date, Part-A: 08.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details (ID No. 2020 RVUNL 474911 1) on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs. dated: - 21.05.2020. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in

the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be regis-

ered with their Digital Signature Certificate

(DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the

bidder can participate in bid submission activity.
7. Tender No. ET-58 /O&MC-IV/EMD-

I/Hdj.'C'T.P.S./2019-20 "Removal, shifting, lay-

ing etc of dilferent size of Power & Control cables", HTPS, Kasimpur," for the period of one year" Estimated Cost Rs. 1,54,500.00 Earnest

Money: Rs. 3.100.00 Cost of tender document:

Rs.200.00 + Rs. 36.00 (GST) = Rs.236.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Now

Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement web-

site http://etender.up.nic.in : 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date, of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money trough RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/ BG up to Extended dated: 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on Extended dated: 08.08.2020. Tender opening Extended date, Part-A: 08.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be already available (ID No. 2020_RVUNL_439069_1) on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs. dated: - 21.02.2020. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. SUPER-INTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL
MAINTENANCE CIRLE, Kasimpur 8. Short
term E-Tender No.12/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTPS/ 2020-21, Name of work: DISPOSAL & TREAT-MENT OF BIO MEDICAL WASTE OF PROJECT HOSPITAL, AT HARDUAGANJ THER-MAL POWER STATION, U.P.R.V.U.N.L. KASIMPUR (ALIGARH), Uttar Pradesh. Estimated cost Rs. 01.20 Lac. Earnest money Rs. 2,400.00, Tender cost Rs. 120.00+20.00 GST (Present Rate is 18%) = Rs. 142.00. Extended Date and time for submission of e-bid Extended Date and time for submission of e-bid http://letender.up.nic.in) 04.8.2020 upto 14.00 Hrs., Extended Opening date/time (Part-I) 05.8.2020 at 16.00 Hrs. or later. TIME OF COMPLETEION 12 MONTH 9. E-Tender No. 19/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTTPS/2019-20, Name of work: Construction of 03 Nos. modular toilet (with 04 Nos. cabin) including septic tank at dif-ferent location with in Aligarh District, Uttar Pradesh Estimated cost Rs. 05.93 Lac. Earnest money Rs. 12,000.00, Tender cost Rs. 600.00+108.00 GST (Present Rate is 18%) -Rs.708.00, date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up.nic.in) 21.8.2020 upto 14.00 Hrs., Opening date/time (Part-I) 22.8.2020 at 16.00 Hrs. or later. TIME OF COMPLETEION 04 MONTH Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle-IV, Hdj. 'D' T.P.S., Kasimpur, 10. Tender No. ET- 10/O&MC-IV/D TPS/EMD-III/C TPS/2020-21, NAME OF WORK: "laying of XLPE cables & centrifuging of transformers oil (05 nos.) In 33/11 KV newly constructed sub-station switch yard area, in B TPS, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh). "Time Period: 06 Month. Estimated cost: Rs. 1.97 Lac. Earnest Money: Rs. 3946.00, Cost of tender document: Rs. 200.00 + Rs. 36.00 (GST) = Rs. 236.00. Date Extended:- Date of opening Part-I 10.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of e-bid 06.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of Hard Copy 10.08.2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (HQ), HTPS Kasimpur 11. E-Tender No. 01/SE(HQ)/ S&ETD/HTPS/2020-21, Name of work: Hiring of agency for the work of preparation of salary bill. Pension/ Family pensioner arrear / pensioner medical allowance arrear etc. and its associated work. Estimated cost Rs. 2.65 Lac Earnest money Rs. 5300.00, Tender cost Rs. 314.00 (including 18% GST) E-bid Start date and time for submission of 20.07.2020 upto 18.00 Hrs., E-bid Last date and time for submission of 18.08.2020upto 14.00 Hrs., Last date and time for submission of Hard copy of requisite documents in the office 19.08.2020, at site documents in the office 19.08.2020, at 14:00 Hours. E-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 19.08.2020 at 16.00 Hrs. or later, ONLY DOWNLOADED COPY OF TENDER FROM NIGAM'S WEB SITE http://etender.up.nic.in accepted. 02/SE(HQ)/S&ETD/HTPS/2020-21, Name work: Work of Binding Old Record for CFA&BO 'C' TPS & CFA&BO 'D' TPS, Kasimpur., Estimated cost Rs. 2.60 Lac, Earnest money Rs. 5200.00. Tender cost Rs. 307.00 (including 18% GST) E-bid Start date and time for submis sion of 20.07.2020 upto 18.00 Hrs. E-bid Las date and time for submission of 18.08.2020upto 14.00 Hrs., Last date and time for submission of Hard copy of requisite documents in the office 19.08.2020, at 14:00 Hours. E-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 19.08.2020 at 16.00 Hrs. o later. ONLY DOWNLOADED COPY OF TEN DER FROM NIGAM'S WEB SITE http://etender.up.nic.in will be accepted. SUPERITENDING ENGINEER, Electricity Civil Maintenance Circle, Kasimpur 13 Tender No. 18/ECMC/ECMD-II/HTPS/2020-21 Name of work-"Utilization of crushed coal stone in maintenance of water treatment plant area fuel oil nump house area & other area in 2x250 mw extn. HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)". Estimated cost 7.48 Lac, Earnest money 15000.00 Tender cost Rs.700.00+126.00 GST (18%)= Rs. 826.00. Last date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up.nic.in) 26.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs., e-bid Opening date/time (Part-) 27.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. or later. Time of 12 Month. Engineer, MMC, Harduaganj 'D' TPS, Kasimpi (Aligarh) 14. E- Tender No. : E' 50/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020. Name of Supply Supply of Mill Motor Coupling & Grid Spring of Bowl Mill (XRP-903) of DTPS, Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs. 2.50.000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 5000.00. Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 05.08.2020 Tender shall be opened on extended date: 07.08.2020 (Part-I) & 10.08.2020 (Part II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 15. E- Tender No. : ET-51/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020. Name of Supply Supply of Mild Steel Water Pipe for Fire spray & Hydrant line for DTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 21,15,000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 42300.00, Tender cost: Rs. 1000.00 + 180.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 05.08.2020 Tender shall be opened on extended date: 07.08.2020 (Part-I) & 10.08.2020 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 16. E- Tender No. : ET-53/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020, Name of Supply: Supply of High Pressure Hose Pipes for Wagon Tripler for CHP, DTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 38360.00 Eamest money: Rs. 750.00. Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date 11.08.2020 Tender shall be opened on extend 14.08.2020 (Part-I) & 17.08.2020

(Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experi-

enced suppliers can participate in this tender

DTPS/2020, Name of Supply: Supply o Castable & Pourable Refractory for 'D' TPS

Kasimpur, Estimated cost: Rs. 702375.00

Earnest money: Rs. 14000.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST). e-Bid online submis-

sion End Date: 27.08.2020 Tender shall be

opened on date : 29.08.2020 (Part-I) & 02.09.2020 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only

reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized

Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in

Tender No. : ET-71/MMC/EPD/

Visheshwaraiya Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 Notice: 1653/G.M. (Varanasi Zone)/Nivida/RNN/20 Dated: 21.07.2020 **Short Term Ré-tender Notice**

On behalf of U.P.R.N.N. E-Tenders are invited on two bid system for Construction of 02 Block (G+12) Transit Hostel in Police Line at District Varanasi. Detail can be downloaded from etender.up.nic.in and U.P.R.N.N. Website www.uprnn.co.in from 21.07.2020. General Manager, Varanasi Zone



trench, meter room Chamber, HDPE line etc.).
RCC road, parks and other misc. civil works for

Multistoried buildings at New colony HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)", Estimated Cost Rs. 4,33,55,227.00 (GST Extra), Earnest Money Rs. 8,68,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 15000.00 +

2700.00 (18% GST) Rs. 17700:00. Extended

Last date and time for submission of e-bid

(http://etender.up.nic.in) 06.08.2020upto 02.00 Hrs., e-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 07.08.2020 at 04.00 Hrs. or later. Time of com-

10/ECCC/ECCD-II/IX660MW/HTPS/2019-20

Name of work "Construction of RCC Road drain, CISF Boundary Wall, in new colony,

Harduagnaj Thermal Power Station Colony Kasimpur (Aligarh)", Estimated Cost Rs 4,29,88,502.00, Earnest Money Rs

8,68,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 15000.00+ 2700.00 (18% GST) Rs. 17700.00. Extended Last date and time for submission of e-bid on

date 06.08.2020 up to 02:00 Hrs. Extended E-

bid opening on date/time (Part-I) 07.08.2020 at

04:00 Hrs of later. Time of completion 09

month, 20, E-Tender No. 03/ECCC/ECCD-

III/HTPS/2020-21, Name of work "Fire Fighting

system installation work around multistory tow

ers and officer's club in New Colony Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, Kasimpu

(Aligarh)". Estimated Cost Rs. 41.73.777.00.

Earnest Money Rs. 84,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 4200.00+756.00 (18% GST) Rs. 4956.00. Last

date and time for submission of e-bid

(http://etender.up.nic.in) 20.08.2020 upto

02.00 Hrs., e-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 21.08.2020 at 04.00 Hrs. or later. Time of com-

pletion 06 Months. SUPERINTENDING ENGI-NEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIR-

NEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIR-CLE-II, "D'TPS, KASIMPUR 21. Short Term E-Tender Notice No. ST ET-08/O&MC-II 'D' TPS/BMD-I 'D' TPS/20-21, "Routine & Breakdown maintenance of FO/LDO Pumps, HFO Heater, its pipeline & valves of Unit # 8 & 9, 2x250MW, HTPS, Aligarh" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 8.15,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 16,300.00 Cost of Tender document Rs. 800.00 +144.00

Cost of Tender document Rs. 800.00 +144.00

(GST) - Rs. 944.00 Opening date of tender are

as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 13.08.2020 upto

14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost

through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 13.08.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs.,

Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of under-

signed: 14.08.2020 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender

Opening Date: Part-I- 14.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs

Note: 1) The details for submission of bids are

available w.e.f. 20.07.2020 at 17:00 Hrs. in the

bid document uploaded on the e-procurement

website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bid

ders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in

the e-tendering. The bidder must also be regis-

tered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the

bidder can participate in bid submission activity.

22. E-Tender Notice No. ET-09/O&MC-II/TMD/DTPS/20-21, "Work of sweeping &

cleaning of UCB of Unit No 7 main service

house building, different sites of turbine of Unit

No.7, mechanical workshop and pit cleaning

are required to maintain safe and hygiene working condition of unit, Kasimpur:-" Estimated Cost Rs. 140000.00, Earnest Money Rs.

2800.00 Cost of Tender document Rs. 300.00+54.00 (GST) = Rs. 354.00. Opening date are as below: Due date of Submission of

e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 25-08-2020 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender

Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS up-to maximum on dated: 25-08-2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. due date of submis-

sion of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated:

27-08-2020 Tender opening date, Part-A: 27-08-2020 at 16:00 Hrs. Note: (1) The details for

submission of bids are available w.e.f

20.07.2020 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document

uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are

required to be registered with U.P. Electronics

Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by deposit

ing requisite fees for participation in the e-ten-

dering. The bidder must also be registered with

their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the

e-bidding system, after that the bidder can par-

ticipate in bid submission activity. 23. E-Tender

Notice No. ET-10/O&MC-II/TMD/DTPS/20-21

Miscellaneous items (In-situ repair of Different

valves, Impeller With shaft, Oil guard, Valve seat, Turbine Packers/Keys etc.) of Turbine and

its associated auxiliaries of Unit # 8&9 of DTPS.

