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RAJASTHAN CRISIS: COURT SAYS WILL HEAR MATTER OF JURISDICTION

SC refuses stay on time given to rebel MLAs, asks can dissent be shut down like this

On Speaker's plea against HC direction, court says 'these are elected MLAs'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ASKING IF dissenting voices were being shut down, the Supreme Court Thursday refused to stay the relief given till Friday to rebel Rajasthan Congress MLAs to reply to the disqualification notices issued to them.

Rajasthan Speaker C P Joshi had moved the Supreme Court against the high court order asking him to give the rebel MLAs time till July 24 to reply to the notices.

While declining Joshi's ap-

peal for a stay, the Court adjourned hearing on the "question of jurisdiction" raised by him till July 27. Joshi has contended that courts cannot interfere in disqualification matters before the Speaker has taken a final decision.

"As the high court has already heard the matter after prolonged arguments and reserved the order, we are not staying the passing of the order. However, whatever order is passed, shall be ultimately subject to the outcome of this petition," the Supreme Court Bench, comprising

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**'WILL WELCOME (PILOT) IF HE DECIDES TO AGAIN REPOSE FAITH IN CONG'**ASHOK GEHLOT
RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER

Assembly session soon, we have majority: Gehlot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JULY 23

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot Thursday said that an Assembly session will be called soon, adding that his government would prove its majority even if the rebel Congress MLAs stay away.

Speaking to reporters here, he also said the audio clips that had surfaced with purported conversations around toppling his government could be sent abroad for verification, if there were doubts

about the investigation that was on here. The Special Operations Group of the Rajasthan Police is looking into the matter.

Saying that the rebel MLAs, led by former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot, had "lost their way", Gehlot said, "Those being held hostage there (at a hotel in Haryana), guarded by bouncers, they are calling, (asking) how do we get out. They are unable to leave. I hope that when they come, several of them will vote, but (even without them) we have a majority and, on the

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Chinese dig in at Pangong Tso and Gogra, India says more talks soon

Disengagement stalled; diplomatic and military talks to break logjam

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH CHINESE troops reluctant to step back further from Pangong Tso and Patrolling Point 17A at Gogra, two of four friction points along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, a top source in the Army said Thursday that Corps Commanders of the two sides could meet again next week to "break the logjam" over disengagement of troops.

The "need for another military or diplomatic meeting is being felt," the source said, especially over the situation in Pangong Tso where "some differences have emerged" on the "status and claims" of the LAC and rearward movement of troops. The disengagement and de-escalation processes, the source said, are "presently stalled".

Also Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs said, "another meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) is also expected to be scheduled soon". In May, Chinese troops came

Army vehicles heading to Ladakh, on the Manali-Leh route in Kullu Thursday. **ANI**

up to Finger 4 on the Pangong Tso north bank, 8 km west of Finger 8 which India says marks the LAC. As part of disengagement of troops, they vacated the Finger 4 base area and headed towards Finger 5. But the PLA continues to occupy positions on the ridgeline at Finger 4.

At PP 17A, the Army source said there has been "no change of status since the last report and some troops continue to be engaged at this location". Sources had earlier said that around 50 troops each on both sides are still within a kilometre of each other at this location.

At PP 15 in the Hot Springs sector, the Chinese "indicated

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More domestic violence complaints in red zones during lockdown: study

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

AS COVID-19 and the lockdown that followed confined people to their homes, complaints of domestic violence and cyber crime against women went up while those of harassment, sexual assault, and rape dipped, with the effect more pronounced in the country's red zones, districts with the strictest lockdown measures, according to a new study by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"In their study published as a US National Bureau of Economic Research paper on June 21, Saravana Ravindran and Manisha Shah, Professors of Public Policy at UCLA, compiled complaints

registered with India's National Commission for Women and mapped them on to districts in the red, orange and green zones — districts demarcated by the administration based on the Covid caseload — and cross-checked the findings with Google Mobility and Search trends.

Overall, there were 392 complaints of domestic violence registered with the NCW's Complaint and Investigation Cell in May this year compared to 266 in May 2019. There were 73 cyber crime complaints involving women in May 2020, compared to 49 in May 2019. Rape and sexual assault complaints decreased 66% — from 163 in May last year to 54 this May. In 2019, they had decreased 17% from 198 in May 2018.

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OLYMPIC DREAMS

In world without Covid, they would all be in Tokyo today

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

HER FEET submerged in muddy water, boxer Lovlina Borgohain is sowing paddy in Assam's Golaghat. In Chandigarh, shooter Anjum Moudgil has swapped her air rifle for a paintbrush. Swimmer Srihari Nataraj is strumming a guitar in Bengaluru. And in Andhra's Amalapuram, shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy is busy — not with a racquet, but a mosquito-swatter to keep malaria away.

If all had been well, all of them would have strutted out at the National Stadium in Tokyo on Friday morning, for the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

But then, all is not well.

Instead of being a part of the 100-odd member Indian contingent at the biggest sporting event in the world — the goal of a lifetime — they are at home, leading ordinary lives, resigned to an excruciating wait.

Four months ago, for the first time ever, the International Olympic Committee and organisers in Tokyo postponed the Olympics following the Covid outbreak. The Games will now begin on July 23, 2021.

Moudgil, who has been

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Clockwise from top: boxer Lovlina Borgohain sows paddy in Golaghat, Assam; shuttler Satwiksairaj Rankireddy with a mosquito-swatter in Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh; swimmer Srihari Nataraj in Bengaluru



Minor sexually assaulted, filmed at Covid centre in Delhi: Police

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A MINOR girl, who tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to the Sardar Patel Covid Care Centre in South Delhi, was sexually assaulted allegedly by another patient inside the facility on July 15. Police have arrested the accused and a second person who allegedly filmed the assault.

Police said they received a complaint from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), who are managing the centre. The centre, built on the grounds of the Radha Soami Satsang Beas centre in South Delhi, has a capacity of 10,000 beds, of which around 300 are occupied now.

In her complaint, the minor alleged that on the night of July 15, she was sexually assaulted by a 19-year-old inside a bathroom

at the centre. She accused another 19-year-old patient at the centre of recording the incident on his phone.

Parvinder Singh, Additional DCP (South district), said, "We have registered a case against the two men under the POCSO Act and IPC 376 (sexual assault). The accused have been arrested and sent to judicial custody but will remain in institutional care till

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TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

143 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN
CASES: 12,38,634
RECOVERED: 7,82,606
DEATHS: 29,861
TESTS: 1,50,75,369 **DOUBLING RATE: 20.16****

KEY STATES TO WATCH	TOTAL CASES	SURGE IN 24 HOURS	7-DAY AVG GROWTH*	DOUBLING RATE**
■ Maharashtra	3,37,607	10,576	2.94%	24.50
■ Tamil Nadu	1,86,492	5,849	2.98%	24.14
■ Delhi	1,26,323	1,227	1.10%	65.33
■ Karnataka	75,833	4,764	6.99%	10.30
■ Andhra	64,713	6,045	8.98%	8.02

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 2.57 NOW: 2.41	7 DAYS EARLIER: 7.61 NOW: 8.22	DETECTED TODAY: 45,720 RECOVERED TODAY: 29,557
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %): indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %): indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak

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

At Red Fort this I-Day, no schoolchildren, police in PPE, list of invitees down to 250

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ANCHORASHNA BUTANI
& LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

NO SCHOOLCHILDREN, a pared-down list of dignitaries, chairs instead of rugs for seating in several areas, and police in PPE — Independence Day morning at Red Fort this year will reflect the mood of a nation in the middle of a global pandemic.

In the afternoon, during the At Home function in Rashtrapati Bhavan, the focus will be on

India's "Corona Warriors", with invitations likely to be extended to medical professionals and key figures in the health sector.

"At the Red Fort, instead of the 900-1,000 invitees every year, around 250 people will be present as the Prime Minister addresses the nation," an official with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) told *The Indian Express*. The final list will be prepared by the Defence Ministry.

Apart from ministers, diplomats and other dignitaries, the attendees until last year included thousands of schoolchildren wearing dresses that reflect the Tricolour.

"This year, children will not

Preparations have begun at the Red Fort. **Amit Mehra**

take part due to the pandemic, except for NCC Cadets. Social distancing will be maintained, staff will

be in PPE kits, and there will be a number of sanitisation points," said Monika Bhardwaj, Deputy

Commissioner of Police (North). The At Home will "definitely be held", but the nature of the function has not been finalised, official sources said.

"The list of invitees, size of the gathering, venue hall, whether tea should be served... all these details will have to be finalised. A lot depends on the Covid situation by mid-August, and the nature of restrictions in place," said sources.

They said that queries are being made about the names of medical professionals and healthcare experts to be included. The list usually includes ministers, political leaders,

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(₹ In Crore)

	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30/06/2020 (Reviewed)	Year Ended 31/03/2020 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 30/06/2019 (Reviewed)
MSME 35.92%	Total Income from Operations (Net)	3264.81	13144.67	3191.88
	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	101.02	388.58	81.09
Retail 31.36%	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after extraordinary items)	101.02	388.58	81.09
	Equity Share Capital	5824.11	5824.11	5824.11
Net NPA 4.10%	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	3666.65	3666.65	1613.17
	Earnings Per Share (Not Annualised) Basic (in ₹) : (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	0.17	0.67	0.14
	Diluted (in ₹) :	0.17	0.67	0.14
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PM: 10

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401-500 Severe

Jail official held for ‘supplying drugs’ to inmates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JULY 23

A DEPUTY Jail Superintendent was arrested along with another person on Thursday for allegedly supplying mobile phones and illegal items to inmates at Gurgaon's Bhondsi Jail.

According to police, a raid was carried out on Thursday afternoon on the jail premises and SIM cards and contraband were found in the possession of DJS Dharmbeer Chautala and Ravi. The accused would take money from prisoners to illegally supply the items, police said.

"For the past several days, mobile SIM cards and contraband were being recovered from criminals lodged in Bhondsi Jail. A strict eye was being kept on them through secret channels. We received information that they were being supplied the items inside the jail. Sector 39 police carried out a raid, and mobile phones, SIM cards and drugs were found. Immediately, the Deputy Jail Superintendent and his associate were arrested, and a case has been filed at the Bhondsi police station," said a Gurgaon police spokesperson.

According to police, teams carried out searches at Chautala's residence and recovered 11 4G SIM cards and 230 grams of hash.

During investigation, it was found that that jail official would allegedly facilitate supply of 4G SIMs and phones so that inmates could operate WhatsApp and other social media accounts from within the jail. The official would allegedly take Rs 20,000 from the inmates in return.

Police also seized drugs worth Rs 10 lakh from the possession of the inmates and the accused.

Police are currently questioning the inmates on the alleged involvement of other jail officials in the supply scheme.

The information with regard to the illegal supply was being gathered by the Crime Branch in Sector 39 police station. The police was asked to keep the operation a secret in order to avoid suspicion among the inmates or jail staff.

The team was also asked to keep an eye on the activities of criminals lodged in the jail for serious offences.

