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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

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 moved the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

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

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 showcause notices to the MLAs on a complaint filed by the Congress chief whip. "Showcause notice is simply to get information. That is standard practice. When a complaint is received, a showcause notice is issued. I have not taken any decision on it," he said.

"I don't want confrontation. 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

domain of the Speaker to decide on disqualification of members, and no court can intervene in between," said Joshi.

"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 between," he said.

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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Speaker
C P Joshi

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SC clears UP govt's nominee for Dubey panel: ex-DGP who said why doubt police

ANANTHAKRISHNANG & 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 KL Gupta 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 Kalyan Singh, said in a TV debate that it was not right to doubt the police over the encounter.

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

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Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, 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 CJ said.

When Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the UP government, told the Bench that the terms of reference

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Bhoomi Pujan Aug 5, PM to be there, 200 in all: Ram temple Trust

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JULY 22

THE RAM Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, formed to facilitate construction of a Ram temple at the site where the Babri Masjid once stood, announced Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be attending the "bhoomi puja" of the temple site in Ayodhya on August 5.

Swami Govind Dev Giri, treasurer of the Trust, told media persons that the Trust had invited the Prime Minister for the "bhoomi puja" and he had accepted it and would be reaching Ayodhya on August 5.

He said the "bhoomi puja" would be around noon and before that, the Prime Minister would offer prayers at Hanuman Garhi and the makeshift temple of the idol of Ramlalla.

Keeping in mind the social distancing requirement, a total

of 200 people, including 150 invitees, would be allowed for the "bhoomi puja", he said.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Kamal Nayan Das, spokesperson for Trust chairman Nitya Gopal Das, said: "Govind Giri is a senior member and we will go with his words." He said on August 5, the "muhurat" (auspicious moment) will be for 32 seconds at 12.15 pm.

Kameshwar Chaupal, another Trust member, said: "It was decided at the Trust meeting that not more than 200 people would be invited to the event in view of the Covid-19 pandemic." While he maintained he was not aware of the PMO decision, he said, "our preparations have begun".

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 the "bhoomi puja".

Incidentally, August 5 will

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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-



PM Modi speaking at the India Ideas Summit. ANI

haviour has sparked global concern and many countries are considering alternatives away from China.

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The US, in particular, has been in a bruising war of words with China on a range of issues – from Hong Kong's autonomy to Taiwan, South China Sea tensions to a trade war.

Pointing to India's rise, Modi said, "The rise of India means a

rise in trade opportunities with a nation that you can trust, a rise in global integration with increasing openness, a rise in your competitiveness with access to a market which offers scale. And a rise in your returns on investment with the availability of skilled human resources."

He showcased opportunities in the frontier technology of 5G.

"India is emerging as a land 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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Cash-rich Mumbai powers mutual funds, other cities see decline

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

WITH MARKETS impacted by the Covid pandemic and lockdown, cash-rich corporates and high net worth individuals (HNIs) in financial capital Mumbai have enhanced the city's dominant position in assets under management (AUM)

held by mutual funds.

Accounting for nearly 60 per cent of the incremental industry 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 Funds in India.

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EXPLAINED Money to spare

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

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," says 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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PAGE 1 ANCHOR**ALAKA SAHANI**
MUMBAI, JULY 22

JETHALAL Gada is having a meltdown. Father Champaklal has gone missing but no one can leave the housing complex to go looking for him because there is a lockdown. The crisis soon tides over and all's well. Scene over and Gada, played by Dilip Joshi, puts his mask back on and recedes into the background. It's business as usual in the world of *Taarak Mehta Ka Oolta Chashmah*, or is it?

One of the longest-running and popular series on Indian tel-

evision, *Taarak Mehta*... returned to the small screen Wednesday after a four-month gap.

With shooting of television serials gradually resuming with a set of safety guidelines, the cast and crew are learning to negotiate a new normal. Social distancing has replaced the easy bonhomie of yore with some actors even carrying their own makeup kits while lockdowns and face shields make their way into scripts and storylines.

"We have mustered a lot of courage and returned to the sets," says Asit Kumar Modi, creator of 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 Harindranplaywright *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.

He admits that taking off the mask while giving a shot does pose a risk and a once-ordinary gesture like hugging a co-actor in the show now seems some-While 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 and crew up.

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

suits applying make-up on him while a teaser promises that his 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 *Qurbann Hua* among others this month. Colors TV too has started airing new episodes of *Shakti Astiva Ke Ehsaas* Kii, *Barrister Babu*, *Pavitra*

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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 year.

BRIEFLY

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 one-fourth 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 Minister Satyendar Jain 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					
	TOTAL CASES	HOSPITAL BEDS		Total	Vacant
	1,26,323			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
*Total 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 disease.

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 June.

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 produced to combat Covid-19.

"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 the trend."

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.

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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 under-

stand 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 FAQ (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**

Sonu Punjaban gets 24 years in jail for trafficking minor

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 22



Sonu Punjaban

A DELHI court has awarded Geeta Arora alias Sonu Punjaban (35), accused of trafficking a 12-year-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".

Punjaban, who as per court 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.


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

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 leniency 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."

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LEGAL OPINION

As per law and legal advice supported by various Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court judgments, Singhanian 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. MCI, PCI etc.

Regarding misinformation spread by MCI that Singhanian University requires Central Government, MCI permission/ recognition to take admission and to impart education in MBBS and other medical courses. Reference can be made to the judgment in the case of IGNOU in which Hon'ble High Court has held that there is no provision in the MCI Act which authorises or empowers to grant permission or recognition to IGNOU, likewise Singhanian University, to enable it to take admission and impart education in MBBS and other medical courses.

As such, Singhanian 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 Singhanian 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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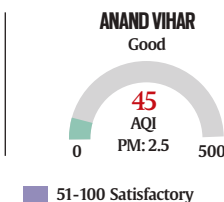
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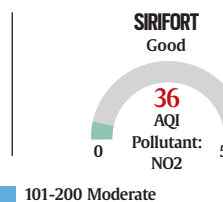
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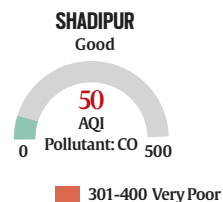
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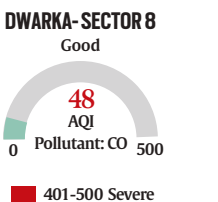
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FIR FILED LATE, PHONE CALL IGNORED, SAYS FAMILY

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. Joshi 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.