Kasimpur Aligarh:-" Estimated Cost Rs. 7,36,800,00.00, Earnest Money Rs. 15000.00

Cost of Tender document Rs. 1000.00+180.00

(GST) = Rs. 1180.00. Opening date are as

below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement web-

14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost

through RTGS (in the HTPS account) &

Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G: 25-08-2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. due

date of Submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned

maximum on dated: 27-08-2020 Tender open-

ing date, Part-A: 27-08-2020 at 16:00 Hrs Note

(1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 20.07.2020 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid

document uploaded on the e-procurement web

are required to be registered with U.P.

Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in

the e-tendering. The bidder must also be regis-

tered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the

bidder can participate in bid submission activity

24. E-Tender Notice No ET-11/O&MC-II/TMD/DTPS/20-21, "Servicing of HPBP Control Valve (BP-1 & BP-2), Water Sparay

Valve(BPE-1,BPE-2 & Block Valve BD) during Overhauling of of Unit # 8&9. TMD, DTPS

HTPS, Kasimpur," For "for a period of one year

11,86,447.00, Earnest Money Rs. 24,000.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 1000.00 +180.00 (GST) = Rs.1180.00 Dates of opening are as

below: Due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 25-08-2020 up to

14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS

account) B.G: 25-08-2020 up to 14:00 Hrs. due

date of submission of hard copy of all the requi

under TMD, 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Ther Power Station" Estimated Cost

site: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidde

e http://etender.up.nic.in : 25-08-2020 up to

Repairing/Fabrication /

Machining

E-tender

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. (A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) Victoria Cross Vijeta, Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001 CIN. UA40109UP2001SGCO25867/2358, Telephone-(0135)2763672-76, Fax-(0135)2760285

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

This office e-tender specification No. CCP-II/8/2020-2021 invited previously for supply of Three Phase, Four Wire (10-60A) Electronic kWH energy meters with box is hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 10.08.2020. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 11.08.2020 at 15:30 hrs.

Date & time of Pre-bid conference on online mode is 27.07.2020 at 15:00 hrs. For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in

SUPERINTENDING ENGINNER

CORPORATE (Contract & Procurement-II) No.: 339/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated: 21.07.2020

"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use LEO Bulb, Save Electricity.
(Toll Free No. 1912) " Pay Electricity Bill Online 24x7 from www.upcl.org. (For information on ectricity theft, informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 1804185 0405/Fax No. 0135-2760911)

site documents in the office of undersigned this tender. Superintending Engineer, ECCC, Kasimpur. 18. E-Tender No. 01/ECCC/ECCDmaximum on dated: 27-08-2020 Tender open III/HTPS/2020-21, Name of work "Civil works of ing date, Part-A: 27.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. Note External Development (Boundary Wall. Storm (1) The details for submission of bids are avail Water Drainage System, Sever Line), civil able w.e.f. 20.07.2020 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid works related to External Electrical works (Transformer/Sub Station foundation, cable

site: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are ing requisite fees for participation in the e-ter Non-Comprehensive AMC for Preventive make UPS System, installed at various PLC rooms related to C&IMD-I/II of 2X250 MW Money: Rs. 5000.00 only, Tender Cost Rs.1000.00 + 180.00 (GST 18%) = Rs 1180.00Opening date of tender are as below: - "Due the requisite documents with tender cost & earnest money in the office of undersigned is 21.08.2020 up to 14:00 hrs., Part-I of the nic.in. (2) The bidders are required to be regi Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder 39/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2020, Name Kasimpur Estimated cost: 6,86,080.00, Earnest money: Rs 13000.00 bid submission: 11.05.2020. Extended Las Tender shall be opened on Extended date 08.08.2020 (Part-I), 10.08.2020(Part-II) E-Conditions: Only manufacturers/their author be opened on Extended date: 08.08.2020 manufacturers/their authorized Experienced Supplier can participate in this ter der. 28. Tender No. & Name of Division: SET 58/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2020, Name authorized dealers can participate in this ter Supply: Procurement of electrical consumable for EMD-I, 'D'TPS HTPS for overhauling of Uni (Part-II) E-Tender ID: 2020 RVUNL 488437 participate in this tender. 30. Tender No. of 11KV electric line from 33/11KV substation to 08.08.2020 (Part-I), 10.08.2020 (Part-II) E Conditions: Only manufacturers/their author ized dealers/ Experienced Supplier can partic & Inundation including all inbuilt perils) for risk coverage of Assets of 'D' TPS Unit No 8 & 9 and 30.07.2020 Tender shall be opened on date 31.07.2020 (Part-I) Note: - For further detail please log on our shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualify ing conditions and Part - II will contain price bi as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may downloaded (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specifical www.uprvunl.org The contactors have to sub any reason thereof Sd/- Superintending Engineer(H.Q.) Harduaganj Thermal Power Station Kasimpul (Aligarh). पत्रांक 35/अधी.अभि. (मु.)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प-1 (28)/20

document uploaded on the e-procurement webrequired to be registered with U.P. Electronic Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by deposit dering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. SUPERIN TENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III, HTPS
Kasimpur: 25. TENDER NO. & NAME OF FT-06/OMC-III/C&IMD-II/DTPS HTPS/2020 & C&IMD-II NAME OF WORK Breakdown maintenance of M/s Hitachi-Hire HTPS.Estimated cost: Rs.2,45,800.00, Earnes date of submission of e-Bid (Technical 8 Financial) at e-procurement website http:// etender.up.nic.in is 20.08.2020 up to 16:00 nrs. due date for submission of hard copy of all Tender shall be opened on date 21.08.2020 a 16:00 hrs." Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 20.07.2020 at 12:00 Hrs. onward in the bid document uploaded or the e-procurement website: http://etender.up tered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashol must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate i bid submission activity. Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh 26. Tender No. & Name of Division: ET Supply: Procurement of LT cables for DTPS Tender cost: Rs 708.00, Date of Starting of E-Date of submission of E-bid: 07.08.2020 Tender ID: 2020_RVUNL_464712_1 Eligibility ized dealers can participate in this tender. 27 Tender No. & Name of Division: SET 57/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2020, Name o Supply: Procurement of ceiling fans & electron regulators with suitable one way gang box fo EMD-III. HTPS. Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs 3,32,500.00, Earnest money: Rs 6000.00 Tender cost: Rs 354.00. Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 07.08.2020, Tender shall (Part-I), 10.08.2020 (Part-II) E-Tender ID: 2020 RVUNL_488435_1 Eligibility Conditions: Only dealers Supply: Procurement of 11KV Armoured XLPE nium 3C X 240 sq mm cable for EMD-III HTPS Estimated cost: Rs 11,84,000.00 Earnest money: Rs 24000.00, Tender cost: Rs 1298.00, Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 07.08.2020, Tender shall be opened o Extended date: 08 08 2020 (Part-I) 10 08 2020 Part-II) E-Tender ID: 2020_RVUNL_488436 Eligibility Conditions: Only manufacturers/the der. 29. Tender No. & Name of Division: SET 59/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2020, Name o No 8 & 9 Estimated cost: Rs 2.47.844.00 Earnest money: Rs. 5000.00, Tender cost: Rs 236.00, Extended Last Date of submission of E bid: 07.08.2020, Tender shall be opened or Extended date: 08.08.2020 (Part-I), 10.08.202 Eligibility Conditions: Only manufacturers/the authorized dealers/ Experienced Supplier car Name of Division: SET-61/MMC/EPD/CTPS HTPS/2020, Name of Supply: Miscellaneou electrical items for erection and commissioning new 11KV substation at HTPS Estimated cost Rs 18,68,806.00, Earnest money: Rs 38000.00 , Tender cost: Rs1298.00, Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 07.08.2020 Tender shall be opened on Extended date Tender ID: 2020_RVUNL_488440_1 Eligibility pate in this tender, 31. Short Term E- Tender No SET-72/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2020, Name of Supply: Procurement of Insurance policy fo standard fire and special perils (Flood, Tempes Central store Inventory and common aux. of 'D, HTPS, Kasimpur" The Project cost (Book Value s approx Rs. 2486.52 Crore. Estimated cost Rs. 2,06,01,424.00(GST extra) Tender cost Rs. Nil only e-Bid online submission End Date http://etender.up.nic.in U.P.R.V.U.N.L E Tender Notice E-Tenders are invited for the fol lowings supply/works items in two parts. Partfrom the website ion details can be seen on Nigam websit mit the hard copy before the schedule date/tim in the concern office in sealed envelope con taining details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to reject any or all the tenders without Electricity Enhance National Productivity



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Tender Cancellation Notice

Due to unavoidable reasons following NIT invited by the office of Manager (A&S), UJJWAL, Maharani Bagh, Dehradun has beer cancelled. Details of NIT is as under:

Tender notice no.-01/Manager (A&S)/20-21

Details of Work- Annual Operation, maintenance, cleaning and upeep of UJVN Ltd transit accommodation at Mussoorie, Dist.-Dehradur Manager(A & S)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Notice inviting Application for Empanelment / Registration of Siding Consultants for Providing Consultancy Services of Railway Sidings Development Projects

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Applications are invited for and on behalf of the President of India by Asstt Executive Engineer/ General, Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi to be submitted latest by 07.09.2020 upto 15:00hrs, from nterested Parties / consultants / consulting firms for empanelment / registration n connection with Survey, Construction & maintenance of private sidings or prescribed document i.e. Form for empanelment (FFE) documents No CEG/FFE-I of 2020 which can be had from office of AXÈN/G, Room No. 441-A Engineering Branch Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 w.e.f. 22.07.2020 at a cost of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand). The document fees to be deposited in he form of Demand Draft in favour of FA&CAO/Northern Railway, Baroda House New Delhi from any Nationalize bank, which will be non-refundable, and documents non- transferable. These documents can also be downloaded from Northern Railway website www.nr.indianrailway.gov.in subject to depositio of cost of documents as per relevant clause

No. 7-W/0/Consultants/20-21/WA Dated: 22.07.2020

Asstt. Executive Engineer/ Genera For General Manager /Engineering SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Divl. Rly. Manager, Engineering, N.W Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of