1,041 NEW CASES, 26 DEATHS REPORTED ON THURSDAY

Pressure eases, 63% beds with ventilators vacant

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

PRESSURE ON ventilator facilities in the city has eased over the past month, with almost 63% of ICU beds with ventilators earmarked for Covid-19 patients lying vacant at hospitals.

Official Delhi government data shows that of the total 1,180 ICU beds with ventilators, 749 are lying vacant. With the number of active cases decreasing and fewer people being admitted to hospitals, the pressure has eased, giving healthcare workers a slight breather.

Close to a month ago, when the city had 743 ventilators, 500 of them — or close to 67% — were occupied.

Doctors also say their response to the disease has changed as the months have passed.

"In March, the initial process was to put the patient on the ventilator first. Now, that is the last resort. The whole emphasis has shifted to clinical



A health worker collects swab samples to test for coronavirus on Tuesday. *Praveen Khanna*

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL					
	TOTAL CASES		Total	Vacant	
	1,27,364	HOSPITAL BEDS	15,431	12,218	
		VENTILATORS	1,180	749	
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
July 22	1,227	1,532	29	20,060	
July 23	1,041	1,415	26	18,226	
Total	14,554*	1,09,065	3,745	8,71,371	
*Total active cases					

High Court asks DU to present data of first round of mock tests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE DELHI High Court Thursday directed Delhi University to place before it the entire data relating to the first round of mock tests of the online open book exam, and sought the presence of a competent officer to assist the varsity's counsel during the hearing.

"By the next date, learned counsel for the University of Delhi shall keep handy the data of the first mock test that shall conclude on July 27," a bench of Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Subramonium Prasad said.

Senior counsel Sachin Dutta, appearing for the university, agreed to the court's direction and said, "I will place the entire data for the first phase mock (test). The details of how many of them have participated, how many of them have downloaded the questions and uploaded, will also be provided." He said the physical examination dates will depend on how many of the students sat for the



The court was hearing petitions on conduct of final-year exams at DU

online open book exam.

The court was hearing a batch of petitions concerning the conduct of final-year examination at Delhi University amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

It, however, deferred the hearing for July 28, after it was informed that the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear petitions challenging the UGC guidelines permitting Central universities to go ahead with exams, either by adopting the offline mode, or the online mode or a blend of both.

Months after cop tested negative, he contracts Covid again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ALMOST A month after testing negative, a 50-year-old policeman has reported a recurrence of Covid-19 infection. The policeman, who is currently admitted to Indraprastha Apollo hospital, first tested positive in May but had no symptoms.

According to doctors, he tested negative on May 25 and resumed duty. On July 10, he complained of fever and dry cough and was tested through rapid antigen and RT-PCR on July 13. Both reports were positive.

"This is the first such case I have seen so far. When the patient was tested earlier, he had no symptoms... In July, he developed some symptoms and was tested again. After he recovered the first time, we couldn't find any antibodies," said Dr Rajesh Chawla, senior consultant, Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Apollo Hospitals.

While there have been a few

management for the disease. What we have seen is that once a patient goes onto the ventilator, then the mortality rate is 50% and the same in non-ventilated patient is 5%. The idea is to intervene with treatment at an early stage so that you can prevent a patient from going on the ventilator. The severity of patients has changed over the last three months, which is due to the guidelines being updated by authorities," said Dr Sandeep Budhiraja, Group Medical Director, Max hospital.

On Thursday, the city reported 1,041 fresh cases, taking the total number of confirmed cases to 1,27,364. The death toll in Delhi was recorded at 3,745, with 26 new deaths reported in the last 24 hours. The number of active cases on Thursday stood at 14,554, a marginal decline from 14,594, the previous day.

Of the total active cases, 8,000 are awaiting treatment under home isolation. The Delhi government has distributed 24,279 pulse oximeters to patients in home isolation till date.



I-DAY RUN-UP

At the Kite Market in Old Delhi's Lal Kuan on Thursday. *Amit Mehra*

Assembly flags ‘protocol violations’ by govt officers

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

IN A communication to Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev, the Delhi Assembly has flagged "violation of protocols" by government officers who are allegedly not responding to representations of MLAs — an issue which is likely to be placed before a House committee on "contemptuous behaviour by officers with public representatives".

Assembly Deputy Secretary (Legislation) Sunil Dutt Sharma wrote to Dev earlier this month on the directions of Speaker Ram Niwas Goel. The matter was subsequently raised with all heads of departments on July 7, with the General Administration Department (GAD) directing them to respond to the complaint.

The ties between the political executive led by the AAP and the bureaucracy in Delhi were strained during the party's second term in office between 2015 and 2020. Senior officers were called for privilege proceedings for allegedly not responding or issuing delayed answers to questions raised in the House.

The *Indian Express* has learnt that the latest episode was sparked by a letter, dated June 2, written by AAP MLAs Sjoon. The Bijwasan legislator, who is also a former director of prosecution of Delhi government, wrote to Speaker Goel raising what he

Sisodia hits out at HM on transfer

New Delhi: Deputy CM Manish Sisodia on Friday hit out at Home Minister for transferring education director Binay Bhushan. "Within a week of government schools posting a 98% result... Home Ministry didn't even consult the state government. Amit Shah ji, is this a punishment for giving quality education to poor children of Delhi?" he tweeted. **ENS**

called was a "very disturbing practice" prevalent in the departments of Delhi government.

"Government officials who are otherwise under obligation to respond to and reply to correspondence made by public representatives to redress the grievances of the general public are violating the said protocol.

"Unfortunately, most government officials at the district level and Delhi Secretariat level do not prefer to reply to letters written by the MLAs, in the capacity of public representatives in respect of various issues," Joon wrote, requesting instructions be issued that their queries are attended to.

The Speaker then directed the assembly deputy secretary (legislation) to write to the Chief Secretary, seeking his comments

on the matter, and adding that it will be placed before the House Committee.

GAD Deputy Secretary Promila Mitra also wrote to the additional chief secretary, all the principal secretaries, heads of autonomous bodies, highlighting the matter. She also reiterated that the House committee will take up the issue, for which replies need to be sent directly to the assembly.

The assembly secretariat has not yet fixed a date of the proposed meeting of the committee. However, on July 9, Dev issued a circular emphasising that the manual of office procedure stipulates that communications received from VIPs should be attended to promptly.

"It has been brought to my notice that instructions are not being followed scrupulously. It is hereby directed that each communication received from a MP/MLA/VIP shall be acknowledged forthwith, followed by a reply which shall be sent within 15 days of acknowledgement sent. Appropriate record shall be maintained in respect of such communications and shall be monitored by the HoD concerned," he wrote.

A large section of government employees led by senior IAS officers had hit the streets and later boycotted work for over three months in 2018, over an instance of alleged assault on then Chief Secretary Anshu Prakash by two AAP MLAs.

Cabinet to meet next week to decide on public prosecutors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH LT-GOVERNOR Anil Bajjal firm on appointing the panel of six public prosecutors recommended by the Delhi Police to argue Northeast Delhi riot-related cases, the Delhi Cabinet will take up the matter next Tuesday.

After successive rounds of deliberations between the elected government and Bajjal remained inconclusive, the L-G had argued that the matter should now be placed before the Cabinet.

If the Cabinet rejects the panel, the L-G will have the option of invoking Article 239 AA(4) of the Constitution and referring the matter to the President of India, citing difference of opinion.

Bajjal had invoked the provision in May after similar differences had cropped up between

the two sides over the appointment of the panel of lawyers to argue the riot cases in lower courts.

On Sunday, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh had taken on the BJP over the dispute, alleging that the Centre and L-G were trying to "shield the culprits and dark deeds of BJP leaders who engineered the riots".

Delhi Police had sent a proposal to appoint six senior lawyers, including Tushar Mehta and Aman Lekhi, as Special PPs in the High Court and Supreme Court in 85 cases related to Northeast riots and the anti-CAA protest.

During his talks with Bajjal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had rejected the proposal of the police, saying that Delhi government's standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra and his team will represent these cases on behalf of the police and no separate appointment of lawyers by the Centre is needed.

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4 THE CITY

WORK STALLED BY PANDEMIC, SAYS CM

Revamped Chandni Chowk will be open to public by November

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ASSESSING THE Rs 90-crore Chandni Chowk redevelopment project Thursday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the stretch will be ready for public use by the first week of November.

Speaking to the media, the CM said, "We are standing at the main area of Chandni Chowk, and we are witnessing that the whole area has been redeveloped. Chandni Chowk is a historical place and has been there for ages. The historical glory of the area will be brought back through its beautification. This will be a non-motorised vehicle area from 9 am to 9 pm."

Urban Development Minister Satyendar Jain and other officials accompanied him on his visit.

The project, which began in December 2018, was supposed to be completed by May, with Kejriwal attributing the delay to the Covid-19 lockdown. "Road reconstruction could not be completed by May due to the Covid lockdown, the area is expected to be reopened by the first week of November," he said.

Work on the 1.3-km stretch between Red Fort and Fatehpuri Masjid restarted by May-end but gathered steam in the last two weeks. However, officials said they had to grapple with labour shortage while trying to make up for lost time.

An official associated with the project said, "There were around 550-600 labourers under Public Works Department, BSES and the Delhi Jal Board combined. Now, there are only 300." A PWD official said, "Around 65% of the total work is complete. We are working day



Amit Mehra



The central verge at Chandni Chowk; CM Arvind Kejriwal and UD Minister Satyendar Jain inspected the site, Thursday

in and day out. The project will be completed by October."

Work on the central verge, adorned with planters, sandstone seats and bollards which feature Mughal motifs, has been completed till Fountain Chowk — 30% of the total stretch.

Once completed, it will have a 5.4-metre-wide footpath, a 5.5-metre-wide carriageway next to it for cycle rickshaws, followed by a 3.5-metre-wide central verge with planters and bollards. Next to this will be the second 5.5-metre-wide carriageway and then a

5.4-metre-wide footpath. Four toilets, at four different locations, are also under construction.

Work is also incomplete in a few lanes, which will have pathways similar to those on the central verge, posing problems to traders.

Kishan Goyal (41), who has been running a clothes shop for 15 years, said, "Business has been heavily affected since the project began; then came the lockdown. Right now, there is no space for customers to stand as it is very muddy. I am renting wooden planks at Rs 50 a day, so that customers have a place to stand. Else no one will come to the store."

Similar concerns were echoed by a several traders but they hope the project will benefit them in the long run. Ankit Maheshwari (28), who also owns a clothes shop, said, "The project has taken a long time. Nobody wants to walk to the stores when the roads are in this condition. But hopefully, it will be over soon and customers will start visiting again..."

Sanjay Bhargava, president, Chandni Chowk Vyapar Mandal, said, "A parking facility is being built by the North MCD. For the time being, we have been given an additional parking space at Nishad Raj Marg, which comes in between Red Fort and Shantivan. Almost 95% of the underground work is complete. It is mainly the surface work that is still left and will be completed over the next few months."

The North MCD confirmed that the multi-level parking facility is under construction at Gandhi Maidan to accommodate over 2,300 cars and will be completed by 2022. It will have eight floors and three underground levels.