"The 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 complaint.

"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 probed.

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 police station.

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 the others.

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 said.

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 further 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 Gandhi.

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 the state.



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

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

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 Kejriwal.

Kidnap bid foiled as woman leaps to daughter's defence

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A WOMAN rescued her four-year-old daughter from two bike-borne men who tried to kidnap her 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 Dheeraj (26) and his associate to his brother's house on Tuesday. Around 4pm, 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 pushed 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 Dheeraj 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 Haryana 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

a parent on condition of anonymity.

The school did not comment on the matter.

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

After the parents apprised him of 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.

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 earliest.

"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 Dr Fawaz.

Hours later, the patient's hemoglobin 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 of efforts," he said.

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



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.

On Wednesday, Jain tweeted, "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 members 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, Mallikarjun Kharge and Digvijaya Singh to first-timers such as Priyanka Chaturvedi and Shaktisinh Gohil, 45 newly-elected 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

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, KC Venugopal, 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-

ceedings of the House for "short-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."

Prime Minister Narendra 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."

"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," he wrote in another tweet.

HAMZA KHAN
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 the beauty of our democracy 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 added.

"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 failures.

CrPC Section 313 will be recorded via video conferencing.

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 Temple to be built in Ayodhya.



L.K. 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

SC Collegium approves appointment of 10 Permanent Judges in 3 HCs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE SUPREME Court Collegium has approved the proposals to appoint ten Additional Judges as Permanent Judges in Kerala, Jharkhand and Bombay High Courts.

The Collegium, which met on July 21, has approved the proposals to appoint Justices V.G. Arun, N. Nagareish, T.V. Anilkumar and N. Anil Kumar as Permanent Judges in Kerala High Court. They are currently Additional Judges in the high court.

The Collegium, headed by the CJI, met on July 21

The Collegium, which is headed by Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde, approved the proposals to appoint Justices Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, and Deepak Roshan as Permanent Judges in the Jharkhand High Court. They are currently Additional Judges in the high court.

Those approved for appointment 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.

RAJASTHAN POWER PLAY

Conspiracy to topple state govt: Gehlot in letter to PM

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 Agram, 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 Murate 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, Agram, 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 Agram 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 in-charge 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..."

Agram is the sixth person to be investigated or questioned by

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

HAMZA KHAN
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 lawyer 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 lawyer 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.



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Date : 22-07- 2020

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
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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, Bangalore - 560 001.**
- Single soft copy of the application in PDF format should be mailed to e-mail: **kgsheduni2020@gmail.com.**
- 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.
- The application proforma is available on the website of **Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapur, Karnataka.**
- 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.
- The candidature of those who indulge in undue influencing on the selection process through unethical means will stand cancelled.

Sd/-
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SML ISUZU LIMITED TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS (OAVM)

- 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 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 registered / 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 email addresses by sending copy of the following documents by e-mail to **investors@smlisuzu.com**:
 - a) a signed request letter mentioning your name, folio number and complete address;
 - b) scanned copy of Share Certificate (front and back);
 - c) self-attested scanned copy of PAN card.
 Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to register their e-mail addresses with their Depository.
- Notice of AGM and the Annual Report will be available on the Company's website **www.smlisuzu.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 NSDL at **www.evotingnsdl.com**.
- 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. The manner of casting vote through remote e-voting / e-voting at AGM for Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for Members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of AGM.
- The Board has not recommended any dividend for the Financial Year 2019-20.

For **SML ISUZU LIMITED**
(PARVESH MADANI)
Company Secretary
ACS-31256

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 22.07.2020



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in continuation to our earlier communication dated **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 financial year ended **31st 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 2nd April, 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 immediate relatives for National Fertilizers Limited (Code) in dealing with 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

Sd/-
(Ashok Jha)
Company Secretary

Place: New Delhi
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Many elderly who got home treatment reaching hospitals too late: Andhra officials

REENIVAS 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 Arja Srikanth, 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 are put on ventilators, they are dy-

ing, especially those with comorbidities,” Dr Srikanth said.

Dr Srikanth 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 youngsters 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.”

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 that of the state went up to 3,144.

The committee recommended 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-morbidity or other terminal illness”, a Health Department bulletin said.

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

AJAY JADHAV
PUNE, JULY 22

THE PUNE Municipal Corporation (PMC) reported the highest number of Covid-19 cases in a city—2,111—in India on Wednesday, as per data provided by the 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 coronavirus 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

higher than the 1,035 recorded by BMC.

But while the number of new patients has increased in PMC areas, the number of deaths due to the infection is lower than 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 BMC.

Last week, the state government had sent BMC commis-

sioner Iqbal Singh Chahal to Pune, where he attended a review meeting and shared steps taken by Mumbai civic authorities to bring Covid-19 cases under control.

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 three-day relaxation will be provided before 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 & constr activities 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 “sacificial animals and other items”.

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

BIHAR

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 (1,154), Nalanda (1,143), 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.

The other districts where a large number of migrants returned have reported fewer cases.

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 super-spreaders, 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 SK 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. **ENS**

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

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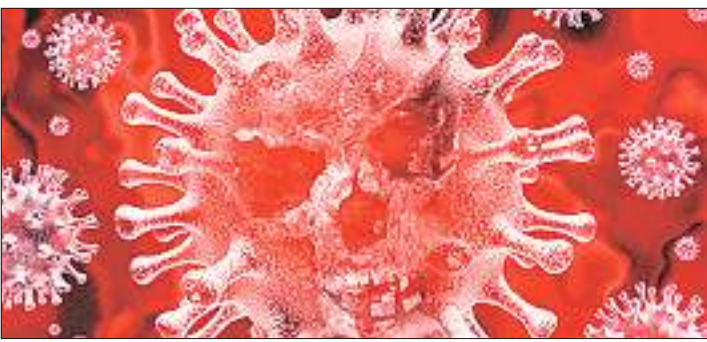
As many countries try desperately to revive their flailing economy through various measures, the question remains pertinent – when would the prevailing situation normalise?