President of India invites open E-Tende

for the following works upto 15:30 hours on the date shown as below- (1) Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2020-21 49. ADEN-FL sub division-FL- extension of existing FOB at PF to Staff colony (Appx 125 RM) (3m Wide) and construction of small sheds & water booth at Bheslana, Sakhun, Gegal akhari, Khandel, Ladpura and Banasthali Niwai stations. **Approx Cost of work :** ₹ 30265074/-, **Earnest money** ₹ 3012050/14-, Earnest money ₹ 301300/- (2) ENGG-JP-2020-21-50 ADEN/Line/JP & ADEN/FL Sub Divn.-Reconditioning of Scabbed, wheel Burns and Cupped Rails of GNG/52 Kg of BG track. Approx Cost of work : ₹ 4306793/-, Earnest money ₹ 88100/. (3) ENGG-JP-2023-1.51 ₹ 86100/- (3) ENGG-JP-2020-21-51 ADEN (RGS) Sub Div. -Provision of cleaning RWH, Hume pipe Hiring of mud pump operator and other activity at LHS in PWI(AEL) Section (for 2 years) **Approx Cost of work**: ₹ 15778343/-, **Earnest money** ₹ 228900/- **(4)** ENGG-JP-2020-21-52 DEN (NORTH) Section - Provision of hiring 32HP Mud Pump and Mud Pump operators (for 2 years). Approx Cost of work : ₹ 19963239/-. Earnest money ₹ 249800/- **(1)** Detail is available on N.W Rly website-www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board in WA section, DRM Office, NWR/Jaipur. (2) Tender No ENGG-JP-2020-21-49 to ENGG-JP-2020-21-52 is to be closed on 13.08.20 at 15.30 hrs and opened on 13.08.20 at 16.00 hrs. (3) M/s ACHRA CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIERS-JAIPUR, VILLAGE POST BHESLANA, ACHRO KI DHANI. SAMBHAR LAKE, JAIPUR -303328 shal not participate in Tender No. ENGG-JP-2020-21-51. 669-DK/20

Contact helpline no. 182 for railway security complaints

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

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E-Tender No.: PRYJ-Sig-407-2020-21 Date: 19.07.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Office of Divisional Railway Manage North Central Railway, Prayagraj

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Coordination / North Central Railway/ Prayagrai for an i behalf of the President of India. Invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 Hrs, or 05.08.2020. The detail of the Tender is as un

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SN	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Date of Closing of Tender			
1	Sig-407	Indoor work in connection with Provision of MSDAC in dual in UP & DN Lines for provision of WCMS crossing on main line at CMR station.	₹ 23203655.90	₹ 266000/-	₹ 10000/-	05.08.2020			

Completion Period: 09 Months. Availability of Tender Form: Tender forms shall be available on www.ireps.gov.ii 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. **Earnest Money to be Deposited:** The prescribed amount of Earnes Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Onlin Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form that specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. Time Date 8 Place of Opening of Tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manage PRAYAGRAJ on or after pre determined date at 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holida Tenders will be opened on the next working day. Validity of Offer: 45 days from the date of opening. Right of Railway to Deal with Tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without 804/20 (A)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar-190011 **Materials Management Department (imports)** Email:ammoimports@skims.ac.|n Fax:0194-2403403

NOTICE

Sub:- Procurement of Portable Deployable Isolation System with Negative Air Flow (Model: Bed AIR-ISO) on proprietary basis from M/S Bed Air Ltd. Kemp House, 152-160 city Road, London, UK.

SKIMS intends to procure Portable Deployable Isolation System with Negative Air Flow (Model: Bed AIR-ISD) on proprietary basis from M/s Bed Air Ltd. Kemp House, 152- 160 city Road, London, UK. for the department of Medical Oncology, SKIMS being the proprietary item as claimed by the company.

In this connection, objections (if any) from companies manufacturing / marketing such equipment capable of delivering the same result as intended from the above equipment, regarding the proprietary nature of the above equipment should be communicated within 15 Days on the above mentioned email ID/ FAX, after which the claim of the company who has claimed for the proprietorship of the said equipment shall be accepted.

> **Asstt. Materials Management Officer** Imports, SKIMS

No: SIMS 324-Bed-Air-2020-2330-36-5048-49

भाष.: 0581-2421127 फैक्स: 0581-2510987 ईमेलः cbbareilly@dgest.org



छावनी परिषद कार्यालय बंगला न. सेर्पेनटाइन 54 रोड बरेली छावनी - 243001

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Kind Attention: Interested Access Service Licensee and IP-1 Companies.

Eol for placement of CoWs in Bareilly Cantt Area. Reference Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter no. F.11026/1/2005/D(Lands)

dated 26 February 2018. II. Reference Eol Notice No. CBB/Eng/CoWs/EOI dated 22-09-2018, IInd Eol Notice No CBB/Eng/CoWs/Eol dated 30-10-2018 and further E-Tender Notice No.

CBB/CoWs/Eng/xx dated 10-05-2019 and E-tender Notice No. CBB/CoWs/Eng/xx dated

15-07-2019. It is informed to all concerned and Access Service Licensees and IP-1 Companies that the above referred bidding process of year 2019 stands cancelled and fresh process has been started as per decision of Competent Authority/Cantt Board. CBR No. 20 dated 07-02-2020

As per recommendations of fresh Board Of Officers (BOO), 10 no. locations are found appropriate for CoWs which are however subject to changes as per requirements and area coverage aspects.

(List of 10 no. locations are displayed in Central Public Procurement Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure) and Cantt Board Bareilly www.cbbareilly.org.

Accordingly the IP-1 companies may confirm and express their interest on 10 no. as identified by the BOO or they may suggest changes, if required with coordinates of the proposed locations for consideration by the BOO along with copy of relevant License/Infrastructure Provider Registration Certificate from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) and duly filled and signed Eol Form from authorized signatory.

It is further informed that based on interest shown by Access Service Licensees and IP-1 Companies BOO will select the final locations for placement of CoWs in Bareilly Cantonment in terms of the policy for which bidding process may be initiated as per the Govt

The Eol should be submitted through eProcurement portal only. Manual applications/Eol will not be entertained/accepted. The interested companies may read the referred revised policy carefully before showing Eol.

The schedule for inviting the expression of interest is as under: S.N

.No.	Activity	Date	Time
1.	Date of publication	23.07.2020	1600 hrs
2.	Eol submission start date	23.07.2020	1600 hrs
3.	Eol submission end date	06.08.2020	1600 hrs
4.	Eol opening date	07.08.2020	1600 hrs

The interested ASL/IP-1 companies may also visit the website of Cantonment Board Bareilly

(www.cbbareilly.org) for further details. Cantonment Board, Bareilly/Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, Bareilly reserve the right to postpone and/or extend the date of receipt or opening of e-Eol or to withdraw the e-Eol invitation notice, without assigning any reason thereof. In such case, the ASL/IP-1 Companies shall not be entitled to any form of compensation from the Cantonment Board

Addendum(s)/Corrigendum(s) if any will be published only on Central Public Procurement Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure). The interested companies may check the above portal from time to time.

> (Dr. Anupam Talwar) Chief Executive Officer Cantonment Board Bareilly

File No: CBB/CoWs/Eol/Eng

Date: 20 July, 2020

Bareilly.





THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

I, Manmohan Goyal s/o

Brijmohan Goyal R/o-16/12, T/F,

Subhash Nagar, Delhi-110027

have changed my name to

I. Shvam Sunder S/o Amar

Singh, R/o 235, Pocket A-1,

have changed my name to

I, Shruti Verma W/o-Sachin

purposes.

Shyam Sunder Grover for all

Verma R/o-162, Gali, No.1, Near

Ramesh-Market, Garhi East-of-

Kailash, New Delhi-110065.have

changed my name to Kavita

Kumar Mittal W/o Ishan Jindal

H.No.271, Sector-9, Panchkula,

Sector-8, Haryana-134109 have

changed my name to Shipra

Kumar Sharma R/o-230/25-E,

Mandawali, Delhi-110092, have

changed my name to Sanjeev

Kumar for all future purposes

I, SATISH KUMAR GUPTA S/O

KASHMIRI LAL GUPTA R/O

2948/A. RANJIT NAGAR DELHI-

I, Ram Gopal S/o Ram Chandra

Divakar R/o:Gate No.5. Jama

to Ram Gopal Divakar for

future.

purposes.

Parul Jain.

purposes.

Masjid Complex, Jama Masjid,

Delhi-6 have changed my name

I, Preetika Ashok W/o Rahul K.V

R/o House No:740 Pocket-E,

Mayur Vihar Ph-2 New Delhi-

110091, have changed my name

to Preetika Rahul for all future

I. Parul Aggarwal W/o Gauray

Apartment, 1Ram Kishore

have changed my name to

Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054

I, Mallika D/O Shri Prahlad Singh

Chauhan R/o House No. 356/10

110087 have changed my name

GURCHARAN SHAH SINGH R/O-

name to ISHNEET SHAH SINGH.

752, MUKHERJEE-NAGAR,

S/o.Sh.Dinesh Tiwari R/o-

3,Singal-Storey, Ramesh-

Tiwari age-about 1-year.

I, Gautam S/o-Pawan

BLOCK.RAJGARH

Sharma,R/o A53/A,A

Nagar, New Delhi, have

H.No.7, Ground-Floor, Block-

daughter, from Anshi to Erica

COLONY, GANDHI NAGAR, East-

Gautam to Gautam Sharma, for

Delhi, DELHI-110032, have

changed my name.from

DELHI-009 have changed my

Second floor, Sunder Vihar

Paschim Vihar New Delhi -

from Mallika to Mallika

Chauhan for all future

I. ISHNEET SINGH S/O-

I, Himanshu Tiwari

Jain R/o C-12, Rohatagi

110008, HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO SATISH KUMAR.

I. Saniiv Kumar S/o Sh.Shiv

Gali.No.8, Chander Vihar,

I, Shippu Mittal D/o Rakesh

Sector -4, Rohini, Delhi-110085,

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0040542516-1

0040542535-4

Classifieds

I,Syed Danish Raza S/o Syed Askari Raza Zaidi Residence-F-80. Sector-56. Noida GautamBuddha Nagar, have changed my name Syed Danish Raza to Sved Danish Raza Zaidi for all, purposes infuture.

0040542526-2

I, Anubhav Chandel S/o K.S. Chandel, born on 25.6.1982. residing at H. No.118-B/3, 3rd Floor, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-49, shall henceforth be known as Zarthustra Zorba (all name $listed \, are \, in \, given \, name \, then \,$ surname order).

0040542530-1

I AMIRUDDIN S/O SHAMSHUDDIN SAIFI R/O-B-98 KANCHAN-KUNJ, MADANPUR-KHADAR EXTN-2, DELHI-110076.HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO AMIRUDDIN SAIFI.

0040542545-5

I Satish Garg S/O Roshan Lal R/O-F-14/6, Sector-15, Rohini Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Satish Kumar. 0040542535-1

I AZHRUDDIN S/O SHAMSHUDDIN SAIFI R/O-B-98 KANCHAN-KUNJ, MADANPUR-KHADAR EXTN-2, DELHI-110076. HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO AZHARUDDIN SAIFI.

0040542545-6

I Ajay Kumar Bansal S/O Jawahar Lal Bansal R/O-220 Kewal-Kunj Appt.sector-13, Rohini Delhi-110085.have changed my name to Ajay 0040542535-3

I Gautam Kapur S/o Sh.Shiv Shankar Kapur R/o 7/9, Roop Nagar, Near Kamla Nagar, Delhi-110007 have changed the name of my minor son from Krish Kapur to Kriish Kapur for 0040542470-1 all purposes.