REDEVELOPING CHANDNI CHOWK

Length-1.3km
(Red Fort to
Fatehpuri Masjid)Project
cost
₹90 cr

ALONG THE STRETCH

Moulsari trees	210
Streetlights	180
Fire hydrants	100
Transformers	19
Red sandstone benches	175
Toilets	4
Stone planters	175
Police posts	2
Feeder pillars	80

BRIEFLY

AUD admission forms go live

New Delhi: Admission forms for Ambedkar University Delhi's undergraduate programmes went live Thursday on its website. The last day of registration is August 18. AUD is going online for its admission process for the first time this year.

JNU theses submissions to go online

New Delhi: The Executive Council of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Thursday approved a proposal to enable digital submission of M.Phil, M.Tech dissertations and PhD theses. "JNU will be taking the lead in India to launch this novel process of dissertation and thesis submission... This will facilitate a timely, hassle-free and very convenient process of submission," Rector I Chintamani Mahapatra said, adding that the varsity already had an online theses-tracking system. **ENS**

North MCD docs to get salaries in rosters

New Delhi: Citing "paucity of funds", North body mayor Jai Prakash Thursday said as the civic body is unable to disburse salaries to doctors and health workers at once, it will pay them roster-wise.

Snake rescued

New Delhi: A five-foot-long rat snake was rescued after it took shelter at R K Khanna Tennis Stadium in Hauz Khas after rains, wildlife rescuers said Thursday. **PTI**

Need your help to fix the system: Sisodia to students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday interacted with some class XII students from the 'Essential Repeat' category at the Delhi Secretariat and took their feedback to "assist them to prepare better" for their results next year. While declaring Class X and XII results, CBSE used 'Essential Repeat' in place of 'Fail' this year.

Interacting with the students and their parents, Sisodia spoke about the 98% pass percentage in Class XII in Delhi government schools this year. "If we look at it ('Essential Repeat') only as a figure, it is very less. We could have been satisfied with the 98% result. But, for us, these are our students, not just a mere statistic... This is the reason why, this year, I'm meeting those children who, for some reason, have not been able to succeed," he said.

Sisodia asked students to give him feedback on how the government can improve. "Today, we have not called any principal or teacher so that you can speak to me as your elder brother. There has been a drastic change in our

Deputy CM
Manish
Sisodia

schools but if there is still something missing, then we need your help in fixing it. If a student isn't able to succeed, then we want to understand what is still lacking in our system," he said.

Several students spoke of financial, health, and mental issues as the reason for their poor result. Sisodia said family issues may hinder children's learning and that "we need to create a comprehensive support system for every child". He also said parents would be counseled to allow students to take an academic stream of their choice after class X.

Atishi, former advisor to the Education Minister, said low scores should not be equated with failure. "If anyone has failed, then we have failed ourselves, our school has failed, which could not help you reach your destination," she said.

'Lockdown cleared air, increased solar power'



A study by scientists based in Germany and the US found lower PM 2.5 concentration in Mar-April. Archive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

REDUCED AIR pollution levels over Delhi under lockdown resulted in clearer skies that increased solar irradiance, or solar power, by over 8% in late March and nearly 6% in April, a new study has found.

Authored by scientists based in Germany and the US, including at the Helmholtz Institute Erlangen-Nürnberg and MIT, the study notes that solar panels generate more electricity when air pollution levels remain low.

Researchers arrived at this conclusion by using a method to correlate the concentration of

particulate matter of 2.5 micrometers (PM_{2.5}) over the US embassy in Delhi with the cumulative solar energy, or insolation, received close to a commercial solar panel in Paschim Vihar.

The data on PM_{2.5} showed that a reduction in air pollution was visible for all years as winter gave way to spring, however, the concentration of the pollutant in March and April 2020 reached lower levels than usual.

"Results shown here paint a plausible picture: air pollution levels drop notably, and this drop results in clearer air that allows more sunlight to pass through the atmosphere, which increases the yield of PV (solar panel) installations," the study added.

Dyal Singh governing body accepts plagiarism report against principal

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE GOVERNING Body (GB) of Dyal Singh (Evening) College has unanimously accepted the report submitted by a three-member committee which found the principal guilty of plagiarism, *The Indian Express* has learnt. The GB decided that he be asked to hand over charge to the most-senior teacher on July 27, the day after his tenure ends.

While GB chairman Rajiv Nayan did not respond to calls and texts, another GB member, on condition of anonymity, said, "The report finding DSC (Evening) principal Pawan Sharma guilty of plagiarising his book 'Training and Development' was unanimously accepted. The report said the book was heavily plagiarised."

The report said that Dr Pawan Kumar Sharma had "not only plagiarised the book almost completely from publicly available sources but also, at most of the places, has copied them line-by-line, word-by-word... In this case, with evidence of such a high degree of plagiarism, it is clear that Prof Sharma has shown complete disregard for academic honesty and integrity".

Sharma said he received no communication on the GB's decision: "This is fake news to malign my image. The minutes of the meeting have not yet been pre-



Dr Pawan Kumar Sharma's five-year tenure as principal ends on July 26

pared. I have got an extension from DU, with dispatch number and date; it can be confirmed."

Sources said the GB also decided to turn down a letter, purportedly sent by Dean College Balam Panji to the GB chairperson, asking for Sharma's tenure to be extended by a month given the "emergency situation and pandemic conditions". Sharma's five-year tenure is to end on July 26.

"The letter was sent from a Gmail account, not the official email ID, and did not have signatures of the signing authority. Therefore, it was decided not to consider it," sources said. The letter, seen by *The Indian Express*, is written in the name the Assistant Registrar (Colleges) but doesn't carry any signature. Pani did not respond to calls and texts.

In a separate case, fresh allegations of plagiarism were levelled against Zakir Hussain

College principal Masroor Ahmad Beg by social activist Ranjana Kumari. Beg was earlier accused of plagiarising works, including that of former UGC chairman Sukhdeo Thorat.

Kumari said she had written to the DUV-C and UGC Chairman, alleging that Beg lifted sections of a report titled 'Surrogate Motherhood - Ethical or Commercial', brought out by the Centre of Social Research, where she is the director, and used it in his paper titled 'Changing Dimensions of Commercialisation of The Surrogacy Services in India: A Discourse'.

"I was informed of it by somebody from DU, and saw that portions had been lifted from our work without any citation or acknowledgment. I have written to the DU V-C and UGC Chairman around 10 ago back saying that this is academic dishonesty, and the matter should be probed and action taken accordingly against him (Beg)," said Kumari.

While Beg did not respond to calls seeking comment, his personal secretary said, "All allegations of plagiarism are false. His papers and books have been verified by software which DU uses and it hasn't been found to be plagiarised. He's being targeted by some teachers because he uncovered a scam related to LTC ticket reimbursement." DUV-C Yogesh Tyagi did not respond to calls and texts seeking a comment.

Man posing as Home Minister's personal secy apprehended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been apprehended for allegedly posing as Union Home Minister Amit Shah's personal secretary and calling up ministers to ask for jobs, said police on Thursday.

Delhi Police's Crime Branch caught the accused, Sandeep Choudhary, from Rajasthan's Alwar, his hometown.

Police said Choudhary worked at a Hero Honda showroom in Haryana's Dharuhera, and upon losing his job due to the Covid pandemic, he planned to get a job by allegedly posing as the personal secretary to the Home Minister. He then called Haryana Labour & Employment Minister Anup Dhanak and Rajasthan Labour Minister Tikaram Jolly.

A senior police officer said, "We got complaints from the offices of the ministers about the calls. They said a man, who claimed to be the Home Minister's secretary, asked for a job for someone at a factory."

The Crime Branch registered a case and traced the call to Alwar, and apprehended Choudhary from his village. Choudhary told police he had bought a SIM card, which was registered under the name of his girlfriend, and allegedly made calls to the ministers to get himself a factory job.

Last week, another man, who allegedly posed as the personal secretary of Shah and sought favours from another minister's office, was caught from Indore.

Some objections to first hazardous waste treatment plant in Bawana

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A PUBLIC hearing for the city's first hazardous waste treatment facility, proposed at North Delhi's Bawana, was held last week and received over 70 objections and suggestions.

The hearing was held three months after it was initially planned on April 9, as a result of the coronavirus lockdown, according to a document prepared by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on the proceedings of the hearing.

The treatment, storage and disposal facility for hazardous waste is planned on a 14-acre plot adjacent to a waste-to-energy plant and the Pragati power station in Bawana. It would receive waste including chemical refuse from industries and domestic hazardous waste such as CFL bulbs, expired medicines and used batteries, which currently either goes to landfills or are stored in the premises of industrial units or at common effluent treatment plants (CETPs).

"A huge quantum of hazardous waste is lying in the premises of industries and CETPs of Delhi leading to lack of space and resultant increase in pollution," states the environment impact assessment (EIA) report prepared by project builder Tamil Nadu Waste Management Ltd (TNWML) in January 2020. Among the objections raised

by local residents were concerns on the effect that the waste unit will have on the land, as it is planned close to an agricultural area.

Sangeeta Devi (33), a resident of Metro Vihar, which is a few kilometres away from the project site, said, "There is Dhan currently planted in the area and there were farmers present at the hearing who enquired if their crop would be affected. They were told it would not be. We were worried about smoke that would come out of this facility, but were told there would not be such a problem."

In the document of the proceedings, a representative of the consultant firm is quoted as saying that the plant would use air pollution control devices. It further quotes him as saying that the plant would provide employment to locals depending on their skills.

Multiple objections also claimed that the project proponent was going beyond the scope of work laid out in the tender and was trying to get permission to process other waste streams beyond hazardous waste, which the firm denied, as per the proceedings document.

The Delhi government's Cabinet had approved the facility in June 2018, following directions from the National Green Tribunal in 2015 for setting up such a facility in the city. Through a tendering process, DSII DC had awarded the project to TNWML.

IP EXTENSION

As employers keep their distance, helps struggle to make ends meet

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH MOST of their employers refusing to let them return to work, over 40 domestic helps living in a building at Hasanpur village near East Delhi's IP Extension are struggling to make ends meet.

Saraswati (50), whose husband is a daily wage labourer earning around 8,000 a month, used to work as a cook in three households at various societies at IP Extension, earning Rs 13,000-14,000 per month. On July 11, one

household asked her to return to work. "I have been working at these households for over 15 years. None of them paid me during the lockdown," she said.

With a 15-year-old son to look after and her husband's work being erratic after the lockdown, Saraswati has asked her son-in-law, a bank manager in Bihar, to send her Rs 8,000. "We faced much difficulty getting food to eat during the lockdown. We had to go to a nearby temple where they distributed food. We still go there. We got ration only twice through the online system, as we don't



Anita Devi (left) and Saraswati are among 40 house helps living on rent in a building in IP Extension

have ration cards," she said. Hailing from Samastipur, she



said, "What is the point going back? There is no work back home

either. I don't even have family there. And it's flooded right now."