The world has come to a standstill and every company in every sector is rotting behind closed shutters. Currently, there’s no industry that’s not affected from the damaging impacts of COVID-19. The disease is not just dangerous to human lives but even to the economic health of almost 200 countries. Nothing or nobody is immune from it. Yes, definitely we’ve come to a standstill.

Our industries survive and thrive on the concept of demand-supply economics. If the gap between demand and supply widens, we generally see a huge dip in our financial positions. Who would have thought that the price of the US oil will turn negative? As astounding as it may sound, it hap-

pened and that, too, for the first time in history. Demand for oil has all but drastically dried up as lockdowns across the globe widened the demand-supply gap. The negative oil price means the oil producers are paying buyers to offload the commodity over fears that storage supply could run out soon.

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 pan-

demonium 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.

Not since the Great Depression in the 1930s, the world has seen such a magnanimous global recession spreading through the lengths and breadths of geographies and which has doused the demand for every commodity, from crude oil to fresh flowers, except essential live-saving commodities. It is thus vital and necessary to restore the health of our economy before it is too late to do so.



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Ex-SSB man kills self to protest demolition of home for Jammu ring road project

ARUN SHARMA
BISHNAH, JULY 22

agement group recommended that the lockdown be lifted

9 EXPRESS NETWORK

Militants kill cop in Kulgam

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 22

A COUNTER-INSURGENT Ikhwan-turned-policeman was killed by militants in Furrar 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

titular Bharatpur king Kishan Singh, and his associates Sumar Singh and Hari Singh in a fake encounter.

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 son-in-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, Chatter 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.



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 involved in control operations at 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 Singapore-based 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 namely 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 were involved 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 fire."

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 re-installing the BOP.

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

The disaster at Baghjan 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 Katakay, 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.

2019 EASTER BLASTS

Wife of a suicide bomber escaped to India, says Sri Lanka police

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 22

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 Lanka's Mannar coast.

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

in the arrest of around 200 suspects, 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 under detention.

RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION

TN Governor can't sit on recommendation to release convicts: HC

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 22

THE MADRAS High Court on Wednesday said that Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit cannot sit on the state government's recommendation to release all the seven life convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case for so long.

The division bench of Justice N Kirubakaran and Justice V M Velumani questioned the delay on part of the constitutional authority while hearing a habeas corpus plea moved by T Arputham Ammal, mother of one of the convicts, A G Perarivalan, seeking 90-day parole for her son who needs immediate medical attention due to several ailments.

Observing that there is no time limit prescribed for the constitutional 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 time, then the court will be constrained to interfere."

The bench also directed the prosecutor to get instructions from the state government regarding the parole request and

directed the court registry to inform the counsel for the Governor's office to get appropriate instruction as to the disposal of the recommendation.

The case will now be heard on July 29.

The Tamil Nadu cabinet had submitted the recommendations 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 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.

Hearing, speech-impaired teen uses Internet during lockdown to find family

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, PATIALA, JULY 22

ABDUL LATIF was eight years old when he was found crying on the streets of Fatehgarh Sahib in 2010 by a Sikh villager, Gumam Singh. Ten years on, the hearing- and 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 father completed police formalities to take custody of his son.



Abdul Latif meets his father after ten years. Express

Col Karminder Singh (retd), secretary of the society which runs the Patiala School, where the Gumam 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 Gumam Singh family and the Patiala school. "We gave birth to him but these people have raised him. They have all kept him with lot of love," he said.

Five arrested for beating to death Armyman's father in Amethi

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 complaint 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 rod."

113 days after murder, Meerut police find bodies of woman, daughter

AMIT SHARMA
MEERUT, JULY 22

THE POLICE on Wednesday recovered the bodies of a woman and her daughter from the house of the man they were living with in Meerut, 113 days after the man had murdered them.

Shamshad alias Amit Gurjar, 39, had befriended Priya, 35, on Facebook, and after a while, Priya and her teenage daughter from a previous marriage moved in with him, police said.

On July 14, Priya's friend Chanchal lodged an FIR at the

Partapur police station, alleging that Shamshad had kidnapped Priya and her daughter.

"Shamshad has been arrested 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 backyard of Shamshad's house in separate graves," Anand Prakash Mishra, the in-charge of the Partapur police station told *The Indian Express* over the phone.

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 Dattatreya, 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 Dattatreya 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. Dattatreya, 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 questioned.

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



Vimal Pethakar

Vimal, her son — 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 Dattatreya. 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

after suffering a heart attack at 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 Dattatreya.

The protest by the two continued 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, Dattatreya 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 Dattatreya 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 JJ hospital. He is now taking her remains to Tasgaon, where she will be cremated.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

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

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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

THE 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

THE 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

THE 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 chanced his talent against the whims of an inscrutable machine only to lose is as old a myth as cinema itself.

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.



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

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.

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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-strategy.

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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 RIGHT PATH

The Amarnath Yatra must wait for a better time

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.

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. 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 hour-long 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.

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 south-west 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'être 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.