I ISHMEET SACHDEVA D/o-Dilpreet Singh R/o-78, Alkapuri, Pratap-Nagar, Shahagani, Agra, UP, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ISHMEET KAUR

SACHDEVA.FOR ALL PURPOSES 0040542535-6

I Ravi Wadhwani R/o 17/90, Bagichi Chetan Dass, Near Red Fort, Delhi-6 have changed my minor son's name from Krishna Vansh Ravi Wadhwani to Vansh Wadhwani 0040542476-1

I SHAM SUDDIN SAFI S/O ABDUL HAMEED R/O-B-98 KANCHAN-KUNJ, MADANPUR KHADAR-EXTN-2. DELHI-110076. HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO SHAMSHUDDIN SAIFI.

0040542545-7

I Sheba John W/O, Jacob Oommen R/o H.no.296 Sector 19 Faridabad Haryana -121002 have changed my name to Sheba Jacob Oommen for all 0040542522-1

l farida khatoon D/o md ilyas R/o 221, 2nd floor, dda site-1. new rajinder nagar, delhi-110060, have changed my name to Kaial Minhas 0040542492-1

I, AJAY KUMAR S/O RAJENDER SINGH R/O C-7/364

NAME TO AJAY RAJ. 0040542545-1 I. Aanchal Joura d/o Ravi Mehta r/o Flat No.-503, Fifth Floor, H-Block, Max Heights Dream Homes, Kundli, Sonipat, Haryana-131028 have changed

SULTANPURI, DELHI-

permanently. 0040542475-1 L Abhishek Nagnal S/o Late Ashok Kumar Nagpal R/o-3 Sukh Vihar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Siddhartha for all future

my name to AANCHAL MEHTA

0040542480-1 I, Venkatasamy Sivakumar Kabilan S/o-Sivakumar Venkatasamy, R/o-33/1, Emilia-A1,Vatika-City Sector-49,South-City-II, Gurugram (Haryana)-122018, have changed my name to Kabilan Sivakumar Venkatasamy. 0040542539-7

L Sumit Thakur S/o-Yogendra Thakur R/o-34/3 OWC, Race-Course, New Delhi, have changed my minor daughter's name Swara to Swara Thakur,.Vide-affidavit Date-21-7-2020. 0040542535-10

I. Davneet Kaur d/o Amrik Singh Dhingra r/o WZ-18, Plot No.-41, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to DAVNIT PAHWA.

0040542505-1

I, RINKU S/O NATHU RAM R/O BLOCK-C6, HNO.445, SULTAN PURI, DELHI-110086.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RINKU SANKHLA. 0040542545-3

I. Bhawna W/o Deepak Kumar Grover, R/o 235, Pocket A-1, Sec: -4, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Bhawna Grover for all purposes.

0070709188-1

I, Anshu Ranjan S/o Chandra Bhushan Sinha R/o-E-10, DS. HIG, Radhakunj, Brijvihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Anshu 0040542539-6 Ranjan Sinha.

I, Ananya D/o Manoj Sachdeva R/o-Flat.No.64,A-1, Appartment, Sector-5 Vishram-Chowk, Rohini Sector-5, Delhi-110053.have changed my name to Ananya Sachdeva.

0040542539-4

I, Amit Kumar S/o Om Parkash Kalra R/o-189 Dhakka Village Near G.T.B-Nager Delhi-110009. Change my name to Amit kalra 0040542539-1

LOST & FOUND

I. Ashutosh Dubey and Pooia Dubey, R/o-122B,S.K., Sector 110, Noida, have lost Allotment-Letter of my building 122B, Block-S.K., Sector-110. Finder Contact: above address and if-anyone use above documents is illegal.

Manmohan Goel Permanently. 0040542539-2

LOST & FOUND I, Dheeraj Gahlaut S/o Shri Tej Singh Gahlaut R/o.A-15, Tej Singh Gahlaut R/o.A-15, Subhawana Apartments, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, Owner of: Office/Shop/ Unit No. G-9, on Ground Floor, Plot No.H-4, Vardhman North Ex Plaza Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 has been lost/ misplaced papers of above said property apers of above said property y **Mr. M. L. Nagpal Father** of Mr. Lokesh Nagpal rather of Mr. Lokesh Nagpal and Anuranjan Nagpal. Details of papers are listed below:
Original Application for provisional booking letter dated 05-01-1999, Lokesh Nagpal and Mr. Anuranjan Nagpal both S/o Sh. M. L. Nagpal in respect of the said property. Finder please contact above

सार्वजनिक सूचना अरथना कुमार एवं उसकी पता तथा तथा वनक पूत्रा करूप हुंग कुमार एवं उसकी पता तथा मेरे मुव्यिकत के निवंत्रण में न होने के कारण उन्हें अपनी समसत चल व अचल प्रमानि में देखला करके उनमें अपने सभी पारिवारिक संबंध विच्छेद कर लिये हैं। यदि कोई व्यक्षित उससे किसी प्रकार का लिन-देन या व्यवका करना है तो यह अपने चेक्किय एक करना है में विकल की इसमें कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

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costs, and my client have no responsibility with them from 21.07.2020 onwards.
SMT.RAJ.KUMARI W/O SH.SURAJ.
R/O B-211, BUDH NAGAR, J.J.COLONY.
NEW DELHI-110012.
AD.NO. 650189577827

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0040542539-8 I. GURCHARAN SINGH SHAH S/O- GURBAX SHAH SINGH R/O-752, MUKHERJEE-NAGAR, DFI HI-009 have changed my name to GURCHARAN SHAH

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I, GIAN CHANDRA GUPTA S/O-MITHAN LAL.R/o-6/2, RACOUET COURT-ROAD NEAR-VIDHAN SABHA-METRO CIVIL-LINES DELHI-110054, have changed my name to GIAN CHAND 0040542535-8

I, Devi Saran/C.L Barera S/O Durga Dass R/O-B-34-39. Hargobind-Vihar Sector-4, Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Channi 0040542535-2

> TO WHOMESOEVER IT MAY
> CONCERNED
> Public notice for loss of Allotmer
> letter, Possession letter, Paymer
> receipts with respect to the Flat N
> B-502 Residential property at THE
> ACES CGHS LTD GH-12 Sector-40 ACES CGHS TO 54-12 Sector-43 (Gugaon arryana, Owner Mes Suneel Bala Chowdhry, Notice is hereby given to the Public that allotment letter, possession letter, payment receipts has been lost/misplaced for the above property by owner. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. If anyone has all aready carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 3 days from this present. Shimpy Arman Sharma-Advocate, A-24 LGF Chittranian Park.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICH NOTIGE

It is to notify and recall the public notice dated 10th April 2018, has been revoked by father Satish Checker, R / O K135, 1st Floor, Kirti nagar N.Delhi with complete application of mind. And this revoking the public notice dated 10 April 2018 was given by Adv. Stalin Mani under directions of Satish Checker / K135, 1st Floor Kirti Magar ND Satish Checker has now reconciled with his son and is happy Satish Checker would like to revoke that Public Notice dated 10 April 2018. Hence The Public Notice dated 10 April 2018. Hence The Public Notice dated 10 April 2018. Hence The sates flight, movable, immovable This has been also recorded as a statement at my office recorded as a statement at my office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

H-4 Nightingale Apartment Vikaspuri New Delhi 110018 Ph: 8800373503

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Agreement Dated 30.11.2001, Possession Letter Dated 30.11.2001 and Original Transfer of ownership/confirmation letter dated 03.08.2002 issued by M/S Vardhman Estates Ltd. in favour of Mr.

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि में मुविकित्त ओम प्रकाश पुत्र रामचन्द्र एवं उनकी पत्नं बर्फी देवी पत्नी ओम प्रकाश दोनों निवासी मकान नं 214, गांव कुतुबगढ़, दिल्ली-39 ने अपने पुः अश्वनी कुमार एवं उसकी पत्नी दीपा तथा उनके पुत्रं

सुमन तंवर (अधिवक्ता चै.नं.-589, द्वितीय तल, वैस्टर्न विंग

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clientess Smt. Brijesh W/o. Late Rambir Yadav R/o B-75, Patel Garden, Uttam Nagar, N.D.-110059 have disowned and debarred her son namely Govind Yadav and daughter in law Sonia Yadav from all ner movable and immovable roperties and severed all the elation with them due to their disobedience and misbehavio attitude. My client shall not be esponsible for their any act or deed

ARUN CHHACHHIA -ADVOCATE CH. NO. 641, DWARKA COURT, SEC-10, NEW DELHI -110075

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. RAJ KUMARI Wo SH.
SURAJ Rio B-211, Buch Nagar, JJ.Colient
Wew Delhi-110042, have disowned and
debarred her Both Sons Namely Sh. Jal
AJADA and Sh. RAVI KANT from 21.07.2020
onwards. I hereby disowned and debarred
her both Sons from all her movable &
immovable properties. If anybody dealing
with them shall do so at their own risk and
costs, and my client have no responsibility
with themfrom 21.07.2020 onwards.
SMT.RAJ KUMARI WOS SH.SURAJ

Sd/- B.B.N. DEO, ADVOCATE S.R.IInd B Coumpus, Janankpuri, N.Delhi-58

MY CLIENT CHANDERPAL AND HIS WIFE SAROJ R/O HOUSE NO. 274 DLD BANK WALI GALI, RITHALA //ILLAGE, ROHINI, NORTH WEST DELHI-110085, HAVE SEVERED. DEBARRED THEIR RELATIONS WITH AND DISOWNED FROM

Sd/- (L. K. DAHIYA) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054 Mob.: 9717172204

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ay Client Smt. Saroj Devi W/o Shri iagdish Singh R/o H.No. A-17-18, Block-X, Suraksha Vihar, Vikas Nagar, New Jelhi has revoked/ cancelled and eminated the registered General Power of Attomey (blood relation) Reg. No. 1030, ddl. Book No. 4 Volume No. 13,176 lated 06-02-2012 which was executed in avour of Ashok Yadav S/o Shri Jagdish Sinsher peaarfiding property no. 1, kh. No.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I declare that my clients namely Mr. Ruhel Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh and Mrs. Surjeet Kaur W/o Shri Ruhel Singh both R/o Colony Wazirpur, Delhi-110052, wants to disowi his/her son namely Mr. Ranjeet Singh and his wife namely Mrs. Sarabieet Kaur from sel acquired movable and immovable property for future all actions, and above said statements are true and correct in the best of my knowledge & belief. Date: 24.06.2020

Shama Rani (Advocate) Enrolment No. D-843/1992

PUBLIC NOTICE

class, CBSE Board Year 2004 & 2006 Marksheet, Provisional certificate Original passing Certificate of BA.LL.B. CCS University, Meerut U.P., Enrollmen Certificate issued by Bar Council of Delhi, All India Practicing Certificate from ar council of India and other importa document in 2011. If anyone find, kindly return me, he shall be awarded suitably Contact 9811240693.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I declare that my clients namely Mr. Barkat Ali S/o Godu Khan and Mrs. Raziya Bano W/o Mr. Barkat Ali both R/o D-662, J.J Colony Wazirpur, Delhi 110052, wants to disown his/he son namely Mr. Niyamat Ali and his wife namely Mrs. Bilkesh **Bano** from self acquired movable and immovable property for future all actions and above said statements are true and correct in the best of my knowledge & belief.

Date: 21.07.2020 Shama Rani (Advocate Enrolment No. D-843/1992

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) Sr. DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of ndia invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

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Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing date
1	93205360	Supply of Electronic Rectifier cum regulating unit (ERRU) for 25 KW alternator confirming to RDSO spec. No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0013-2011 (Rev-3).	20 Nos.	17.08.202

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No. Sr.DMM/NS/LP/93205360/2020 Date : 21.07.2020 1599/2020

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on any person.