Several others are considering heading back to their villages. Anita Devi (30) used to work at three households. Her husband is a packaging worker at a company in Patparganj, and the couple have two children aged 7 and 6.

She said, "I used to earn Rs 6,000 per month, but none of these households are asking me to work now. My husband is being paid for just 15 days after one month's work, which is Rs 4,000." She said that feeding her family has become difficult: "We

come from Motihari in Bihar. We sometimes talk of going back but there is no work there either."

Minto (22), who has two toddlers, used to work in three households, earning Rs 5,000-6,000 per month. Her husband, a mechanic, earns Rs 6-7,000 per month. Now out of work, she is considering returning to Muzaffarpur in Bihar: "I asked them when they will call me for work, and they said to wait for a few more months. What can we do here?"

Only a few employers offered to pay them during and after the lockdown. Parmila (37), who

used to work at nine households, was paid in full by three during the lockdown. Three households paid her partially and three did not pay her at all. "It is up to the goodness of the employer if they pay. Most of the 40-50 maids who live here have not been paid during lockdown or after," she said.

None of them have paid their rent in the last four months. "Rent comes up to Rs 5,000-6,000, not including the electricity. None of us here have paid it... The landlord said we could pay back the rent slowly as and when we earn something," said Parmila.

5 GOVT & POLITICS

‘Problem due to Pilot’s over-ambition... will welcome him if he again reposes faith in Cong’

WITH RAJASTHAN High Court set to pronounce on Friday its verdict on a petition by Sachin Pilot and 18 rebel Congress MLAs, challenging disqualification proceedings against them, Chief Minister **ASHOK GEHLOT** tells **MANOJ C G** what went wrong, and how. Excerpts:

The crisis in Rajasthan has put a question mark on your government. How stable is it?

The crisis is not on account of anything related to performance of the state government. This problem has been created by over-ambition of Shri Sachin Pilot and a small group of MLAs of my party who are playing in the hands of the BJP. The Congress government in Rajasthan has a comfortable majority in the Assembly. We also enjoy support of the people. So the government is fully stable and will complete its full term.

Are you thinking of going for a floor test to prove your majority?

We are not shying away from anything which the democratic processes may require at any point in time. If required, we are ready for a floor test and will win it with a thumping majority.

Why do you think Pilot went against you?

As I have already stated, he is engaged in misadventurism — a result of his undesirable over-ambition. The party and the government in Rajasthan had given him positions which are much more than what one can validly aspire at this early stage of life as compared to his contribution to the party. Moreover, things should have been raised by him within the framework of party discipline and procedures.

Can the Gehlot-Pilot relationship be mended now? If yes, how? If no, what is the implication for the government and Congress politics in the state?

Much would depend on his future course of action and the decision of party high command. I have been active in politics for more than 40 years and seen ground realities of Rajasthan more than anyone else in state Congress. Based on affection and public support, I can say that the Congress will continue to be the party the people will look up to for its track record of commitment to development, pro-poor stance, good governance, etc.

Never before, or at least not in recent past, in Indian politics have we seen an FIR filed against a deputy chief minister with sedition



charges. Why did you do that?

The complaint regarding horse-trading does not contain any names. Let the law take its own course.

When you became CM, did the Congress central leadership tell you there will be a change of guard after three-and-a-half or four years?

There have been countless speculations in some sections of the media without any basis.

...Or was it a given that you will be CM for whole five years?

There are set procedures to determine which leader of the party

with majority in the Assembly has support of the maximum number of elected party MLAs. Decisions in various political parties are taken accordingly. Thus any aspiration otherwise is not valid.

You have said Pilot has been plotting against your government for some months. Did you bring it to the notice of the Congress central leadership?

There is a well-established communication system within parties. We are constantly in touch with the leadership. The issues related to Sachin Pilot-ji

are being handled as per the standard procedure of the party. We will abide by the party high command's decision.

What is the basis for your allegations (against Pilot)?

I have been receiving inputs to this effect for more than six months. A lot of material is already available in public domain, therefore I need not elaborate on that. The matter is under investigation by the appropriate agencies of the state.

When the government was formed, why didn't you give Pilot some heavy ministries? That is said to be one of the reasons for his unhappiness.

The question seems to be based on your imagination. I wonder what do you mean by heavy ministries. Shri Pilot was made Deputy CM along with the ministries of PWD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Science & Technology and Statistics. These ministries are very important and there is ample scope for performance for common good. Still, if he had to say something, he could have raised that before me or within the party.

You have said Pilot and you have not been on talking terms since the government was formed. What have you

done to build confidence as a veteran leader? Why did you not reach out to him?

My statement was misunderstood by the media. All due honour was accorded to Shri Pilot in the party and in the government. Things have come to such a pass only due to his ambition-driven activities.

There is an allegation that you wanted to promote your son. Is that true?

There could be nothing more baseless than what you are suggesting. It is also a fact that nobody, including my opponents, would believe this.

As deputy CM and as PCC president, how did Pilot contribute to your government and the party in Rajasthan?

It is better to ask this question to Shri Pilot and make your own independent assessment.

Does Sachin Pilot have a place in your government and Rajasthan politics if he returns now?

This would depend upon the future course of action by Shri Pilot and the decision by the Congress high command. I will welcome (him) if he decides to again repose his faith in the Congress.

Jaipur court to SOG: Probe Shekhawat ‘role’ in ponzi case

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 23

A LOCAL court in Jaipur has directed Rajasthan's Special Operations Group (SOG) to investigate the alleged role of Union Jal Shakti Minister and Jodhpur MP Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and his wife Naunand Kanwar, among others, in a Rs 884-crore ponzi scam case which is being investigated by the SOG since last year.

Hearing a revision petition by Barmer residents Labu Singh, 40, and Guman Singh, 70, Jaipur's Additional District and Sessions Judge Pawan Agrawal ordered an investigation on the allegations made by them.

Following complaints, the SOG had lodged an FIR on August 23 last year and found that about 50,000 investors had been duped of Rs 884 crore by Sanjivani Credit Cooperative Society. Among others, the SOG has since arrested Vikram Singh, the founder of the Society and its first managing director, who was often photographed with Shekhawat.

Singh and others were booked under IPC Sections 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant, banker, merchant etc.), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), 471 (using forged document as genuine) 201 (causing

disappearance of evidence or giving false information) and 120B (criminal conspiracy).

The Society was registered in February 2008, and 2,14,472 people in Rajasthan and Gujarat invested Rs 883.88 crore till June 30, 2019, but no investor was paid after June 1, 2019. Petitioner Labu Singh said, "Seeing records and posters — which later turned out to be fake — and powerful people who used to appear in advertisements of the society, I and my family members had invested Rs 54.42 lakh — now Rs 58.91 lakh with interest — in the society."

Advocate AK Jain, who represented the petitioners, said, "They had also alleged that SOG itself found that Shekhawat, his wife Naunand Kanwar, his companies namely Soorya Bhoomi Build Infra Private Limited, Lucid Pharma Private Limited, Nav Prabha Buildtech Private Limited and their other friends Rajendra Baheti and Kevachand Dakliya were instrumental in the offence and money has been transferred to them as per the charge-sheet, but these persons were neither investigated nor the property purchased by them seized. Some property was purchased in Ethiopia as well."

The petitioners had submitted a detailed chart of payments allegedly made to Shekhawat, his wife, and companies owned by them.

While BJP weans away MLAs, Cong admits ex-minister twice in two years

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 23

IN A bid to outdo the ruling BJP ahead of the bypolls, the opposition Congress on Thursday ended up laying the red carpet again for a former minister who was already a party member.

KL Agrawal, a minister in the Shivraj Singh Chouhan cabinet, lost the 2013 Assembly polls and contested the 2018 polls as an Independent from Bamori when the BJP denied him a ticket.

Agrawal was a vocal critic of Congress's then Guna MP Jyotiraditya Scindia but joined the party along with hundreds of supporters at an event in Guna in Scindia's presence in 2019.

He again joined the Congress on Thursday, this time in the presence of former CM and PCC chief Kamal Nath. He said many district and block level functionaries were among his 400 supporters who joined the party with him at an event in Bhopal.

The BJP said it had expelled Agrawal after he filed nomination as an Independent and refused to withdraw it.

1 more Cong MLA quits
Congress MLA from Mandhata, Narayan Patel, resigned and joined the BJP on Thursday. Patel's resignation has reduced the party's strength in the 230-member Madhya Pradesh Assembly to 89.

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REMEMBERING PROMISES

IN RESPONSE to BJP general secretary Saroj Pandey's rakhi, tilak and demand to honour his pre-poll promise as a Rakshabandan gift, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said, "Sister Saroj Pandey, today your brother Bhupesh is promising that there will be complete prohibition in Chhattisgarh. We are in the process of preparing for it." But his reply to Pandey's letter was not without a political point. He thanked the Rajya Sabha MP for reminding the people of the state that her party colleague, former CM Raman Singh, had kept breaking his promise for 15 years.

DIFFERENT TRACK

THE CRISIS in Rajasthan has the Congress leadership on tenterhooks. But some opposition parties are keenly observing the developments, too. Left parties want the crisis to be over so they can have talks with the Congress on seat-sharing for Bihar polls. It is learnt that AICC in charge Shaktisinh Gohil met a senior Left leader. Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel too had a word with a top Left leader. The message was that Congress will set the ball rolling on seat talks once the Rajasthan crisis is over.

NEW MISSION

BJP VICE-PRESIDENT Baijayant Panda seems to have a new mission — to clean Bollywood. He said he came across "shocking threads documenting personal and business links of some Bollywood personalities with certain Pakistanis and NRIs with undeniable track record encouraging violence in J&K, who have verifiable links to ISI & Pak Army". He urged "patriotic Bollywoodies" to renounce such links, triggering a flood of responses on social media. He later said: "Bollywood had connections with mafia operating with Pakistan... looks like these connections still exist."

Chhatradhar Mahato gets key Trinamool post

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KOLKATA, JULY 23

TMC CHIEF Mamata Banerjee on Thursday appointed Chhatradhar Mahato, a former leader of the Maoist-backed PCAPA, to the party's state committee as she announced a major reshuffle in the organisation and gave leadership roles to new faces ahead of next year's Assembly elections.

At a meeting with district presidents and observers, she announced a new state committee with 21 members and a seven-member core panel — a first for the party.

Mahato's appointment is believed to have been made in a bid to revive the TMC organisation in Junglemahal, where the party was defeated by the BJP in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. According to the

TMC's assessment, the main cause of the defeat was internal clashes. Mahato led the People's Committee Against Police Atrocities (PCAPA) and was the face of the Lalgarh movement. He was arrested in 2009 and convicted on several charges, including sedition and sections of UAPA. He was released on bail in February.

After his appointment, Mahato said, "This is a timely decision. The party has to turn around. The organisation must be rearranged. I am getting immense response from the people of Junglemahal."

MP Mahua Maitra was made district president of Nadia, and former cricketer and now Minister of State for Sports Laxmi Ratan Shukla was made district president of Howrah town area. Expelled CPM leader Ritabrata Bandopadhyay was also appointed to the state committee.