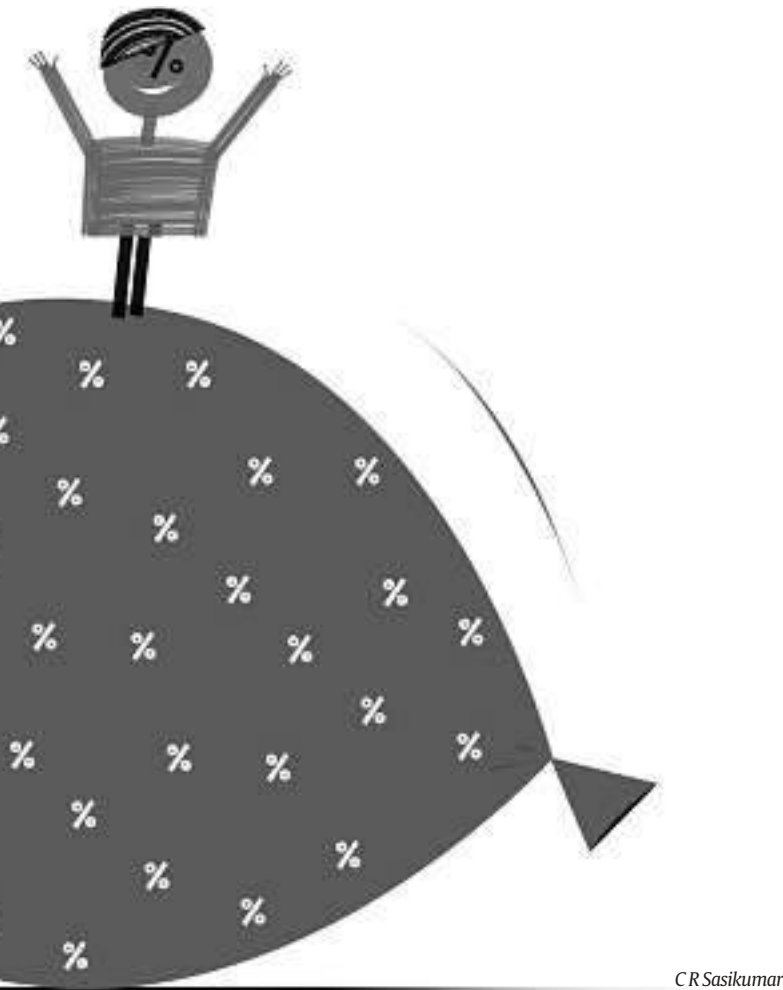
The issue is then really of the evaluation process and its feedback effects on the learning process. If the students and the teachers know that evaluation demands a certain kind of pedagogy and methodology, then there is enough incentive for them to adopt

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.

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C R Sasikumar

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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

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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BATTLE ISN'T OVER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Keep 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.

Bal Govind, Noida

WAYS OF THE FARM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Potato tears’ (IE, July 21). 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.

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.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

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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 society.

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.

SS Paul, Nadia

Holes in the safety net

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



ROHINI PANDE, SIMONE SCHANER AND CHARITY TROYER MOORE

IN THE 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 surveys 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 stock outs 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 share 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 chana.

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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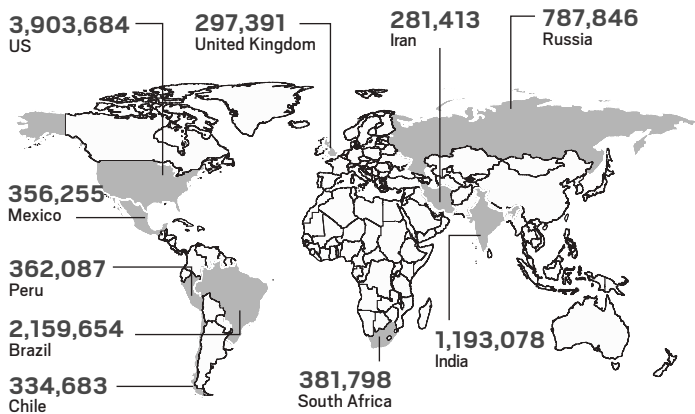


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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

THE WORLD



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



PAPER CLIP

NEW RESEARCH

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-19 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.

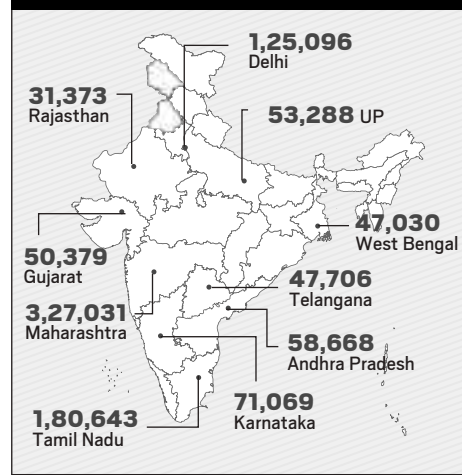
Most patients in the study cohort were male, from a lower socio-economic background; half were white, 22% black and 4% Asian. Hypertension was the most reported comorbidity followed by diabetes, renal impairment and cardiovascular disease.

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

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

TOP 10 STATES



REST OF INDIA

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	212
Arunachal Pradesh	858
Assam	25382
Bihar	28952
Chandigarh	751
Chhattisgarh	5729
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	705
Goa	4027
Haryana	27462
Himachal Pradesh	1664
Jammu and Kashmir	15258
Jharkhand	6159
Kerala	13994
Ladakh	1198
Madhya Pradesh	24095
Manipur	2015
Meghalaya	490
Nagaland	317
Nagaland	1030
Odisha	18757
Puducherry	2179
Punjab	10889
Sikkim	330
Tripura	3331
Uttarakhand	4849

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

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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

ANIL SASI

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 "trail-blazer 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 economics 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

AMRITA DUTTA

BENGALURU, JULY 22

IN A speech on Tuesday, rapper Kanye West 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 became a part of the political narrative around race.

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

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
KAPP 3	Kakrapar, Gujarat	700	Oct 2020
KAPP 4	Kakrapar, Gujarat	700	Sept 2021
RAPP 7	Rawatbhata, Rajasthan	700	Mar 2022
RAPP 8	Rawatbhata, Rajasthan	700	Mar 2023
KKNPP 3	Kudankulam*, Tamil Nadu	1,000	Mar 2023
KKNPP 4	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

Source: NPCIL

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

When did work start on this 700 MWe project?

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 reactor-building 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

Why America is talking about Harriet Tubman

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

the North Star on a perilous 100-mile journey. 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."

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

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 700MWe 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 steel-lined containment to reduce any leakages, and a containment spray system to reduce the containment pressure in case of a loss of coolant accident.

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 \$20 currency 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 projected to increase by 55% and that of warm nights by 70%, both relative to 1976-2005.

■ In coming decades, the average duration 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, annual rainfall over India showed a declining trend. The reduction ranged between 1-5 mm over central India, Kerala and the far Northeast regions.

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

■ The coming decades are projected to witness a considerable rise in the mean, extreme and inter-annual variability of rainfall associated with monsoon.

■ 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) respectively.

■ 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 projected to greater floods, due to the faster glacial and snow melting. Major flooding

events are projected over the Brahmaputra, Ganga and Indus.

■ Central India, Kerala, and some areas in South Peninsular and Eastern India experienced at least two droughts during 1901-2016.

■ 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 projected to experience one or two droughts fewer.