PUBLIC NOTICE

nd to be owner and in possession of loor "the said floor" Part of Freeholential property bearing Municipal nuward no.XVI, measuring 89 St., Khasra no. 1211/1140/1 (i.e. Plot nu

121/1/140/1 as per Conveyance Deed, Situated at Faiz Road, Naiveak, Arrol Bagh, New Delhi, by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated-06.03.2020, Doc No. 2070, duly Regd. SRO-III Delhi. And now Mr. Rakesh Chandre Thapar agree to Sell aforesaid horo to Mr. Sunil Kumar Ahuja & Mrs. Sunila Ahuja. And Mr. Sunil Kumar Ahuja & Mrs. Sunita Ahuja have approached to IDFC First Bank Ltd. for financial assistance and herefore shall be mortgaged with the san ank. All person's having any claim egarding in respect of the said propertyfilor or any part, are hereby equested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary sydence at the address mention below withis notice, falling which claim, if any, of

this notice, failing which claim, if any, uch persons will be consider to have been

Sunil Parsad (Advocate)
Juris NextGen Law Offices
, Greater Kailash Endave Part-1
New Delhi-110048

FUEIRC NOTICE

FREEHOLD DDA BUILT UP SFS FLAT NO. 357, GROUND FLOOR, POCKET / BLOCK GH - 13, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELH Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property is subject for Equitable / Registered Mortgage with State Bank of India' Other Bank Fl, the captioned property at present is / are owned by my client(s) (1) Shi Pradeep Kumar & (2) Smt. Anjali Verma by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 242, dated 16.01.2020 and presently the captioned property is Mortgage with

No. 242, dated 16.01.2020 and presently the captioned property is Mortgage with LIC Housing Finance Ltd., vide Loan Account No. 310800003642. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, Firm / Company, Bank (except mentioned above), financial Institution having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above or otherwise and / or objection thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encum-

and marketable without any defect, encum-brance, flaw and impediment and my clien is free to create Equitable/ Registered

Mortgage in respect of the captioned property with any financial Institution / Bank Amit Chaudhary (Advocate) Ch. No. 561, Saket Courts, New Delhi. Mobile - 9910147876

Email: amitlawyer2007@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

I/o Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal R/o-H. No. 99, Grou

loor, Street No. 2, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-9

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uwher of Schedule Property, Mrs. Neeumi Aggarwal acquired the schedule Propert from Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal vide Gift Deed Document No. 740, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 1794 Page No. 137-143 regd. on 13.02.2020 SRO-VIIIA, Delhi, Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal acquired th

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Unfortunately Mr. Sheela Devi died. Inereatie MCD Mutated the schedule property to Mr Yogesh Aggarwal vide Mutation Letter/IRF Finally Mrs. Neelima Aggarwal mortgage th schedule property With Shriram Housin Finance Ltd. Green Park Branch-Delhi.

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P.No. 2, Sidhartha Enclave, shram Chowk, New Delhi-110014 Ph. 011-26346435,26342290

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For details visit our website

www.psbindia.com

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SCHEDULE OF E-AUCTION NOTICE (SCRAP SALE)

Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Danapur Division DATE: 12.08.2020 (Wednesday) 20.08.2020 (Thursday) 27.08.2020 (Thursday) Mobile: 9771449770 Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Dhanbad Division DATE: 13.08.2020 (Thursday) 27.08.2020 (Thursday) Mobile: 9771426770 Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Databad Division DATE: Databad Databad Division DATE: Databad Databad Division DATE: Databad Databad Databad Division DATE: Databad Databad Databad Databad Division DATE: Databad Databad

9771426770 Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Division DATE: 11.08.2020 (Tuesday) 20.08.2020 (Thursday) 31.08.2020 (Monday) Mobile: 9794848770 Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Samastipur Division DATE: 12.08.2020 (Wednesday) 27.08.2020 (Thursday) Mobile: 9771428770 Month: August 2020 DIVISION: Sonpur Division DATE: 12.08.2020 (Wednesday) 21.08.2020 (Friday) 31.08.2020 (Monday) Mobile: 9771429770. (a) Bidders are advised to inspect the scrap lot before submission of

inspect the scrap lot before submission of bid. They are allowed to inspect the lot, on

an authority from the concerned officer of

Railway Administration, at the site of lot mentioned in the auction catalogue on any working day (except Saturday). (b) The complete details of materials and terms and conditions will be as just the with the auction of the complete of the conditions will be a wighter with the conditions.

Catalogue, which shall be available with

the respective auction conducting authority of East Central Railway or from our website: www.ireps.gov.in prior to the

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Principal Chief Material Manager

(in sq. ft)

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Zonal Manager

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Rakesh Chander Thapar wh

Coal India Limited

(A Maharatna Company) MARKETING AND SALES DIVISION

NOTICE INVITING REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL SPOT E-AUCTION SCHEME 2020 FOR IMPORT SUBSTITUTION

(ONLY FOR COAL IMPORTERS)-SSEA IMS Coal India Limited and subsidiary coal companies are pleased to announce the first e-auction under the Special Spot E-Auction Scheme 2020 for Import Substitution (Only for Coal

Importers). Interested bidders are requested to visit the website of the e-auction service providers M/s MSTC Ltd. and M/s Mjunction

Services Limited for Registration and other details of the e-auction. Nothing contained herein shall be binding or confer any right

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED 19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008. CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967

CORRIGENDUM The advertisement for Supply, installation, integration and commissioning of ased CCTV cameras at SIPCOT Industrial Parks was published on 22.07.2020. he following amendment is hereby issued in the said advertisement.

For and on behalf of State Industries For and on Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited Wingle bidders under "Two work from Class-I State level Civil Cover System" for Supply, installation, Contractors registered in State/Central or integration and commissioning of IP Quasi Government Organizations having based CCTV cameras at SIPCOT Industrial experience in similar nature of works. Parks on rate contract basis for a period Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on of one year. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same will be received upto 3.00 PM on property 10 R 20/20 and the same property 10 PM on propert 21.08.2020 and the same will be opened 3.00 PM on 21.08.2020 and the same wil n the same day at 3.30 PM. be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM. All the terms and conditions remain unaltered. The tender Schedule can be ownloaded at free of cost from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in

DIPR/2763/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SIPCOT, CHENNAI-8

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV. Northern Railway. Delhi Division for and on behalf of resident of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work. Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

1	Name of work with its location.	Supplying and stacking of stone ballast (machine crushed) at ballast depot JHI under ADEN/JHI. (17-W-IV-20-21.) Construction of platform shelter size 16.5x9.14mtrs (One bay) for passengers at PF no. 1 at JHI, PF No. 2 at BLZ, PF No. 182 at JNA, PF No. 2 at MSZ under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-IV. (18-W-IV-20-21)
2	Approx. cost of work	1. Rs. 2,66,12,400.00 (2). Rs. 1,81,24,616.86
3	Earnest money.	1. Rs. 2,83,100.00 (2). Rs. 2,40,600.00
4	Date and Time of submission of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. 1&2 Up to 15:00 hrs. on 31.07.2020 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs on

the tender form can be downloaded No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/17&18/20-21/W-IV Date: 21.07.2020 1594/2020 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

notice location etc. complete details of

of ADEN/CH.

No.: DFK/GS-497/1064-65

Dated: 18.07.2020

Website particulars, published e-tender, Above tender available on IREPS

site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice

Sr.DEN/C/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date & time 18.08.2020 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available.

on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. 59-DRM-MB-20-21 dt, 21.07.2020 Tender 54-DRM-MB-20-21 Conducting dt. 21.07.20 No. Date Provision of Guard MB division using "sonar Echo range technology" by Airmar Echo Range SS510 Smart sensor or similar RCC slab bridges equipment on trial basis and submitting continuous monitoring data, analysis and preparation, submission of detailed reports of continuous Scou and through rail Work renewal on girder Monitoring data, generating alarms/SMS alerts and

validation of reports with ground levels.

Tender Closing Date Time	18.08.2020 (16.00)	18.08.2020 (16.00)		
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs.11,48,923.94	Rs.33,60,000.00		
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs.23000/-	Rs.67,200.00		
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Rs.2,000/-	Rs.3000.00		
Bidding Start Date	04.08.2020	04.08.2020		
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 days	45 days		
Period of Completion	02 months	16 months		
Tender No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated : 21.07.2020 1600/2				
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir **DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE SRINAGAR KASHMIR** Tel- 0194-2474234, Fax- 2482032, E-mail: kasflori@rediffmail.com **SUB: EXTENSION NO. 01**

In view of poor response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-tender Notice No. 04 of 2020 dated: 25.06.2020 for Supply of Garden Sweet Soil for District Budgam, Ganderbal and Bandipora is hereby extended as

per details given below: Period of downloading of 18.07.2020 from 02.00 P.M. to Bidding document 05.08.2020 upto 02.00 P.M. Bid submission Start Date 20.07.2020 from 10.00 A.M. Bid submission End date 05.08.2020 upto 02.00 P.M. Date and time of Opening 08.08.2020 at 02.00 P.M. of Tenders

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

By order Sd/-**Accounts Officer**

(Member Secretary)

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DESIGN & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT (NCDPD) Hall No.1 (3rd Fl.), Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, nnaught Place, New Delhi-110001. Email: ncdpd@ncdpd.in, Website: www.ncdpr

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NCDPD invites EOI from the reputed agencies / firms to undertake work at Weavers Service Centre, Ahmedabad for setting up of Design & Resource Centre. Interested agencies having experience for the similar job may submit their EOI. The detailed TOR for the same can be obtained from this office or download from website www.ncdpd.in. The last date for submission of EOI shall be within 5 days from this publication.

NORTHERN RAILWAY INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH

E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and or behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system fo

ı	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
١	09202437	BOLSTER SPRING OUTER FOR BLC WAGON	5501 Nos.	21.08.2020
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Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details 2. No Manual offer will be entertained Tender Notice: 10/2020-2021 Dated: 21.07.2020 1597/20

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HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED "A State govt. Undertaking"

CORRIGENDUM

(e-tendering Mode only)

The date of sale and opening of tender for supply, crection, testing and commissioning of Dehydration plant 4500LPH capacity for Bassi HEP

(4X16.5MW) under Bassi Pawer House Division, HPSEBL, Jogindernagar District Mandi (H.P.) is hereby extended as per the following schedule. Request/Issue for online tender From 30.06.2020 (10.00 Hrs.)

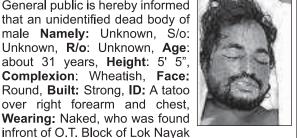
to 07.08.2020 (17.00 Hrs.) Last date of submission of enline tender: Up to 11.08.2020 (11.00 Hrs.)

11.08.2020 (15.00 Hrs.) Date of opening of Tender: The detailed tender notification can be viewed/ downloaded free of cost from website https://www.tenderwizard.com/hpsebt and lender document can be had after making prescribed payment. Any clarification amendment shall be uploaded on the above web site.