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

CALLING THE situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) "concerning", the new British High Commissioner to India Philip Barton on Thursday termed as "encouraging" the commitments made by the Special Representatives to disengage and de-escalate. He also expressed concerns on Beijing's actions in Hong Kong and on the human rights situation in China.

Barton expressed condolences for Indian soldiers killed in the Galwan Valley clash and noted the "de-escalation" and "tension which seem to have eased over the last week or two after the tragic loss of life".

Barton, who took charge early in July, said the UK government is "very clear-sighted about the challenges that some Chinese actions present to all of us". "We want to work with China. And we want to have positive, constructive engagement and there are many issues, including things like climate change where we can do positive things because we won't be able to take the steps we need on climate change without China."

Responding to questions at a virtual briefing, he said, "But there are challenges and for the UK, we don't have a border with China but we do have particular responsibilities for Hong Kong, and the new national security law, which China imposed is a very clear and serious violation of the UK China



Philip Barton

Joint Declaration."

"And we've also got grave concerns around human rights abuses. In particular, against Uighur Muslims in in Xinjiang."

He also spoke about collaboration between India and the UK in the health sector.

"The latest reports of the results of the Oxford University vaccine candidate are encouraging and of course, as you all know, it will be manufactured here in India by the Serum Institute. I think that really illustrates our partnership in the health sector — for the benefit of both our countries but also more broadly for the world in general as we try to cope with and get beyond the pandemic."

On trade and investment ties, he said, "Tomorrow, we'll be convening the 14th meeting of our Joint Economic and Trade Committee with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss. They will be discussing the future of our trade and investment relationship..."

SLOGAN CONTROVERSY IN RS

NCP wing to register protest against Venkaiah, send him 20 lakh letters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 23

THE DISAPPROVAL shown by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu after BJP MP Udayanraje Bhosale chanted a slogan honouring Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj while taking oath in the Upper House Wednesday has set off a controversy.

The NCP has decided to send 20 lakh letters to Naidu to register their protest.

Bhosale, after taking oath in Rajya Sabha, raised the slogan 'Jai Bhavani, Jai Shivaji'. Naidu, who was in the Chair, was heard saying, "It is not a House it is my chamber. Nothing is going on record, only the oath. No other slogans are allowed in the House, keep that in mind for future guidance."

Several Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena leaders took exception to Naidu's remarks.



M Venkaiah Naidu

The youth wing of the NCP — Bhosale's former party — said it would send 20 lakh letters to Naidu, protesting over the issue. NCP youth wing chief Maheebul Shaikh said the letters will include the text 'Jai Bhavani, Jai Shivaji'. The move is seen as an attempt by the party to get back at the BJP, whose youth wing on Wednesday said it would send 10 lakh letters to NCP chief Sharad Pawar against his remarks that "some people think build-

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Tender Notice No.T.06/DO/F.1157/2020(Dated : 22.07.2020 LUMPSUM CONTRACT (Two Cover System)			
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the following work by the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Guindy, Chennai-32, from the PWD registered contractors class I above 75.00 lakhs upto 3.00 p.m. on 25.08.2020. The tenders will be opened by the Executive Engineer on the same day 25.08.2020 at 3.30 p.m. in the presence of tenders present at that time.			
Sl. No.	NAME OF WORK	Value put to Tender Rs.in Lakhs) Approx.	EMD Rs. (Including GST)
1	Construction of 5000 MT Cold storage at Sular in Coimbatore District	1267.10	14,19,200/-
2	Construction of 5000 MT Cold storage at Ambathur in Thiruvallur District	1321.30	14,80,000/-

Note : 1. The Tender Schedules will be available during Office Hours upto 24.08.2020, after remitting cost of tender schedule for Rs.16,800/- including GST in the shape of D.D., in favour of CEO, TNSAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or) The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in at free of cost. 2.Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET I Road, Guindy, Chennai-32 during office hours i.e., 10.00 am to 5.45 pm on all working days. 3.The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. 4.Period of completion 12 months for each work. 5. The revision of dates/updates will be intimated through website, If the Government of Tamilnadu declares complete lockdown only.

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Executive Engineer, TNSAMB, Chennai - 32.

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मुरादाबाद के 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र बिलारी एवं अन्य उपकेन्द्रों पर स्थापित 20 एम.वी.ए. क्षमता के परिवर्तकों हेतु डब्ल्यू.टी.आई. और ओ.टी.आई की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि: रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-63/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- प्रथम, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र रामपुर और 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र शाहबाद पर स्थापित परिवर्तकों हेतु डब्ल्यू.टी.आई. और ओ.टी.आई की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि: रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-64/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- सम्भल के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाइनों के वार्षिक अनुक्षण से संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशि: रु. 9500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, 5. ई-निविदा संख्या-65/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के 132 के.वी. मुरादाबाद-गुलाबवाडी लाइन एवं 132 के.वी. मुरादाबाद-रामपुर लाइन- II के कंडक्टर के रिपेयरिंग एवं बदलने संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशि: रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 6. ई-निविदा संख्या-66/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. मुरादाबाद-टाण्डा लाइन के क्षतिग्रस्त कन्डेक्टर एवं अर्थवायर को बदलने संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशि: रु. 7500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, 7. ई-निविदा संख्या-67/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड- सम्भल के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र चन्दीसी पर वार्षिक परिचालन कार्य। धरोहर राशि: रु. 17000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1770/-, हस्ता./ (शुभेन्द्र प्रताप सिंह) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता “राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाएँ” पत्रांक- 1734/ वि.पा.मं.मु./ 2020-21, दिनांक 23.07.20

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
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Delhi Police cite UAPA in notice over spamming Javadekar, retract

India arm of Greta Thunberg movement ran campaign against draft EIA Notification, 2020

SOMYA LAKHANI & ESHAROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

DELHI POLICE on Thursday said it had withdrawn a notice sent to an Internet service provider (ISP) earlier this month, in which it had cited the stringent anti-terrorism law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), to ask the company to block a website critical of a draft notification issued by the Union Environment Ministry.

The notice to Endurance Domains Technology LLP had been sent “inadvertently” and “by mistake”, the police said on Thursday.

The website that the police had asked the ISP to “block immediately” is FridaysForFuture (FFF) India, the Indian arm of the international movement led by the teenage Swedish environment activist Greta Thunberg.

FFF India had been campaigning against the draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2020. On Thursday, Thunberg retweeted a thread by FFF India on the police notice, saying, “Please read, share and support Fridays for Future India!”

Its notice issued on July 8 “under section 79(3)(B) of IT Act in complaint of Hon’ble Cabinet Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar regarding getting multiple emails on his email ID with

the subject name similar to ‘EIA 2020’”, the Cyber Crime unit of Delhi Police said the site www.fridaysforfuture.in “depicts objectionable contents and unlawful activities or terrorist act, which are dangerous for the peace, tranquillity and sovereignty of India”.

The site was “being accessed through your services and contain religious hatred content/material, which is punishable u/s 18 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Information Technology Act, 2000..”, the police said in the notice to the ISP.

On Thursday, however, DCP (Cyber Crime) Anayesh Roy – the senior officer who had signed the July 8 notice – told *The Indian Express* that the notice “was sent inadvertently, by mistake, and it was brought to our notice and withdrawn on July 12”.

Roy said: “The UAPA cannot and has not been invoked in the case. On July 12, we modified the notice sent to the ISP, which does not mention UAPA. It mentions only sections of the IT Act. This too was withdrawn on July 16 as the issue had been resolved.”

On July 16, the police sent a letter to the nodal officer of the ISP which said: “...The said website had engaged in unlawful activities covered under section 66 of the Information Technology Act...The matter has been reviewed and it has been found that

the unlawful activity has now ceased. Therefore, the note dated 08/07/2020 and 12/07/2020.. is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.”

On July 20, the Cyber Crime unit received an email from the “response team of the ISP”, Roy said. It said: “We acknowledge the receipt of the withdrawal request for domain name FridaysForFuture.in and are currently closing the issue.”

The officer also said Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar had not complained to the police, as mentioned in the notice. But officials of his Ministry had been spammed by “lakhs of emails” in the manner resembling a “denial of service attack”, DCP Roy said.

“The Minister has not filed any complaint, it was written mistakenly in the notice dated July 8. There were 7-8 email IDs of officials of the Ministry of Environment who got lakhs and lakhs of mails that were being sent in an automated fashion regarding the Environment Impact Assessment,” Roy said.

The official spokesperson of the Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Gaurav Khare, said Javadekar’s personal email had been targeted. “The Draft EIA Notification, 2020 is in the public domain. Any suggestions and public comments can be sent at the official mail provided for

Order to declare kins’ link to underground outfits on Governor’s insistence, says Nagaland govt

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 23

THE NAGALAND government has clarified that it had passed an order requiring all its employees to declare if any relative was working for underground organisations only on the insistence of Governor R N Ravi. Ravi is also the interlocutor in Naga peace talks with the Centre.

The Nagaland government said in a statement on Wednesday evening that Ravi had written to the state Chief Secretary on February 14 about having “a database of State Government employees’ family members and relatives in underground organisations”.

The letter from Ravi “required every Government employee to make a self declaration in a format which was enclosed along with the letters”.

“The decision of the Government to issue the Office Memorandum dated 7th July, 2020 was made on the direction of the Honourable Governor which was deliberated by the State Cabinet in its meeting held on 3rd July, 2020,” the government statement said.

The government statement comes days after the NSCN-IM, the largest and the most influential Naga group in talks with Centre, reacted to the directive saying that it was “one retrograde step worked out insidiously to cripple the Naga political movement and forcefully bring the Naga political issue under the purview of ‘law and order’ issue”.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that an office memorandum issued by the Nagaland Home Department dated July 7 asked all its employees to self-declare if any of their family members are members of underground organisations.

KULBHUSHAN JADHAV CASE

Pak has blocked all avenues for effective remedy, says MEA

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A WEEK after Pakistan did not provide “unimpeded” consular access to former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav – who is on death row in Pakistan on charges of spying and terrorist activities – India on Thursday said Islamabad has “blocked all the avenues for an effective remedy” available for India.

As reported by *The Indian Express*, Pakistan on July 16 did not allow Indian diplomats to carry the “Power of Attorney” legal document that could be signed by Jadhav.

“Pakistan advised India that the relevant documents could be handed over only to an authorised Pakistani lawyer. Thereafter, India appointed a Pakistani lawyer to obtain the relevant documents. To our surprise, as advised by the Pakistani authorities, when the authorised Pakistani lawyer approached the concerned authorities, they declined to handover the documents to the lawyer,” Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said on Thursday.

In the absence of an unimpeded and unhindered consular access as well as of the relevant documents, as a last resort, India tried to file a petition on 18 July. However, our Pakistani lawyer informed us that a review petition could not be filed in the absence

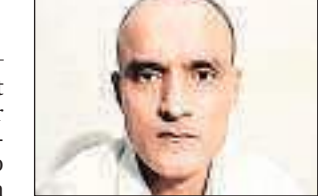
the purpose, that is, eia2020-moe-fcc@gov.in till August 10, 2020 as mentioned in the notification. How is spamming the Hon’ble Minister’s personal mail with lakhs of mails justified?” the spokesperson said.