■ 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 Ganga-

Brahmaputra-Meghna delta basins. By 2030, some 340 million coastal residents of the North Indian Ocean and its islands would be exposed to coastal hazards.

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Himalaya snow cover

■ 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 availability 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.

TOP OF THE WORLD



SOUTH AFRICA

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

SOUTH AFRICAN anti-apartheid 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 newswire Bernama. 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 fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

USA

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

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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 coronavirus vaccine research.

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

EXPLAINED 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 retaliation, leading to fears of tit-for-tat moves that could further raise tensions. The US consulate in Wuhan, designated the sister consulate of the Chinese one in Houston, maybe ordered shut in response, officials told Reuters. But that consulate has already been evacuated by the US due to Covid-19. Ordering that consulate shut could be one way for China to respond without further escalation.

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 gets prison term

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 driven fabrication.

The Petrozavodsk city court 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.

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 custody, his lawyer said. **AP**

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 young 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

and a two-decade-old court settlement that governs the treatment 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

people seeking asylum in the US. Advocates say housing unaccompanied 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 unclear credentials. **AP**

UK: Dalrymple, 180 other historians protest 'misleading' citizenship test

ADITI KHANNA
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 Tuesday, said.

"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**

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
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 announced 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 now-deceased 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, LARA JAKES & 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 knowledge of the episode.

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.

In a brief interview last week,

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 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.

The White House declined to comment on Trump's instructions to Johnson, as did the ambassador and the State Department. **NYT**

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

explosives.

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 nickname 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-year-old 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

beret and cradled a shortened version of a Kalashnikov rifle.

Kryvosh specifically demanded that Zelenskiy endorse the *Earthlings* documentary. He also showed the documentary to his hostages on the bus, local news media reported.

"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," Avakov said.

None of the 13 hostages held in a city bus through the tense ordeal were physically harmed, authorities said.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

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 Syed Danish Raza Zaidi for all purposes infuture.
0040542536-2

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 EXT-N, DELHI-110076.HAVE CHANGED 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 EXT-N, DELHI-110076. HAVE CHANGED 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 Bansal.
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 Krish Kapur for all purposes.
0040542470-1

ISHMEET SACHDEV D/o-Dilpreet Singh R/o-78, Alkapuri, Pratap-Nagar, Shahaganj, Agra,UP,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ISHMEET KAUR SACHDEV, FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040542535-6

Ravi Wadhvani R/o 17/90, Bagichi Chetan Dass, Near Red Fort, Delhi-6 have changed my minor son's name from Krishna Vansh Ravi Wadhvani to Vansh Wadhvani
0040542476-1

ISHAM SUDDIN SAFI S/O ABDUL HAMEED R/O-B-98 KANCHAN-KUNJ, MADANPUR KHADAR-EXT-N, DELHI-110076. HAVE CHANGED 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 purposes.
0040542522-1

I Farida khatoun D/o md ilyas R/o 221, 2nd floor, dda site-1, new rajinder nagar, delhi-110060, have changed my name to Kajal Minhas
0040542492-1

I, AJAY KUMAR S/O RAJENDER SINGH R/O-7/3-764, SULTANPURI, DELHI-110086.HAVE CHANGED MY 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 my name to AANCHAL MEHTA permanently.
0040542475-1

I, Abhishek Nagpal S/o Late Ashok Kumar Nagpal R/o-3, Sukh Vihar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Siddhartha for all future purposes.
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

I, 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, Radhakrishna, Brijvihar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed my name to Anshu Ranjan Sinha.
0040542539-6

I, Ananya D/o Manoj Sachdeva R/O-Flat.No.64-A-1, Apartment, 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-Nagar Delhi-110009, Change my name to Amit kalra permanently.
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LOST & FOUND

I, Ashutosh Dubey and Pooja 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.
0040542526-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Dheeraj Gahlot S/O Shri Tej Singh Gahlot 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, Vardhaman North Ex Plaza Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 has been lost/ misplaced papers of above said property by Mr. M. L. Nagpal Father of Mr. Lokesh Nagpal and Anuranjan Nagpal. Details of papers are listed below:- Original Application for provisional booking letter dated 0-5-01-1999, 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. Vardhaman Estates Ltd. in favour of Mr. Lokesh Nagpal and Mr. Anuranjan Nagpal both S/O Sh. M. L. Nagpal in respect of the said property. Finder please contact above address.

I, Shyam Sunder S/o Amar Singh, R/o 235, Pocket A-1, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shyam Sunder Grover for all purposes.
0070709190-1

I, Shruti Verma W/o-Sachin Verma R/o-162, Gali.No.1, Near Ramesh-Market, Garhi East-of-Kailash, New Delhi-110065,have changed my name to Kavita Verma.
0040542539-3

I, Shippu Mittal D/o Rakesh Kumar Mittal W/O Ishan Jindal H.No.271, Sector-9, Panchkula, Sector-8,Haryana-134109have changed my name to Shipra Jindal.
0040542539-5

I, Sanjiv Kumar S/o Sh.Shiv Kumar Sharma R/o-230/25-E, Gali.No.8, Chander Vihar, Mandawali, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar for all future purposes
0040542481-1

I, SATISH KUMAR GUPTA S/O KASHMIRI LAL GUPTA R/O 2948/A, RANJIT NAGAR,DELHI-110008. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SATISH KUMAR.
0040542545-2

I, Ram Gopal S/o Ram Chandra Divakar R/o:Gate No.5, Jama Masjid Complex, Jama Masjid, Delhi-6 have changed my name to Ram Gopal Divakar for future.
0040542508-1

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 purposes.
0040542479-1

I, Parul Aggarwal W/o Gaurav Jain R/o C-12, Rohatagi Apartment, 1Ram Kishore Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Parul Jain.
0040542480-2

I, Mallika D/O Shri Prahlad Singh Chauhan R/o House No. 356/10 Second floor, Sunder Vihar Paschim Vihar New Delhi -110087 have changed my name from Mallika to Mallika Chauhan for all future purposes.
0040542516-1

I, ISHNEET SINGH S/O-GURCHARAN SHAH SINGH R/O-752, MUKHERJEE-NAGAR, DELHI-009 have changed my name to ISHNEET SHAH SINGH.
0040542535-4