(Partap Thakur) Superintending Engineer (Besigns), Power House Electrical, HPSEB Ltd., Sunder Nagar Distr. Mandi (HP)-175019 TelFAX: 01917-262596, Email: sedphel@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 31 years, Height: 5' 5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, **Built:** Strong, **ID:** A tatoo over right forearm and chest, Wearing: Naked, who was found



Hospital, Near Delhi Gate, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 04A Dated 18.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi-110002

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

> Sd/- SHO P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi-110002

DP/219/CD/2020 Tel.: 011-23370928, 23370999

Government of Punjab

National Health Mission Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab Prayas Building, 5th Floor, Sector-38-B, Chandigarh Tel. No. 0172-2688438

GENERAL NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

For Medicines/Equipment/Consumables required for Management of COVID-19

Ref No. Tender/Proc-Cov/2020/NHM-7 The National Health Mission Punjab, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab hereby invites sealed quotations for Medicines/ Equipments

Consumables required for management of COVID-19. Detail of requirements and terms and conditions are available

on the website of the NHM, Punjab www.nhm.punjab.gov.in Sealed quotations clearly mentioning items for which quotations are being submitted must reach the office of Mission Director, NHM-Punjab, Room No. 8, Prayas Building, 5th floor, Sector-38-B, Chandigarh by 28th July 2020 (Tuesday) till 3.00 pm Only those quotations which are received in the office by above specified date and time will be considered and opened by the committee of the NHM on same day 3.15 pm at NHM Office.

Quotations received late or through e-mail etc will not

be entertained and will be rejected straightaway.

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya Infrastructure Development &

Finance Corporation (M.I.D.F.C) Meghalaya, Shillong

No: MIDFC- Empanelment of Agency-2020-33-518 Dated Shillong the 22nd July, 2020

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI) Meghalaya Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Ltd. (MIDFC) intends to empanel individuals

MIDFC (on behalf of Government of Meghalaya) seeks proposals from Individuals or agencies whose services shall be availed by Meghalaya Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Ltd.

or Agency from India for development of Artisanal Cheese

Interested Parties are requested to download the Expression of Interest (EOI) document from http://mbda.gov.in/tenders and submit their EOI in prescribed format complete in all respect to Chief Operations Officer (COO) Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (MIDFC) House No. L/A-56, Lower Nongrim Hills, Shillong East Khasi Hills Meghalaya-793003 by 17:00 hours on 21/Aug/2020.

Phone No: 7629898737/8837023352.

-Sd-(Shri B.M.Syiem) **Chief Operations Officer (COO)** MIDFO

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ECONOMY





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Note: Gold, silver rates at spot market in Mumbai; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2100 ISI

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Rush to safe haven assets pushes gold to ₹50,000

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, JULY 22

GOLD HAS touched a nine-year high of Rs 50,000 per 10 gram as global uncertainties triggered by COVID pandemic, weak dollar, low interest rates and stimulus

programmes have increased the

appetite for the yellow metal, con-

sidered a safe haven for investors

during a period of uncertainty. Standard gold on Wednesday rose to hit a record high of Rs 50,000 per 10 gram in Mumbai, reflecting firmness in the international market. It has surged nearly 40 per cent in the last one year. while Sensex showed a loss of 0.41 per cent at 37,871.52 (Wednesday closing) in the same period.

"A weak US dollar, EU leaders approving a recovery plan worth

750 billion euros, expectation of US Fed keeping interest rates near record low level till the end of 2022 and issues related to the virus getting prolonged are the key reason for the rally in precious metals," said Nish Bhatt, founder & CEO, Millwood Kane International.

which may fuel inflation further.

Gold futures prices soared to a nine-year high of \$ 1,856.60 at London's trading session on Wednesday, rising to a level not touched since September 2011. Gold is traditionally used as a hedge against inflation and global economies are considering further stimulus to boost growth

Many gold analysts have now revised their price targets saying that prices could go up to Rs 65,000 per 10 grams in the next

BHARATNET PHASE 1: COST ISSUES CITED BY 'PRIVATE OPERATORS'

DoT overrules pvt contractors' objections, gives CSC nod to complete fibre, WiFi work

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) has for now overruled objections by private contractors and asked the Common Service Centres (CSC) to complete the work of providing fibre-to-thehome (FTTH) and WiFi connections from the panchayat level to individual homes.

"So far CSCs have completed providing 1 lakh FTTH connections, and the target has been set at five lakh connections by September end. The DoT does not want work to be hampered due to The CSCs are a special purpose vehicle for essential services such as banking, insurance, and education

red tape. So for phase one, CSCs have been given the go ahead," an official close to the development

These connections, being provided by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY's) CSC under BharatNet phase one, had faced stiff opposition from private contractors who

had approached the DoT with allegations that CSCs were exercising monopoly by providing services at unviable costs. On July 10, some of the private

contractors working on providing FTTH and WiFi connections under BharatNet phase one had approached the DoT with grievances that cost per kilometre quoted by CSCs in ensuring connections to individual houses from the panchayat was unviable in the long run. The CSCs had, in the meeting, defended their system, and argued that anyone who could provide better services at lower costs was

"For now, it is not a very prof-

itable venture. So the CSCs are doing it. In 4-5 years when the demand picks up, private operators will want to look into getting this space again," another official said.

The CSCs, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for essential services such as banking, insurance, education, among others, had last year started the work on BharatNet by allowing village level entrepreneurs to do the service and maintenance work on existing infrastructure. The BharatNet project. which initially began as the National Optical Fibre Network in October 2011, has been delayed for over 92 months now. The new deadline is August 2021.

First-time investors should invest in G-Secs, then move to other securities: Tyagi

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 22

SECURITIES AND Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairman Ajay Tyagi on Wednesday said there has been a huge surge in participation of

first-time investors in the equity

market, after the lockdown to con-

tain the COVID-19 pandemic was

imposed this March. Speaking at Ficci's annual capital market conference, Tyagi said: 'We have seen a huge surge in participation of retail investors in the equity market in the last few months ... There is also a surge in opening up of demat accounts suggests that many of these retail investors are perhaps first-time in-



a view to facilitating a smooth and welcome entry of these newcomers to the markets, it would be ideal they begin their journey by first investing in risk-free G-Secs.'

"These new demat account holders, after gaining experience of investing in G-Secs, could then gradually add other securities to their demat accounts," he added

What sold or didn't in lockdown: Bread, jam up, ice-cream down How lower mop-up has translated

PRANAV MUKUL & ANILSASI

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

As India remained locked down in April and May to control the spread of the novel coronavirus. people bought more bread, cheese, coffee, and jams — but less fruity cakes. They expectedly bought a lot of hand sanitisers but not so expectedly, they also bought large quantities of household insecticides.

While the two-month national lockdown generally dampened spending, fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies saw certain unusual trends in demand in certain product categories, company executives said. For example:

■ For Bengaluru-based Britannia Industries, sales of bread, cheese, and rusk zoomed, even as its fruity cakes, a traditionally highturnover product, saw a slump this is because the cakes are largely staple of school tiffins.

■ Hindustan Unilever (HUL), India's largest FMCG company, saw a surge in the sales of its Kissan jams and sauces in the April-June quarter, and of its Lifebuoy sanitisers and handwashes.



■ Kolkata-based ITC Ltd sold more consumer staples, food and personal hygiene products from mid-April onwards, even as discretionary spending items remained

■ For Gurgaon-based Nestle, the big draws during the quarter were instant noodles and coffee.

Speaking during Britannia's earnings call for the April-June period, managing director Varun Berry said: "...Bread and rusk grew very aggressively even faster than biscuits, even faster than our overall growth, and dairy, within dairy cheese growths were fantastic". Suggesting that the growth in sales of bread was on account of it replacing meals for those who were at home. Berry said: "...I think home consumption for bread is almost 100%, home consumption for rusk will be slightly



FMCG firms saw unusual trends in product demand

higher than what it is for biscuits". On Tuesday, Sanjiv Mehta, HUL's chairman and managing director, told analysts during a postearnings conference call that the surge in sales of jams and ketchup was "very natural" during lockdown. "Jams, ketchup they are growing at a very robust pace and it is natural – people are cocooned at their homes. These categories with kids all locked up in homes, there will be demand for these products. It is very natural that there will be a big burst in demand for these products," Mehta said.

HUL, which reported a 7 per cent year-on-year growth in net profit for April-June (to Rs 1,881 crore), also saw increased demand during the quarter for its health, hygiene and nutrition category, which contributes around 80% to the company's portfolio of brands. Nestle India's milk and nutri-

tion products have seen a pickup, Maggi noodles has surged 25 per cent, and coffee has been doing well, company executives said. In an interview to CNBC-TV18 on July 3, Nestle India managing director Suresh Narayanan said rural areas, as well as Tier-II, III, and IV towns had seen strong acceleration of demand. ITCLtd, whose FMCG business contributes between 25 per cent and 30 per cent to overall annual revenue, saw a sharp spike in the demand for consumer staples, food, and personal hygiene prod-

ucts. ITC's hotels business has been

suffering badly.

HULcut its stock keeping units to 20 per cent of pre-COVID levels in April, and has now raised it to about half of pre-Covid numbers. But it has significantly ramped up capacity for sanitisers and handwashes to meet growing demand. According to an investor presentation, the company's capacity for sanitisers is now 100 times the previous number, while handwash production has been increased five times.

Godrej Consumer Products, which makes household insecticides under the Good Knight brand, witnessed robust sales of these products. "We are... seeing a resurgence in household insecticides (30 per cent of GCPL's portfolio) from a health point of view, people don't want to land up in the hospital for malaria and dengue at this time," Nisaba Godrej, the company's executive chairperson, had said during its January-March

HUL's Mehta, however, said that the growth witnessed in sanitisers was only sustainable until such time as a vaccine for Covid-19 was rolled out.

Several segments slowed because people stayed at home. HUL said its ice-cream, foods solutions. and vending businesses, which are driven primarily by out-of-home consumption, were massively impacted by the lockdown and closure of restaurants and eateries.

"...It will be fair to assume that it is not going to come back because summer was a big season from an ice-creams perspective, or some of the food solutions that were being supplied to restaurants, some of those elements have been definitely lost," HUL's chief financial officer Srinivas Phatak said.

'Easing of Basel up ₹2.87 lakh cr

India (RBI) relaxes the Basel norms on banks' capital in the wake of 2.87 lakh crore of capital will be search report said Wednesday.

into delayed GST compensation What are the options for done only after few months till the

effects of pandemic-induced

vestors in the stock market ... With

AANCHAL MAGAZINE

NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE COVID-19 pandemic has further deepened the country's economic slowdown, impacting the government's revenues, with Goods and Services Tax collections recording a 41 per cent fall in the April-Iune quarter. Lower GST revenues have translated in to delayed and pending compensation payments to states, an issue which will be central to the discussions of the GST Council meeting later this month.

What is the GST compensation issue?

The concern over compensation payments started surfacing in October last year, when the payments to

states got delayed as GST revenues came in lower than expected. As the required amount to pay states started rising with a compounded 14 per cent rate, even as compensation collections remained around the same level for two consecutive years, this high rate has been viewed as delinked from economic realities.

EXPLAINED

What are the discussions so far and the states' view?