Ministry officials said the email ID in question was the main email that Javadekar uses for official business. “The Minister had received anywhere between 80,000 to 1 lakh mails, all with the heading ‘EIA 2020’. He couldn’t even work. The complaint that had gone from the Ministry was a non-specific complaint raising this issue, that’s all,” an official said.

Kruba Hebbar of FFF India said they were a movement of the youth, and not a formal organisation. “We had put up the official email for the objections as well as the Minister’s email on our page. Many have written in an individual capacity, since we are young and don’t have the skills to make a case of the objections... We don’t know how many mails the Minister received, but our page received 80,000 views,” she said.

While DCP Roy said the website had been unblocked, M Yuvan, an activist who is involved in the running of the FFF India website, said it was still blocked. The website could not be reached on Thursday evening.

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Kulbhushan Jadhav

of power of attorney and supporting documents related to Jadhav’s case,” the MEA spokesperson said. He said Pakistan also created “confusion” over the last date of filing a petition.

Pakistan on May 20 passed an Ordinance to allow for a High Court to review the sentence awarded by their military court.

“Pakistan took two weeks to inform us about this Ordinance and shared the copy of the Ordinance only after India requested the same. India has conveyed that the Ordinance neither fulfils nor does it give complete weight to the judgment of the ICJ. With regards to the Ordinance, it seems, Pakistan was non-serious in its approach and was not interested in implementing the judgment of the ICJ in letter and spirit. It has blocked all the avenues for an effective remedy available for India,” Srivastava said.

In July last year, the ICJ had directed Pakistan to allow consular access to Jadhav and effectively review his death sentence.

HC grants bail to ex-Fortis promoter, says probe must have ‘time-limited process’

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday granted bail to former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh in a money laundering case registered against him by the ED. The court observed that “people’s trust in the criminal justice system must not rest on surer footing than on pre-trial punishment by keeping accused persons in prison”. Granting bail, Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani referred to his own decision of June 18 in a bail application, in which he had observed, “Criminal investigation is not a metaphorical fishing-rod handed to an investigating agency, to indulge its penchant for ‘fishing around’ for evidence, at its own leisure and in the fullness of time”. “Investigation has to be a time-limited process, to be conducted strictly within the structure and framework of applicable law,” the court said and di-



Shivinder Mohan Singh

rected Singh to furnish a personal bond of Rs 1 crore, with two sureties of Rs 25 lakh each from two family members.

The court also observed: “Nowhere is it the law that an accused, yet to be tried, is to be kept in custody only on a hunch or a presumption that he will prejudice or impede trial; or to send any message to the society. If anything, the only message that goes out to the society by keeping an accused in prison before finding him guilty is that our system works only on impressions and conjectures and can keep an accused in custody even on presumption of guilt...” The ED had arrested

Singh and others in the case on December 12. However, he will not be able to walk out of Delhi’s Tihar Jail since

he continues to be under judicial custody in connection with the case lodged against him and others by the Economic Offences Wing (EoW) of Delhi Police.

In the EoW case, he was arrested on October 10 last year.

Singh and his elder brother Malvinder Mohan Singh – former promoters of Ranbaxy, Fortis, Religare Enterprises – were arrested by EoW in October 2019 for allegedly causing losses to the tune of Rs 2,397 crore to Religare Finvest Ltd, a subsidiary of Religare Enterprises. The ED subsequently arrested Shivinder in a money laundering case.

While granting bail, the HC on Thursday imposed several conditions, directing Singh to surrender his passport, not to leave the country without permission of the designated court, and cooperate in any further investigation into the case.

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Babri case: Joshi says false evidence against him, denies conspiracy

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LUCKNOW, JULY 23

A SPECIAL CBI court in Lucknow recorded the statement of veteran BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi in the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case through video conference on Thursday.

After the deposition, Joshi’s lawyer Abhishek Ranjan said, “In his statement, he said false evi-



Murli Manohar Joshi

Ranjan said the CBI, has been directed to get the signature of Joshi on documents carrying his statement and submit them to the court.

Joshi is the second accused in the case who deposed through video conference. On Tuesday, the court recorded the statement of Ram Chandra Khatri – lodged at Sonapat jail in Haryana – through video conference.

Former deputy prime minister Lal Krishna Advani (92) is likely to record his statement on Friday through video conference.

The mosque in Ayodhya was demolished on December 6, 1992, by ‘kar sevaks’ who claimed an ancient Ram temple stood at the same site. Advani and Joshi were among those leading the Ram temple movement at that time.

Since June 5, the special CBI court has been recording the statements of the accused under CrPc Section 313 after it completed the examination of 354 prosecution witnesses.

Under CrPc Section 313, the judge questions the accused on the basis of the evidence put before the court during the trial, and the accused is given an opportunity to refute the allegations levelled against him. So far, the court of Special Judge S K Yadav has recorded statements of 29 accused in the case.

The court is conducting the day-to-day hearing in the case to complete its trial by August 31 as directed by the Supreme Court.

Global Hunger Index 2019 does not represent India’s progress, says NITI CEO

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

NITI AAYOG has described the data used in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019 – which ranked India at 102 among 117 countries – as “outmoded” and asked the publishers to “consult” the government before “publishing reports”. In a letter to the GHI publishers Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said, “The data sources used with regard to India for calculation of the Index are outmoded and therefore, the GHI does not accurately represent the progress India has been making in improving the overall nutritional status in the country.”

Kant’s letter dated July 15 comes three months before the GHI 2020.

“Data used for computation of GHI 2019 rankings in the average value over varying periods i.e., 2016-18 for Undernourishment; 2014-18 for Wasting & Stunting and of 2017 for Under-five Mortality (source of data is from World Bank, FAO, WHO & UNICEF),” Kant said.

“Average values are affected by extreme values... Even if there is improvement in the indicators (which is the case for India), upon taking average value over period, the improvement made will not get rightly represented...,” he added. “Thus, calculation of the scores is neither done on latest data nor any standardized approach is followed.”

Kant argued if the latest data were used, India’s rank would be 91 instead of 102. Suggesting modifications in the GHI reports, he said, “The concerned Ministry, namely the Ministry of Woman and Child Development, Government of India may be consulted before publishing reports, and be provided access to the data and methodology used for calculating the scores.”

EXPRESS NETWORK

Sanction issued, women now eligible for permanent commission in Army

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

FIVE MONTHS after the Supreme Court ordered that women be allowed Permanent Commission (PC) in all non-combat streams in the Army, the government issued a formal sanction on Thursday.

Army spokesperson Colonel Aman Anand said women will now be allowed PC in all 10 streams.

"Ministry of Defence has issued the formal Government Sanction Letter for grant of Permanent Commission to women officers in the Indian Army, paving the way for empowering women officers to shoulder larger roles in the organisation," Col Anand said.

"The order specifies grant of PC to Short Service Commi-

ssioned (SSC) Women Officers in all 10 streams of the Indian Army," the spokesperson said.

Women have so far been allowed PC in only the Judge Advocate General (JAG) and Army Educational Corps (AEC). With the government's sanction, women will now be eligible for PC also in Army Air Defence (AAD), Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), Army Service Corps (ASC), Army Ordnance Corps (AOC), and Intelligence Corps.

"In anticipation, the Army Headquarters had set in motion a series of preparatory actions for conduct of the Permanent Commission Selection Board for affected Women Officers," Anand said, adding that the "Selection Board will be scheduled as soon as all affected SSC

Women Officers exercise their option and complete requisite documentation".

The Army, Anand said, "is committed to provide equal opportunities to all personnel including women officers to serve the nation".

As of January 1, there were a total 1,648 women officers in the 10 streams. Army Aviation had the lowest representation of women officers (24 officers; 3.46 per cent of the stream); JAG had the highest (103; 40.23 per cent).

Additionally, there were 1,185 women (21.25 per cent) medical officers in the Army, and 170 women dental officers (making up a quarter of the Army's dental officers), according to data given to Rajya Sabha by Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik on March 2. In July 2019, Naik had stated that women comprised

just 3.8 per cent of the Army's strength.

In its February judgment throwing open the doors for women to be considered eligible for PC in all 10 non-combat streams of the Army, including rising to take up command positions, the Supreme Court had said that the expression "in various staff appointments only" mentioned in the government's February 2019 communication "shall not be enforced".

It had also said that "at the stage of opting for the grant of PC, all the choices for specialisation shall be available to women officers on the same terms as for the male SSC officers", and that "women SSC officers shall be entitled to exercise their options for being considered for the grant of PCs on the same terms as their male counterparts".

A few days later, Army Chief General M M Naravane had described it as a "very enabling judgment", and said that "it (the judgment) brings out a sense of clarity and purpose to gainfully employ officers for better efficiency of the organisation".

On February 25, 2019, the government had stated in a notification "consideration of grant of Permanent Commission to SSC Women Officers in the eight arms/services in Indian Army", and mentioned "Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Army Air Defence, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME), Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps and Intelligence".

PC for women officers in JAG and AEC streams had been opened in 2008.

Wary of Covid case load, Centre to confer with 8 states today

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A DAY after the country reported a record 46,000 coronavirus cases in a single day, it was learnt on Thursday that the Centre will hold a video conference with eight states, which it views as a "cause of concern", to check the spread of the virus.

The meeting, scheduled for Friday, will feature a detailed discussion between a team of experts from the Centre as well as senior Health Ministry officials and officers from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

"These states are a cause of concern for different reasons," a top government functionary, who is part of the team monitoring the pandemic, said.

On Thursday, Andhra Pradesh reported a single-day record high of 7,998 cases. The source said that the state is a cause of concern on two fronts: "First, it is testing eight or nine times more than its neighbour Telangana, but even then its positivity continues to be high. Second, the state continues to report a higher absolute number of deaths week after week."

These eight states are reporting 60-plus deaths on a daily basis, the source said.

On Thursday, Andhra Pradesh reported testing a record 58,052



At a testing centre in south Kolkata on Thursday. Partha Paul

samples in a single day — it reported positivity of 13.77 per cent. The high positivity is in contrast with the Centre's strategy of ramping up testing to keep the positivity rate below the 5-per cent mark.

Telangana on Wednesday reported testing only 15,882 samples, and continues to witness a cumulative sample positivity rate as high as 16 per cent. "Telangana has the resources but is still not testing enough," the source said.

The Centre, it is learnt, will take up another important issue in Friday's meeting. "Telangana was following a policy of sending (most) patients to Hyderabad. The Centre discouraged this. The state has to focus on augmenting facilities in district-specific institutions," the source said.

In Karnataka, with 49,931 active cases and reporting an

average 80 deaths each day this week, mortality is a cause of concern, the government official said.

While Bengaluru continues to drive the state's caseload, a source said the meeting will take up concerns related to emergence of "new hotspots" in the state. Over the last week, Dharwad (33.4%), Dakshina Kannada (32%), Udupi (25.8%) and Ballari (25.2%) districts have reported high positivity, the source pointed out.

For Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam and Uttar Pradesh, concerns continue to remain on "low testing and surge in cases", the source said.

With testing below 140 tests per day per million, UP and West Bengal reported more than 2,000 cases on Thursday. Odisha and Bihar reported more than 1,000 cases on the day.

Relaxation in J&K Internet curbs unlikely for 2 months

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A GOVERNMENT panel has decided against relaxing the almost year-long curbs on Internet services in Jammu and Kashmir for now, the Supreme Court was told on Thursday. The special committee, set up on the Supreme Court's directions, will review the situation again after two months.

The top court was hearing a contempt plea by an NGO, Forum For Media Professionals, which alleged that no such committee had been created despite the court's May 11 direction. In response, the Centre filed an affidavit Thursday that said the panel had met twice—on May 15 and June 10.

The May 15 meeting discussed the matter elaborately and "decided to obtain further detailed inputs in regard to the prevailing situation on the ground level before taking a decision in regard to the possibility of easing the restrictions on 4G services".

The Special Committee, which met again on June 10, "obtained and analysed...detailed inputs in regard to the prevailing situation," the affidavit said.

"A thorough and comprehensive consideration of all factors of the matter including the feasibility of the alternatives suggested by the petitioners as well as the recent occurrence of terrorism related incidents in the region was carried out...the committee arrived at a decision that...no further relaxation of the restrictions on Internet services, including 4G services, could be carried out at present," the government said.

Family goes to HC, says 'Maoist' killed by cops in Dantewada was 15

GARGI VERMA
DANTEWADA, JULY 23

THE FAMILY of one of the two alleged Maoists killed by security forces in Dantewada district in May has claimed that he was a minor, only 15 years of age, and has gone to the Chhattisgarh High Court demanding an inquiry.

Rishu Istam and Ramsingh Alami a.k.a Maata were killed on May 21, following an "encounter" near their village, Pidiyakot. The Dantewada police says both were senior Maoists, facing several cases, with cash rewards of Rs 8 lakh and Rs 1 lakh in their name. According to them, while Istam was "deputy commandant" of Platoon No. 16, Maata was Pidiyakot Janmilitia "commandant".

Istam's elder brother Gopi denies the allegations, showing an Aadhaar card where Istam's age is mentioned as 15. Sobbing, Istam's mother Palo says that forget a gun, her son didn't know how to use even a bow and arrow. "He rarely went out, and was busy with farming work and household chores all day," says Palo, 58.

Pidiyakot village sarpanch Umaram Kawasaki also contests the claim that Maata, 32, who was the village 'Perma (tribal priest)' and a father of three, was a Janmilitia member. "He was arrested long back, during the Salwa Judum movement, as a Naxal. However, they had to release him after two years as they had no evidence against him," Kawasaki says, adding that the police never came asking about the two in the run-up to the "encounter".

Dantewada Superintendent



Rishu Istam's mother Palo and father Budhru. Gargi Verma

of Police Abhishek Pallav said they had recovered weapons as well as 5 kg IED from the two. He added that having not raised any questions for two months, the villagers were now protesting under Naxal pressure. "The family members and local representatives accepted at the time that both were Naxals. Their issue was that we could have arrested and not killed them. But our men came under fire, and in retaliation, both men were killed," he said.

On claims that Istam was a minor, he said, "It is a Naxal strategy, to put a fake date of birth when making Aadhaar cards so that the cadres can get away by claiming to be minors."

Sarpanch Kawasaki says that on the day of the encounter, Istam, Maata and some other villagers were returning from Chote

Tumnar, 40 km away, after collecting PDS rice, when they were apprehended by security personnel right next to Pidiyakot. One of the villagers who claims to have witnessed the arrest, Manki Berta, says the security forces had their faces covered and "carried plastic gunny bags, which had guns".

Berta says Istam and Maata's faces were covered with a cloth and they were led into the forest.

Maata's wife Jilo Alami says she and two other women followed the men, staying hidden, and then heard the gunshots that went on for almost 15 minutes. "I knew my husband and Istam were dead," she says, her eyes fixed on her youngest daughter, a toddler.

Gopi says the family's lives had earlier been destroyed during the vigilante anti-Naxal Salwa

Judum campaign. "Our house in Pidiyakot was razed. We lived in Kasuli camp for seven years, after which my parents and one of my sisters moved to Pidiyakot, while I, my family and Rishu stayed in Tarlapal," he says, regretting having convinced Istam to move to Pidiyakot last year.

"Our aged parents couldn't do farming any more. So, Rishu helped them," Gopi, a paddy farmer, says.

According to the Dantewada police, they had got inputs regarding movement of Maoists in the area, and that during an operation, their men had come under heavy fire. SP Pallav said they had proof to show Istam and Maata were Maoist cadres. "There are several cases against them, their names are in statements of surrendered cadres."

Asked about details of the cases against the two, the police said they could not share the same as the matter was subjudice.

Pallav added that a bone ossification test had put Istam's age at around 18, and that he was likely to have been older. "In Bastar, due to malnutrition, bones are underdeveloped sometimes, so it is clear that he was at least 20-21 years old."

Bastar IG P Sundarraj said, "This is propaganda by the Naxals to demoralise and defame security personnel. We have records that both men were part of Naxal dalams for six-seven years. Maata had been arrested earlier and was out on bail."

Gopi says they are afraid of retaliation now over their decision to go to the high court. "Recently, some policemen came to my village and asked where I was. I am afraid."

TN Raj Bhavan: 84 personnel infected

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CHENNAI, JULY 23

EIGHTY-FOUR of the 147 police and fire service personnel stationed at the Tamil Nadu Governor's residence tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. A Raj Bhavan statement said none of these persons had come in contact with Governor Banwarilal Purohit or other senior officials.

These 84 were part of 1,336 fresh cases reported in Chennai, which accounts for the majority of Covid-19 cases in the state. Tamil Nadu reported 6,472 new



Were not in contact with Governor Banwarilal Purohit

cases.

As the state ramps up testing using RT-PCR kits, the most credible testing method, the infection rate is visibly increasing in other areas as well. Twenty other districts recorded cases in triple digits — including 415 cases in Thoothukudi and 480 cases in Virudhunagar — on Thursday.

After IITs, NITs do away with Class 12 criterion for admissions

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE NATIONAL Institutes of Technology (NITs) on Thursday dropped the Class 12 performance criterion for admissions this year, a week after the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) did the same.

This year, as a one-time exception, the NITs and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) will only require Joint Entrance Examination (Main) rank-holders to have passed their

Board exams.

Usually, a general category rank holder should have either scored at least 75 per cent or figure in the top 20 percentile of her Board results to secure a seat at an IIT. SC/ST candidates should have either scored at least 65 per cent or fulfill the top 20 percentile requirement.

On Thursday, the Central Seat Allocation Board (CSAB), which decides the admission process for the NITs, approved the proposal on dropping the Board exam criterion. Human Resources

Tamil Nadu tested 60,375 people across the state on Thursday, compared to 50,055 on Tuesday.

With a recovery rate of 60 per cent in the state, the case fatality rate in Chennai alone increased from 1.67 per cent to 2.17 per cent, with an addition of 444 unaccounted deaths to the tally on Wednesday.

Of the total 1.92 lakh Covid-19 cases reported so far in Tamil Nadu, Chennai, with a population of 80 lakh, has recorded 90,900. It has recorded the maximum number of deaths—1,947 of the state's total toll of 3,232.

Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal announced the decision on Twitter.

The decision, sources said, was taken in the wake of the disruption in Board exams caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. Many school Boards, including CBSE and CISCE, had cancelled their remaining Class 10 and 12 exams amid growing concerns over students' safety as many states continue to report a surge in Covid-19 cases.

JEE (Main) is scheduled to be held from September 1 to 6.

Telangana officials say virus widely spread at community level

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HYDERABAD, JULY 23

THE COVID-19 infection has spread "widely" at the "community level" in Telangana, state Health Department officials said on Thursday.

The state, which has faced criticism for low Covid-19 testing and allegations of data fudging, becomes the third state to announce localised community transmission of the virus — after Kerala and West Bengal.

Officials of the Health Department and Greater

Hyderabad Municipal Corporation issued a warning on Thursday morning that the virus is out of control in Hyderabad area. State Health officials have until now maintained that they have the infection under control, and had denied any community spread.

State Director of Public Health Dr G Srinivasa Rao said, "Coronavirus has gone to the community level. The next three to four weeks will be very crucial...especially in Hyderabad. We have to enforce strict containment zones," Rao said.

A Health official said: "Many

people who came from outside the state have infected others — we are looking at a community spread because of this.... They did not take adequate precautions... If the number of positive cases is around 200 per day, then health workers and police officials trace their contacts. But how will they trace contacts if the daily number is 1,000 or more?"

Telangana reported 1,567 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday, raising the state's case count to 50,826. Of this, Hyderabad alone reported 662 cases.

Doctor held for bid to rape Covid patient: Aligarh cops

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NOIDA, JULY 23

A 30-YEAR-OLD doctor was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a Covid patient in a hospital in Aligarh on Wednesday, police said.

"We received a complaint from a woman patient admitted at Deen Dayal Hospital alleging that a doctor sexually assaulted her within the hospital premises. A police team was sent to the hospital... The doctor, who himself was in quarantine, was arrested. We are questioning hospital authorities... Further investigation is on," said a senior police officer.

The woman resides in another state and was visiting relatives in Aligarh, police said. On Monday, the woman developed symptoms and her samples were sent for a test. She was admitted the next day after her samples tested positive.

Police have obtained CCTV footage in which the accused, Dr Tufail Ahmad, who was on Covid duty, can be seen entering the isolation ward where the woman was admitted. The woman alleged that the doctor attempted sexual assault twice during the period of admission, on the pretext of medical examination. The case was registered under section 354 (molestation) and 376 (2) (advantage of position to commit rape) at the local police station.

The local administration has sought a report from the Chief Medical Superintendent of the hospital.

Israel scientists to visit India to test 4 Covid diagnosis technologies

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A TEAM of top Israeli scientists will soon arrive in India for the final stages of testing of four advanced technologies for rapid diagnosis of the novel coronavirus.

These include two Covid-19 tests that could give results in minutes from a saliva sample, a third that could tell if a person has incipient Covid by listening to their voice, and a virus detector that uses radio waves on a breath sample.

Israel's envoy Ron Malka said that the first phase of testing of these technologies was done in Israel and the last stage will now be carried out in India.

The project is led by Dani Gold, head of Israel's Directorate of Defence Research and Development, and K Vijay Raghavan, principal scientific advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The funding, logistics, cooperation and results are mutual, said Malka.

The Israeli and Indian scientists will carry out 4,000-5,000 tests using each technology in India to determine if they can work.