I, Himanshu Tiwari S/o,Sh.Dinesh Tiwari R/o-H.No.7,Ground-Floor,Block-3,Singal-Street, Ramesh-Nagar, New Delhi,have changed the name of my minor daughter, from Anshi to Erica Tiwari age-about 1-year.
0040542535-7

I, Gautam S/o-Pawan Sharma,R/o A53/A,-B-BLOCK,RAJGARH COLONY,GANDHI NAGAR,East-Delhi,DELHI-110032,have changed my name,from Gautam to Gautam Sharma,for future,Purposes.
0040542539-8

I, GURCHARAN SINGH SHAH S/O- GURBAX SHAH SINGH R/O-752, MUKHERJEE-NAGAR, DELHI-009,have changed my name to GURCHARAN SHAH SINGH.
0040542535-5

I, GIAN CHANDRA GUPTA S/O-MITHAN LAL R/O-6/2, RAQUEOT COURT-ROAD NEAR-VIDHAN SABHA-METRO CIVIL-LINES DELHI-110054. have changed my name to GIAN CHAND GUPTA.
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 Lal Barera.
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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERNED
Public notice for loss of Allotment letter,Possession letter, Payment receipts with respect to the Flat No B-502 Residential property at THE ACES CGHS LTD GH-12 Sector-43 Gurgaon Haryana. Owner Mrs Sunel Balra Chowdhary. 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 already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 3 days from this present. Shippy Arman Sharma- Advocate, A-24, G.T. Road, Sector-19, Delhi-110019 Ph:- 9971506063

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 R/o K135, 1st Floor Kirti Nagar 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 stands null & void. It is now cleared with this revocation that Son (Mr. Nitin Checker) shall have ultimate rights on all the assets liquid, movable, immovable This has been recorded as a statement at my office (Advocate) Stalin Mani H-4 Nightingale Apartment Vikasuri New Delhi 110018 Ph: 9800373593

PUBLIC NOTICE
ON THE GUASTATIONS OF MY CLIENT SMT. VIDYA RANI wife of Sh. Ghansar resident of Banhari 740, Mahender Garh, Haryana-120203, this is to inform all that she have dispossessed her sons, daughter, daughter in law and finally namely, (1) PRITAM SINGH and his wife SMT. RESHMA and his children namely PRIYA and JILLA SINGH (2) SUNITA wife of Sh. Rajkumar and their all legal heirs from all her movable and immovable Properties due to their rude behavior and bad intention of demanding more and more after their marriage from their mother. It is further to inform that my clients shall not be responsible if any deal is done with above said (1) PRITAM SINGH and his wife SMT. RESHMA and his children namely PRIYA and JILLA SINGH (3) SUNITA wife of Sh. Rajkumar financially or non financially. Sd/- R.P. GUPTA ADVOCATE Office:- 47/1, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi

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. Mohan Wazirpur, Delhi-110052, wants to disown his/her 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. Place: New Delhi Date: 21.07.2020 Shama Rani (Advocate) Enrolment No. D-843/1992

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mr. Rakesh Chander Thapar who claimed to be owner and in possession of First Floor "the said floor" Part of Freehold Residential property bearing Municipal No. 824, Ward No.XVI, measuring 89 Sq. Yards, Kharsa No. 1211/14/01 (i.e. Plot No. 1211/14/01) as per Conveyance Deed, Dated dated-06.03.2020, Doc.No.2070, duly Regd. SRO-I, III, Delhi and now Mr. Rakesh Chander Thapar agree to Sell alloted floor to Mr. Sunil Kumar Ahuja & Mrs. Sunita Ahuja. And Mr. Sunil Kumar Ahuja & Mrs. Sunita Ahuja have approached to IDFC First Bank Ltd. for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. All persons having any claim regarding in respect of the said property/floor or any part, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claim, if any of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof.

Sunil Parsad (Advocate)
For Jungs NextGen
E-66, Greater Kailash, Enclave Part-I, New Delhi-110048

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FREEHOLD DDA SUBURB FLAT NO. 357, GROUND FLOOR, POCKET/ BLOCK GH - 13, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property is subject for Equitable / Registered Mortgage with State Bank of India (other than the captioned property at present is / are owned by my client(s) (1) Shri Pradeep Kumar & (2) Smt. Ananya Verma by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Reg. No. 242, dated 16/01/2020 and presently the captioned property is Mortgage with LIC Housing Finance Ltd., vide Loan Account No. 31080000564. 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, encumbrance, flow and impediment and I shall be free to create Equitable/ Registered Mortgage in respect of the captioned property with any financial Institution / Bank.

Armit Chaudhary (Advocate)
Ch. No. 561, Saket Courts, New Delhi. Mobile - 9910147876 Email - amitchaudhary2007@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client Mrs. Neelima Aggarwal W/o Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal R/o-Nr. 95, Ground Floor, Street No. 2, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-72, in the name of Schedule Property, Mrs. Neelima Aggarwal acquired the schedule property from Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal vide Gift Deed Document No. 740, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 1774, Page No. 137-143 regdt. on 13/02/2020 SRO-VIIA, Delhi. Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal died on 19/09/2008 from his mother Mrs. Sheela Devi. Unfortunately Mr. Sheela Devi died. Thereafter MCD Mutated the schedule property to Mr. Yogesh Aggarwal vide Mutation Letter/MTR. Finally Mrs. Neelima Aggarwal mortgage the schedule property With Shri Ram Housing Finance Ltd. Green Park Branch-Delhi. If any person (s) having any objection regarding the Schedule Property/ ownership rights/Title or claim, please raise objection with documentary proof within 15 days of Publication at the below address:-

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Sachin Maheswar (Advocate)
Khatian & Khatian A-38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048 Tel-011-49774545 Mob.-9913803828

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August 2020 DIVISION : Dhanbad Division DATE : 13.08.2020 (Thursday) 27.08.2020 (Thursday) Mobile : 9771428770

Month: August 2020 DIVISION : Samastipur Division DATE : 12.08.2020 (Wednesday) 27.08.2020 (Thursday) Mobile : 9771428770

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, NEERAJ PAL S/O SH. DHARAM PAL R/O F-83, PRASHANT VIHAR, DELHI, declare that I lost my bag containing MarketSheet & Certificate of 10th & 12th Class, CBSE Board Year 2004 & 2006, MarketSheet, Provisional certificate & Original passing Certificate of BALLB, CCS University, Meerut U.P., Enrolment Certificate issued by Bar Council of Delhi, All India Practicing Certificate from Bar Council of India and other important document in 2011. If anyone find, kindly return me, he shall be awarded suitably. Contact : 9811240693.