Market borrowing has been discussed as one of the possible solutions for meeting the compensation gap in the GST Council though the legality of the Council to borrow will need to be explored. There is also an emerging view among states to hike the GST rates or go for the long overdue restructuring of GST slabs as most states concede that the current tax rates are lower than revenue neutral rates. States, however, admit that any tinkering of rates of rate structure under GST needs to be

slowdown wear off, with the same line of reasoning being used earlier to defer correction of inverted duty structure even though most states were on board for correcting it. There are differing views among states on the Council itself resorting to market borrowing. While Kerala backs such a move and Bihar opposes it, all states are unanimous on sticking to the 14 per cent assured rate for compensation. Some states are also of the view that the compensation period should be extended beyond the stated period of

five years. What is the

compensation fund? In the Budget for

2020-21, while announcing the transfer of balances due from the collections for 2016-17 and 2017-18 in two instalments to the GST Compensation Fund, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that hereinafter, transfers to

the fund would be "limited only to collection by way of GST compensation cess". Vijay Kelkar, former Finance Secretary and 13th Finance Commission Chairman, in a paper co-authored with Pune International Centre's senior fellow V Rhaskar has questioned this proposition. "While the Centre's position appears legally tenable, it does not appear ethically defensible...its decision to restrict transfer to the Fund only to compensation cess collections seems more a fiscal aspiration than a legal com-

meeting compensation gap? Hiking the cess rate or lower-

ing of the guaranteed compensation rate have featured in discussions of GST Council meetings, but states are not in favour of either of the options. As per estimates shared by Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, even if revenue collections in 2020-21 are projected to be even 65 per cent of the revenues collected in 2019-20, there would be a revenue gap of Rs 2,67,000 crore for states. Even if a 5 per cent cess is levied on high-end luxury goods, it would only yield about Rs 22,000-25,000 crore per annum,

In their paper, Kelkar and Rao have said the Centre should promptly respond to the demand from states to pay them overdue compensation cess by borrowing from the market. "Though it does not appear to be legally liable, it has a moral imperative to do so, even if the guaranteed rate of revenue of 14% is inordinately high in the present COVID led economic downturn," the paper said, adding a restructuring of the GST model should be considered if losses for

he had said.

states continue. The paper has listed out five options - lowering the guaranteed rate of compensation, increasing the compensation cess, increasing the state's share (SGST), borrowing from the mar ket by the GST Council and borrowing by the Centre from the market and crediting it to the compensation fund — to meet the compensation requirements, though the authors state that the first four options may be unacceptable and untenable, leaving only the option for Centre to borrow to compensate states.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY ——

L&TQ1PAT declines 79%

Mumbai: Larsen & Toubro posted a consolidated profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 303 crore in June quarter, down 79 per cent from Rs 1,473 crore a year-ago. ENS

'Improvement with Favipiravir'

New Delhi: Glenmark said Phase 3 clinical trial of Favipiravir in COVID-19 patients showed faster time to clinical improvement.

Wage: IBA, bank unionsagree

New Delhi: Bank employees' unions and IBA have agreed for an annual wage hike of 15 per cent. **PTI**

Timing of a counter-cyclical fiscal policy to be equally important to encourage discretionary spending: CEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

EVEN AS the government understands the demands for a fiscal push to stimulate growth, the timing of a counter-cyclical fiscal policy will be equally important to encourage discretionary spending, Chief Economic Krishnamurthy Adviser Subramanian said Wednesday. Release of vaccine for COVID-19 could be an opportune time for

such a policy, he indicated. "Government is willing to do

ernment consumption, but timing of that is extremely important because now there is news coming that vaccine may not be very far of, once we have a vaccine the uncertainty that people have will go down significantly. Until there is uncertainty, even if people have money in their pockets, they may decide to keep it in their banks savings accounts (that's why the increase in PMJDY accounts by

the major group entities of the IL&FS group

The Corporate Affairs Ministry had initiated

investigations into the role of Deloitte

Haskins and Sells as well as KPMG affiliate

BSR and Co., joint auditors for IFIN in FY18 to

assess the role of auditors in the collapse of

Date: 22.07.2020

the company. ENS

about Rs 20,000 crore), he said. Greater fiscal push in times of ple hoarding money in their bank accounts as has been seen in Jan Dhan accounts that are being used to provide income support to poor.

Speaking at the same event, DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said restrictions on international travel due to the pandemic has affected strategic disinvestment of CPSEs, like Air India, but government is committed to pursue these.

norms could free capital for banks'

Mumbai: If the Reserve Bank of COVID-19, a huge amount of Rs freed up for the banks, an SBI re-

RBI would need to right away relax the norms for the next four or five quarters and then begin the restoration of Basel norms in two phases, the report said. ENS

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

Tender No:- 04/20-21/SE/PHC/PKD, KIIFB - 2017-18 CWSS to Resolve the Scarcity of drinking water in various grama panchayaths in Malampuzha -Phase I - Package II, EMD: Rs. 100000, Tender fee: Rs. 8400, Last Date for submitting Tender: 10-08-2020, 03:00:pm. Phone: 04912544927. Website:

Superintending Engineer KWA-JB-GL-6-119-2020-21

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total	
1 CE/MM		M15, M16	2	
TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LT).		
2	CE/P&C	1032	1	
For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening				
Corrigendum, Due date extension, viewing and downloading of e-tenders,				
please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in www.tantransco.gov.in,				

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Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala, CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; O/o The Chief Engineer/TS, B1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala Tel/Fax: 0175-2303093; e-mail: ce-ts@pspcl.in setransdesign@gmail.com

facture, fabrication, galvanization, testing, supply and delivery of 5300 MT, 66 kV tower material and sub-station structure as per Corporation's Tender Specification No. TSQ-1111/PSPCL/TD-II. IMPORTANT DATES:

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any

Last date of downloading of tender Last date & time for bid submission Date & time of opening of bid Note:-

website (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in (GePNIC Portal) Detailed NIT and Specification can be downloaded from PSPCL e tendering website (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in (GePNIC Portal)

DIPR/2756/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU **HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**

pulsion. Section 10(1) of the Act

allows for "other amounts" also to

be credited to the Compensation

fund with the approval of the GST

Council," it said.

TENDER NOTICE T.N. No. 10/ 2020 - 21 / HDO, Dated 22.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage Tender through online only will be received up to 10.08.2020, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.24) pertaining Udhagai (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in from 24.07.2020. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only. Superintending Engineer (H),

DIPR/2744/Tender/2020 C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU **HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT** CHENNAI CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE **TENDER NOTICE**

Short Tender Notice No.15/2020-21/HDO/ Dated:21.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 10.08.2020 - 12.00 Noon by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for work under CRIDP Scheme 2020-21 pertaining to Chennai City Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from 24.07.2020 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) DIPR/2757/TENDER/2020



HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, MADURAL

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.12/2020-21/HDO/Dated 21.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 10.08.2020 - 14.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Madurai Circle under CRIDP 2020-21 (Package No. 12 and Package No.14) pertaining Theni (H) C&M Division.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE

Adani Ports deal

over Rs 3,125

crore. PTI

New Delhi: Competition India (CCI) Wednesday approved the acquisition of and Special Economic Zone. ENS

₹3,125 cr New Delhi: Coal Wednesday said improved quality coal resulted in the PSU gaining

CIL gains

over

CCI nod to

Commission of Krishnapatnam Port Company by Adani Ports

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

IFIN auditing lapses: NFRA slaps 7-yr ban

on ex-CEO of Deloitte Haskins and Sells

(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-19/2787/2020-21

New Delhi: The National Financial Reporting

Authority (NFRA) has barred Udayan Sen,

former CEO of Deloitte Haskins and Sells,

from auditing any company for seven years

and imposed on him a fine of Rs 25 lakh for

IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) is one of

auditing lapses at IFIN for 2017-18.

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

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 Street Lights to the roads of Nandur-Kesartagi Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Kalaburgi District. (2). Providing LED Street Lights to the Roads of Japanese Industrial Township at Vasanthnaraspura Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Tumakuru District. (3). Providing Street Lights at Kittur Industrial Area, Belgavi Taluk & District. (4). Providing LED Street Lights to the roads of Harohalli Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Ramanagara District.

KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system as per the

The last date and time of receipt of tender is: 12.08.2020 upto 04:00 pm Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal

https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Sd/-

DIPR/DDU/R.O: 584/2020-21

Chief Engineer, KIADB Bengaluru

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PH Circle, Palakkad

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PSPEL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1111/PSPCL/TD-II Tenders are invited through e-Tendering under three part bid system for manu

Start date for downloading of tenders From the date of publication 24.08.2020 upto 11.00 A.M

reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL e-tendering

Dy. CE/TL (Design)
PSPCL, Patiala

Some of the abuse I have taken over the past few days on Instagram has been racist and I have decided that enough is enough... I will not allow anything to pass, so I have forwarded on my complaints to the ECB and that will go through the correct process."

JOFRA ARCHER, ENGLAND BOWLER AFTER RECEIVING ABUSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AFTER BREACHING BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS

Shami = Broad + Gabriel

Englishman uses nip-backers, WI pacer the heavy ball, but Shami possesses both

SANDIPG

BETWEEN THEM, pacers Stuart Broad and Shannon Gabriel have nabbed 15 wickets in the ongoing England-West Indies series. They have troubled batsmen by seaming the ball in and varying their length. However, they deliver the same ball differently. Broad gets the ball to skid while Gabriel's deliveries explode off the sur-

Television pundits, during the course of the first two Tests of this engrossing series that is tied at 1-1, have often leaned a couple of rather vague bowling terms to dissect the prowess of the two bowlers who have had a big impact on this first 'unlockdown' cricket series. Broad, they say, uses his "nip-backers" to get his wickets; Gabriel banks on his "heavy ball"

Here's explaining the "nip-backers" and "heavy ball" and how India's most-improved pacer in recent times, Mohammed Shami, has both these arrows in his bowling quiver.

Broad's nip-backer

A nip-backer is a delivery that bends into the right-handed batsman off the seam. It's different from the clutch of other incoming deliveries – like the in-swinger, where the ball moves in the air, rather than off the surface as it is with nip-backers. It's different from in-cutters (or off-cutters), where the bowler cuts across the ball with his fingers or uses a scrambled seam so that the delivery slows down after pitching and stops at the batsman.

Nip-backers work in the opposite way, after pitching they skid sharply into the batsmen, deceiving them with pace and movement. They are usually pitched in the good-length or backof-length area, rather than full as is generally the case with in-swingers.

Gabriel's heavy ball

The heavy ball too is pitched roughly in the same area, though it bounces a fraction higher than usual, hitting the shoulder of the blade or trimming the bails. The heavy ball doesn't move as exaggeratedly as the nip-backer, but the extra bounce is enough to disconcert batsmen. It's the reason batsmen are seldom adjudged leg before the wicket to a heavy ball. Played-ons are more common though — Jos Buttler chopping onto the stumps in the second innings of the first Test was a classic in-

WHY BATSMEN DREAD THESE BALLS

LENGTH It's due to the in-between length that the batsman is often caught in a dilemma whether to press forward or hang back. Attempt negotiating a nip-backer from the crease, and the batsman gets pinged in front. Try dealing with the heavy ball on the rise, and the batsman could end up dragging it onto the stumps.