Sd/- NEERAJ PAL M. 9811240693

PUBLIC NOTICE
I declare that my clients namely Mr. Ruel Singh S/o Gurucharan Singh and Mrs. Surjeet Kaur W/o Shri Ruel Singh both R/O G-60, J.J. Colony Wazirpur, Delhi-110052, wants to disown his/her son namely Mr. Ranjeet Singh and his wife namely Mrs. Sarabjeet Kaur 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. Place: New Delhi Date: 24.06.2020 Shama Rani (Advocate) Enrolment No. D-843/1992

PUBLIC NOTICE
ON THE GUASTATIONS OF MY CLIENT SMT. VIDYA RANI wife of Sh. Ghansar resident of Banhari 740, Mahender Garh, Haryana-120203, this is to inform all that she have dispossessed her sons, daughter, daughter in law and finally namely, (1) PRITAM SINGH and his wife SMT. RESHMA and his children namely PRIYA and JILLA SINGH (2) SUNITA wife of Sh. Rajkumar and their all legal heirs from all her movable and immovable Properties due to their rude behavior and bad intention of demanding more and more after their marriage from their mother. It is further to inform that my clients shall not be responsible if any deal is done with above said (1) PRITAM SINGH and his wife SMT. RESHMA and his children namely PRIYA and JILLA SINGH (3) SUNITA wife of Sh. Rajkumar financially or non financially. Sd/- R.P. GUPTA ADVOCATE Office:- 47/1, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi

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. Mohan Wazirpur, Delhi-110052, wants to disown his/her 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. Place: New Delhi Date: 21.07.2020 Shama Rani (Advocate) Enrolment No. D-843/1992

CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS 15

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 India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

Sr.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing date
1	93205360	Supply of Electronic Rectifier cum regulating unit (ERRU) for 25 KW alternator conforming to RDSO spec. No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0013-2011 (Rev-3).	20.	17.08.2020

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

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**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 on any person.

**STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED**
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIAPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008.
CIN U74999TN19715GSC005967

Tender Notice NIT. No. 26/CW/DO/T.No.14/2020-21 Dt. 20.07.2020
CORRIGENDUM
The advertisement for Supply, installation, integration and commissioning of IP based CCTV cameras at SIPCOT Industrial Parks was published on 22.07.2020. The following amendment is hereby issued in the said advertisement.

For	Read as
For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited under "Single Cover System" for the following from eligible 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 installed 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 one year. Tenders will be received upto 21.08.2020 and the same will be opened 3.00 PM on 21.08.2020 and the same will on the same day at 3.30 PM.	For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited "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 installed 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 one year. Tenders will be received upto 21.08.2020 and the same will be opened 3.00 PM on 21.08.2020 and the same will on the same day at 3.30 PM.

All the terms and conditions remain unaltered. The tender Schedule can be Downloaded 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 President 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.	1. Supplying and stacking of stone ballast (machine crushed) at ballast depot JHI under ADEN/JHI. (17-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 and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. 1&2 Upto to 15:00 hrs. on 31.07.2020 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs on 14.08.2020.
5. Website particulars, published e-tender, location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/17&18-20-21-W-IV Date: 21.07.2020 1594/2020
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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.

Tender No. Date	54-DRM-MB-20-21 dt. 21.07.20	59-DRM-MB-20-21 dt. 21.07.2020
Name of Work	Provision of Guard rail sleepers on major RCC slab bridges and through rail renewal on glider bridges in the section of ADEN/CH.	Conducting "Continuous Scour Monitoring" of foundations of Bridge No.101 in CH-A/JN section in MB division using "Sonom Echo range technology" by Almar Echo Range SSS10 Smart sensor or similar equipment on trial basis and submitting continuous monitoring data, analysis and preparation/ submission of detailed reports of continuous Scour Monitoring data, generating alarms/SMS alerts and validation of reports with ground levels.
Tender Closing Date	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	1600/2020	

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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 sub-mission 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:

1	Period of downloading of Bidding document	18.07.2020 from 02.00 P.M. to 05.08.2020 upto 02.00 P.M.
2	Bid submission Start Date	20.07.2020 from 10.00 A.M.
3	Bid submission End date	05.08.2

16 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 37,871.52 ▼ 58.81 NIFTY: 11,132.60 ▼ 29.65 NIKKEI: 22,751.61 ▼ 132.61 HANG SENG: 25,057.94 ▼ 577.72 FTSE: 6,229.10 ▼ 40.63 DAX: 13,129.39 ▼ 42.44

International market data till 1900 IST

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, considered 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.

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 which may fuel inflation further.

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 18-24 months.

BHARATNET PHASE 1: COST ISSUES CITED BY 'PRIVATE OPERATORS' DoT overrules pvt contractors' objections, gives CSC nod to complete fibre, WiFi work

AASHISH ARYAN
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-the-home (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 said.

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 welcome to do it.

"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

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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 contain 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 investors in the stock market... With



Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi. File

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

PRANAV MUKUL
& ANIL SASI
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 fruit, cakes. They expectedly bought a lot of hand sanitiser — 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 fruit cakes, a traditionally high-turnover 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 sanitiser and handwashes.

■ Mumbai-based Godrej Consumer Products Ltd reported a high turnover of household insecticides, presumably because of the unusually high mosquito infestation in North Indian cities, and the desperate attempt by people to ward off possible dengue or malaria amid the spread of COVID-19, according to company executives.

■ Kolkata-based ITC Ltd sold more consumer staples, food and personal hygiene products from mid-April onwards, even as discretionary spending items remained under stress.

■ 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 post-earnings 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 cooed 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 nutrition 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. ITC Ltd, 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 products. ITC's hotels business has been suffering badly.