BOUNCE AND MOVEMENT

Committing to the front foot is not advisable either, as the extra bounce could deceive batsmen. The movement too could be deceptive, as modern-day batsmen have a tendency to play around their front pad, making it difficult for them to cope with the late 'nip' back.



Shannon Gabriel has taken nine wickets in the ongoing England-West Indies Test series. Reuters

stance. A few deliveries earlier, he had driven a delivery of similar length off Gabriel on the rise. But this time, it bounced a tad more than Buttler had anticipated. Gabriel puts more shoulder into the heavy ball — the only clue he throws up — than in other deliveries. In fact, most heavy-ball executioners have massive shoulders, like Jacques Kallis, Andrew Flintoff and Michael Kasprowicz. The release point is also marginally higher.

Shami's nip-backer, heavy ball

India's new-ball bowler Shami has, over the last couple of years, used the "nip-backer" and "heavy ball" to trouble batsmen. He is focused on keeping a prominent seam and releasing the ball fluidly, without the wrist-snap. The slight inward tilt of the delivery enables the ball's seam to land on its rough edges and cut into the batsman. The release is so good that the seam is fully upright in its flight.

Shami lands both his nip-backer and heavy ball around the back-of-length area. While the nip-backer hustles off the surface, the heavy ball rears up. The former ducks back sharply into the batsman, sometimes he gets a curve like the in-swinger. The heavy ball doesn't move as much, but the extra bounce catches the batsman unawares. As he pitches both on the same area of the pitch, the batsman would think it's the nip backer.

Shami versus Broad

Shami's nip-backing technique is different from Broad's. The latter runs his fingers down the seam, a reason his deliveries wobble, but glide off the surface. It makes the England bowler quicker than he appears, and for his height, it bounces lower than expected. The seam, interestingly, is more inwardly tilted than Shami's. He also grips the ball in the middle of his fingers, to enable smoother release and enhanced control. Though the ball wobbles, it lands on the seam and bends inwardly. Then, he's mastered different seam positions like few other contemporaries. Like his leg-cutters, flicked off the middle finger, or the in-cutters delivered with a scrambled seam.

Shami versus Gabriel

For all the technical subtleties and uniqueness, the precision of length is fundamental to the potency of any delivery. This is where the heavy balls of Shami and Gabriel differ. Shami bowls it slightly fuller than the usual back-oflength, while Gabriel bowls marginally shorter than back-of-length. Due to his wrist position which results in a bolt upright seam - Shami can purchase more movement even with his heavy ball, whereas Gabriel works more with the angle, often flinging the heavy ball from slightly wide of the crease. The wrist does it for Shami, while it's all shoulder for Gabriel.

Game in Centurion, commentary box in Vadodara, Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, JULY 22

FOUR COMMENTATORS sitting at their homes in India, one locking himself in a room so that his son doesn't disturb, did live commentary for a game taking place in South Africa. In the Covid-19-triggered new normal, Irfan Pathan was in Vadodara, Deep Dasgupta in Kolkata, Sanjay Manjrekar in Mumbai, and Jatin Sapru pitched in from Delhi as Star Sports did a trial run of the first-ever 'work from home' broadcast of live sports.

The three former India cricketers, along with anchor Sapru, called the 3TC Solidarity Cup from Centurion in South African in Hindi. Adding to the logistical nightmare was the location of producers and technical director, who were based in Mysore and Mumbai respectively. The commentators were provided a live streaming link and asked to describe the game taking place in another continent.

Pathan encountered an added degree of difficulty. He had to contend with his son repeatedly knocking on the door. "During the break, I stepped out of the room to eat and my child saw me, he screamed 'Daddy hasn't gone out, he is at home'. He kept knocking on the door. I told my wife to manage. He just wanted to sit with me. I hope the noise of him knocking on the door wasn't picked up on air," Pathan tells The Indian Express.

The former India all-rounder says he turned his sister's room into a commentary booth as most of the others were occupied by his family members. The lockdown has meant the children were playing indoors and he told his son that he was going out to work for a few hours. He joked that the world might have to get used to his son sitting beside him next time he goes on air.

In-house studio

The house of Dasgupta, the former India wicketkeeper-batsman, was redone as he dedicated a room for his TV commitments. He bought stands to keep his camera still, and other electronic devices and lights to make it look as professional as possible. With limited means and support, the commentators had to multitask. Dasgupta says he did the scoring for the game as there was no scorer or technology support to tell him who was batting and bowling.

"I scored on a paper as there was no scorer. I did it myself. When you are in a stu-





Deep Dasgupta and Irfan Pathan did the live commentary for the 3TC Solidarity Cup in South Africa from their homes in Kolkata and Vadodara respectively. Instagram

Once you do commentary from the studio or from ground, we know when our fellow commentator is about to finish and from there I can continue. But here, we didn't know whether the guy sitting in Kolkata had completed his views or not."

IRFAN PATHAN, FORMER INDIA CRICKETER ON COMMENTATING FROM HOME

dio or the ground, we have a machine which shows who is batting and who is bowling. And someone continually provides us with statistics," Dasgupta said.

With limited technology, Pathan said the team did extraordinary work in extraordinary times. In a 'normal' situation, the broadcasters have a commentary unit at the ground or the studio. Having different commentators expressing their comments on the game from different cities is a new phenomenon.

Pathan explains that continuity is a big challenge. "Once you do commentary from the studio or from the ground, we know when our fellow commentator is about to finish and from there I can continue. But here, we didn't know whether the guy sitting in Kolkata had completed his views or not." he said.

Dasgupta too shared a similar problem. "Fear of an overlap is there. Sometimes I feel that the other guy has completed but that's not the case. It's because of an internet issue I couldn't hear his voice but actually he hasn't completed it. So overlapping happens and it did happen," Dasgupta said.

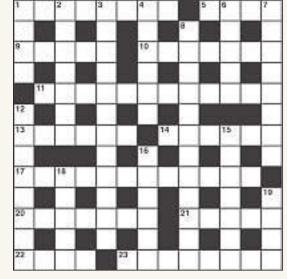
"It was a great experiment," Pathan says.

"The main concern was the functioning of the internet. I was worried whether it would work normally or not. Luckily things went well. We did a trial a day before and everything looked good," he said. There are other adjustments that they

had to make. Like waiting for the feed to show whether the ball has travelled beyond the boundary or not. "I go by instinct and gut feel to make a judgement whether the ball has travelled for a six or not as I am not at the ground to see it. The best thing is to wait for the camera to show and talk about it only after you get the clear picture."

Dasgupta said he now obsesses about bandwidth speeds and data backups, something he had rarely fussed about earlier. "I have to adjust and be ready. I can't travel as Kolkata doesn't have any flights connecting to other big cities at the moment. I was very far away from technology but now everything runs on it and I have to be ready," he says.

CROSSWORD 4177



ACROSS

- One lying in a case?
- Voyage skippers try to avoid
- A minor grant (5) 10 Disposition of uncle to have a
- fling(7)
- 11 Failures expected in electrical faults (12)
- 13 Sound cover for some entertainment (6) 14 A cheap production web
- server (6) 17 Yet always the greater?
- 20 Gifts appearing in stories about New Testament
- 21 Heads on the floor? What's up?(5)
- 23 One of a group of youngsters
- 22 A fruitful appointment

between a dozen and a score

(3,2)

- A tree or two, say (4) Stretches between bends
- It has a stirring influence beneath the surface A result of some consequence
- 6 Arrest for an altercation
- Urge fellows to become journalists (8)
- To complain so may be common all over the world
- 12 Call-up date wrongly issued
- 15 Before the vote this will decide the issue (7)
- 16 Virtuous but cheats badly 18 Farewell to that capital servant
- 19 Holy man turns to a king and emperor (4)

Solutions Crossword 4176: Across:1 Semaphore, 8 Agony, 9 Astound, 10 Studio, 11 Clerks, 12 Overseer, 15 Interest, 18 Aerate, 20 Amends, 21 Plateau, 22 Laces, 23 $Handshake. \textbf{Down:}\ 2\ Easel,\ 3\ Aboard,\ 4\ Handsome,\ 5\ Easter,\ 6\ Soldier,\ 7\ Hypocrite,\ 11\ Capitally,\ 13\ Entailed,\ 14\ Stretch,\ 16\ Radish,\ 17\ Crutch,\ 19\ Track.$

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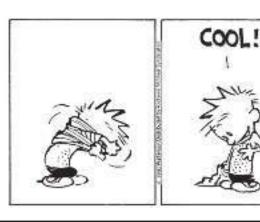




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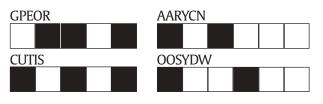




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JUMBLED WORDS

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.



SOLUTION: GROPE, ICTUS, CANARY, WOODSY

Difficulty Level 2s To solve a Sudoku puzzle every digit from 1 to 9 nine vertical columns, in

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must appear in each of the each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

emotional day when all is said and done, and you may discover rare strains of sentimentality deep in your astrological psyche. Put family members first, and let friends and colleagues wait their turn. What you need is order, where once there

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You should not

expect to get your way over a professional matter. If you do succeed, all well and good, but otherwise you should be patient and accept that for any ambition to be fulfilled, the time must be right. There's little to be gained from fighting battles you can't win and a great

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You may be inclined



deal to be lost.

to distance yourself from certain events in your past, and in the future you might concentrate more on schemes designed to broaden your horizons. The crucial factor, though, is how much you can really afford. The first step, then,

is to count your cash. CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There will definitely be a few emotional ups and downs today, and even the occasional

misunderstanding, most likely around midday. Stay on your toes and keep an eye on the beneficial long-term pattern. And don't get too upset by people who pick up the wrong end of the stick.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) There could be a

mystery to solve, perhaps a lost possession or

mislaid instructions. There could even be an element of farce if other people fail to keep appointments or just generally miss the point. The best advice? Probably to hang on to your

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Once in a while you are given a moment

to pause, to come up for air and

New Delhi

take your bearings. This must be one such time, and if you can possibly work out exactly who is doing what, you'll get a better notion of your own future role and a good thing, too.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Events which take place now could make you less inclined to count the cost of a relationship which may

have lost its glitter. In other words, be thankful for what you have, and don't expect people to be things they're not. Sometimes happiness flows from appreciating what you've got.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

There are no simple solutions. However, others take you at your word, and give you the necessary backing. The emotional situation at the moment could be rather

normal dose of affection. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You have learnt

fraught if you fail to notice that

partners require ten times the

many harsh lessons in the past, but now you must take on the hardest of all to trust other people. Fortunately, the emotional issues seem to be slight, so only practical problems need to be faced.

businesslike approach. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Your chart is like a maze, and it's all a

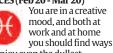
Partners will appreciate a

question of finding vour way to the heart of the matter. For reasons best known to yourself you appear to be caught between two emotional choices. These seem to relate to family members rather than friends or lovers, and the solutions are right under vour nose.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) An opportunity

which materialises some time over the next few weeks could enable you to make a completely fresh start. The absolutely vital point now is to talk about all your plans, even at the risk of being thought silly. If partners don't understand you, that's their problem.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



to enjoy even the dullest $\,$ activities. If new purchases or investments are under scrutiny keep talking and check the facts. You'll be in a much stronger position if you actually know what's going on.

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