HUL cut 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 sanitiser and hand-washes to meet growing demand. According to an investor presentation, the company's capacity for sanitiser is now 100 times the previous number, while hand-wash production has been increased five times.

Godrej Consumer Products, which makes household insecti-

cides 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 earnings call.

HUL's Mehta, however, said that the growth witnessed in sanitiser 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 norms could free up ₹2.87 lakh cr capital for banks’

Mumbai: If the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relaxes the Basel norms on banks' capital in the wake of COVID-19, a huge amount of Rs 2.87 lakh crore of capital will be freed up for the banks, an SBI research report said Wednesday.

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**

Timing of a counter-cyclical fiscal policy to be equally important to encourage discretionary spending: CEA

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

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 Adviser Krishnamurthy 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 what is necessary in terms of government consumption, but timing of that is extremely important because now there is news coming that vaccine may not be very far off, 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

about Rs 20,000 crore), he said.

Greater fiscal push in times of uncertainty may only lead to people 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.

IFIN auditing lapses: NFRA slaps 7-yr ban on ex-CEO of Deloitte Haskins and Sells

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 auditing lapses at IFIN for 2017-18.

IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) is one of

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 the company. **ENS**

BRIEFLY

L&T Q1 PAT 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 unions agree

New Delhi: Bank employees' unions and IBA have agreed for an annual wage hike of 15 per cent. **PTI**

CIL gains over ₹3,125 cr

New Delhi: Coal India Wednesday said improved quality coal resulted in the PSU gaining over Rs 3,125 crore. **PTI**

CCI nod to Adani Ports deal

New Delhi: Competition Commission of India (CCI) Wednesday approved the acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone. **ENS**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. . Phone No. 080-22265383
website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-19/2787/2020-21 Date: 22.07.2020

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Electrical) registered in KPWD & KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works (1). Providing 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 Vasanthnarsapura 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.

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/-
Chief Engineer, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/R.O: 584/2020-21

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice

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: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-119-2020-21

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Palakkad

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/MM	M15, M16	2
2	CE/P&C	1032	1

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.

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, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.

DIPR/2713/TENDER/2020

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

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

TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1111/PSPCL/TD-II

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering under three part bid system for manufacture, 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:

1) Start date for downloading of tenders	From the date of publication
2) Last date of downloading of tender	24.08.2020 upto 11.00 A.M.
3) Last date & time for bid submission	24.08.2020 upto 11.00 A.M.
4) Date & time of opening of bid	25.08.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Note:-

1. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL e-tendering website (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>) (GePNIC Portal)

2. Detailed NIT and Specification can be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>) (GePNIC Portal)

Sd/-
Dy. CE/TL (Design), PSPCL, Patiala.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE HIGHWAYS (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
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),
C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

DIPR/2744/Tender/2020

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),
C&M, CHENNAI CIRCLE

DIPR/2757/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, MADURAI
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**.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are 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)
C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE

DIPR/2756/TENDER/2020

Shami = Broad + Gabriel

Englishman uses nip-backers, WI pacer the heavy ball, but Shami possesses both

SANDIPG
JULY 22

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 surface.

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-swing, 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 back-of-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*

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-of-length, 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 has n'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.

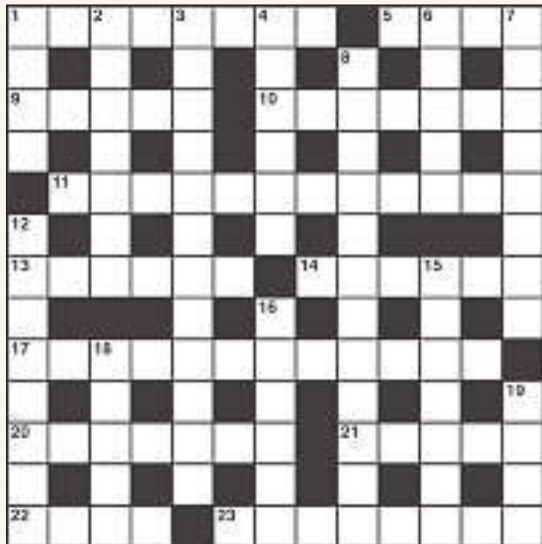
Dasgupta too shared a similar problem. "Fear of an overlap is there. Sometimes I feel that the other guy has completed but that's not the case. It's because of an internet issue I couldn't hear his voice but actually he hasn't completed it. So overlapping happens and it did happen," Dasgupta said.

"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? (8)
- Voyage skippers try to avoid (4)
- A minor grant (5)
- Disposition of uncle to have a fling (7)
- Failures expected in electrical faults (12)
- Sound cover for some entertainment (6)
- A cheap production web server (6)
- Yet always the greater? (12)
- Gifts appearing in stories about New Testament (7)
- Heads on the floor? What's up? (5)
- A fruitful appointment (4)
- One of a group of youngsters between a dozen and a score (8)

Down

- A tree or two, say (4)
- Stretches between bends (7)
- It has a stirring influence beneath the surface (12)
- A result of some consequence (6)
- Arrest for an altercation (3,2)
- Urge fellows to become journalists (8)
- To complain so may be common all over the world (12)
- Call-up date wrongly issued (8)
- Before the vote this will decide the issue (7)
- Virtuous but cheats badly (6)
- Farewell to that capital servant (5)
- 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. 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.

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.

Home is the _____ there is - Laura Wilder (6,4)

GPEOR



CUTIS



AARYCN



OOSYDW



SOLUTION: GPEOR: GROPE, CANARY, WOODSY
CUTIS: CUT, IT'S THE NICEST WORD THERE IS - Laura Wilder

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4178

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4177



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's a reasonably 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 was chaos.

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 deal to be lost.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may be inclined 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 sense of humour.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Once in a while you are given a moment to pause, to come up for air and 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.

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, you can ensure that others take you at your word, and give you the necessary backing. The emotional situation at the moment could be rather fraught if you fail to notice that partners require ten times the normal dose of affection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You have learnt 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. Partners will appreciate a businesslike approach.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Your chart is like a maze, and it's all a question of finding your 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 your 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)

You are in a creative mood, and both at work and at home you should find ways to enjoy even the duller 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.

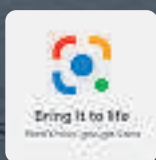

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