One technology is a new Covid



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SEIZE THE DEAL

India must move forward on trade agreement with US, while negotiating degrees of access, addressing structural issues

ON TUESDAY, UNION Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced that India and the US were close to finalising a “quick” trade deal. This limited deal, unlike a more comprehensive free trade agreement, is likely to cover around 50-100 goods and services. Discussions between the two countries have reportedly revolved around providing concessions to US farm products, dairy in particular, and on pricing of medical products such as stents, in return for the restoration of benefits extended to India under the generalised system of preferences (GSP), and market access for generic drugs. For the US President, Donald Trump, a deal that provides American agricultural products with greater access to the India market, and is concluded before November, could bring benefits in the presidential elections. For India, a trade deal, even though limited, if concluded, is a welcome sign, as it signals a reversal of the protectionist impulses emanating from government. However, it must be mindful of not offering too many exceptions in order to secure the pact. Market access should be granted strategically, securing one's own benefit.

Moving from a limited agreement towards a comprehensive free trade agreement will prove to be a far more tricky proposition. The US is likely to push for far greater access for its agricultural/dairy products than India will be prepared to offer — this was also a major sticking point in the RCEP negotiations. Other thorny issues are likely to include intellectual property rights and digital taxation. On its part, the Indian government needs to develop a clear and coherent strategy on free trade agreements. In the past, it has vacillated in its approach. While arguing for greater trade and integration with the global economy, it has walked out of the RCEP and called for reviewing the previously signed FTAs based on the notion that the country has not benefited from them. And though a study by NITI Aayog has shown how Indian exporters had not gained from trade agreements according to the expectations, others have shown that much of India's trade deficit stems from imports of raw materials, intermediate and capital goods, not consumer goods.

Signals emanating from the government in the recent past — the decision to opt out of the RCEP, as well as the hikes in import duties — have suggested it is veering away from freer trade, towards a more inward-looking, protectionist stance. This approach needs to be reconsidered. The benefits stemming from free trade are indisputable. While the degrees of access and protection should be aggressively negotiated, the bottomline is that free trade is good. At the same time, the government needs to focus on addressing the structural issues that continue to plague the country's export competitiveness. The current global environment — the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the increasing US-China altercations — provides an opportunity for reconfiguring trade relations. While China continues to be central to global supply chains, and any re-adjustment will be time costing and a costly affair in the short run, India must seize this moment.

REMOVING BLINKERS

Citizenship test row points to UK refusal to confront colonial past, which obstructs meaningful engagement with present

SINCE 2005, ALL immigrants who want to become British citizens have to pass a 45-minute test that includes questions on the customs, laws and history of their adopted land. A key part of the country's immigration procedure, the “Life in the UK” test, often attracts criticism for focusing on unnecessary — at times, factually incorrect — trivia. This year, nearly 200 historians have called out the test for being “fundamentally misleading” on issues relating to slavery and the British Empire. The target of their criticism is the handbook given to the applicants, which has sentences like, “by the second part of the 20th century, there was, for the most part, an orderly transition from the Empire to Commonwealth, with countries being granted their independence”. In a similar vein, the abolition of slavery is seen solely as an act of enlightened policy. The historians have asked the British Home Office to review the handbook. Perhaps their criticism could also renew debate on how the UK has engaged with its colonial legacy, especially the erasures and silences of its official history.

The British Empire shaped large parts of the modern world. It powered the Industrial Revolution, built social and economic hierarchies and created new borders. Colonial administrators cannot be absolved of culpability in modern-day conflicts and problems — between India and Pakistan, Palestine and Israel, some of the environmental concerns today. There is also a wealth of scholarship on how the empire, its people and their ways of living impacted English culture. Yet, people in the colonies are never actors in school textbooks in the UK. The abolition of slavery is discussed but there is silence on the processes of enslavement. Britain seems to be quite happy to talk about its colonial past, as long as it's framed in nostalgia for the empire. The Jallianwala Bagh killings, the Bengal famine, the brutality of the Boer wars, the massacres in Kenya in the 1950s, have been airbrushed from the official narratives of the past.

A few mainstream British politicians have demanded the inclusion of colonial history in the school curriculum. Last year, the then Labour Party chief, Jeremy Corbyn, talked about the need to address the legacy of slavery. The criticism of the historians should be seen as a part of this discourse. Without such an acknowledgement of colonialism, any engagement with racism or multi-culturalism would be incomplete.

WATCH IT!

With fans like an insistent hostage-taker in Ukraine, no one can afford to ignore documentaries anymore

THE DOCUMENTARY HAS become a neglected art form. Shows depicting carnivores murdering herbivores, surreal creatures of the abyss doing their thing, and the livelier bits of history, like wars, disasters and market crashes, remain somewhat popular on television. But well-meaning work depicting the difficulties of marginal farmers, endangered weavers and brilliant but misunderstood poets is often relegated to BYOF (bring your own film) festivals, to edify other documentary-makers. Meanwhile, the world remains indifferent. It carries on watching documentaries about Operation Torch and the dietary preferences of big cats.

This is a disgrace, because there are compelling reasons to watch documentaries. They expand the mind, broaden the outlook and raise awareness in a manner that Jason Bourne cannot. And now, the most compelling reason has been discovered — the business end of a gun. In the Ukrainian town of Lutsk, a 44-year-old man with a history of extreme views and a portrait showing him cradling a sawn-off Kalashnikov, took 13 people hostage in a bus and forced them to watch Shaun Monson's *Earthlings* at gunpoint. He also demanded that President Volodymyr Zelensky promote the documentary. Being a comedian by profession, the president complied, and promptly pulled the promo when the hostages were released.

Earthlings, exposing the suffering of animals in laboratories and farms, could be one of the most popular documentaries ever. IMDb reports that 91 per cent of people who watched it since it premiered 15 years ago liked it. The Ukrainian interior minister agreed that it was a good film, and a hostage drama was not required to urge people to watch it. Nevertheless, the incident draws attention to documentaries quite forcefully. We anticipate a surge of interest in this neglected genre.



MILIND SOHONI

Results of sero-prevalence survey offer hope. Next phase needs less fear, better governance

OF THE MANY sero-prevalence surveys conducted in India, the first official results have finally been published. This was done by the National Centre for Disease Control, an agency of the Government of India. More than 20,000 random blood samples were taken in the period June 27 to July 10, from the city of Delhi and tested for antibodies to the COVID-19 virus. Close to 23 per cent were found to have experienced corona in some form, good enough to have become immune to it for at least the next few months if not years. The actual number of the people immune may be even larger, given that a serological test does not count immunity due to suitable T-cells which may be present in our blood.

This is a remarkable finding and should provide a turning point in the management of the epidemic. Of the 198 lakh people of Delhi, 23 per cent, that is, close to 45 lakh have been infected. Of these 45 lakh, the number of officially confirmed cases is a mere 1.23 lakh, of which roughly 3,700 people have died. This gives us an infection fatality ratio (IFR) of about 0.9 per 1,000. This is, of course, much less than that in the US, Germany and other countries and more in line with other tropical countries such as Thailand.

The second fact is the timing. It was about July 10 that the intensity of the epidemic started to diminish in Delhi. Hospital beds became available and the number of cases started to fall. The survey seems to indicate that since a large number of people are already immune, the virus is indeed finding fewer and fewer new people to infect. Moreover, the informal workers of Delhi who stay in dense pockets were the first to face the epidemic and are most likely to have developed this immunity. Since they form the matrix for a majority of the social and economic transactions in the city, their immunity should be an important factor in slowing the epidemic. That such heterogeneity in the population, in terms of number of daily contacts, may hasten the onset of herd immunity was recently noted in the reputed journal, *Science*, in their June issue. And this is what seems to be playing out in Delhi. A similar scenario is unfolding in Mumbai,

Worldwide, the management of the disease has revolved around three key operations. The first is to control transmission, the second is to provide access to those who are ill, and finally, the third is to evolve the science of treatment. The worst excesses in India have been in the name of controlling transmission. In fact, common people, traders and industrialists, workers and farmers, are vexed by the current patchwork of local and regional lockdowns and a range of regulations which are purported to ‘break the chain of transmission’. We now know that this is futile.

Ahmedabad and other cities of India. Thus, if we continue to take care, we will now see a slow burn and the extinguishing of the virus within our major cities.

The second conclusion that we must draw is that the virus is indeed intensely infectious. It has jumped over roadblocks, slipped through containment zones, evaded quarantine and contact tracing and managed to infect 43 lakh anonymous people, whose names have not appeared in any official record or contact lists. Most of them had mild or no symptoms. Those who had more severe symptoms and visited a clinic, entered into the official corona rosters. Whatever be the claims of our top bureaucrats, scientists and ministers, this transmission has happened right under their very noses.

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The third part, that is, the science of treatment has also evolved. We now know that the treatment for the 97 per cent is simple and may even be given at home. Early diagnosis and care can reduce mortality substantially.

It is really the middle part, of ensuring that the ill have rapid access to hospitals, which is proving to be our weakest link. It is this we should be afraid of and not so much the virus. Even with such a small infection fatality ratio, the high infectivity and the large number of cases pose huge logistical problems. Simple calculations now show that we

need to provide one additional hospital bed per 1,000 population, along with nurses and doctors. Most districts in Maharashtra have struggled to arrange 0.3 beds per 1,000 through public infrastructure. These will not suffice. The experience of Aurangabad, Thane and Jalgaon shows that private hospitals already play a significant role. This comes with the usual malpractices and exorbitant hospital bills, especially for those who have little access to good information or advice.

The key, then, is to get the maximum out of our public health systems. In Maharashtra, this means home treatment of mild patients, identification of moderate and serious patients by local health workers and their quick transfer to the hospital. This requires guidance, equipment and support from the state administration to gram panchayats, towns and cities, to ASHA workers and the newly formed cadre of Community Health Officers. It also means better utilisation of hospital beds and better hospital management. This requires a planning approach and a measurement framework. For example, we still don't know the average time a corona patient stays in the hospital, or the fraction of patients who need oxygen treatment. Such frameworks should have come from our central scientific agencies. But the less said about them, the better. It is time for the states to do their science themselves.

In summary, the results of the survey offer us hope, and perhaps mark a beginning of the end. The initial lock-downs did provide us some time to understand the virus, if not to prepare for it. And it did provide our poor, the first patients, the first crack at our public systems. But the next phase requires a widespread understanding of the disease, of less fear and better governance. And a schedule of relaxations and tightening of rules which aim to meet infrastructure constraints and not merely to promote virtue. It needs a more studied approach and a partnership between bureaucrats and the communities that they serve. This will save both, lives and livelihoods.

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PANDEMIC AND THE CITY

Covid crisis underlines false urban-rural binary, neglect of urban areas

IT IS MORE vital today to talk about urban policy than ever before since the COVID-19 pandemic is most active in cities. The congestion that plagues large cities has turned out to be their worst enemy during this crisis.

This congestion is most evident in slums in large cities and poses a grave health and environmental challenge. The risk of contagious diseases is more potent in these areas as residents also suffer from a lack of basic services such as safe drinking water and sanitation. To ask them to navigate congestion and practise social distancing seems most ironic. It is no surprise then that many slums in Mumbai and Delhi have become COVID-19 containment zones. Unfortunately, the Swachh Bharat Mission has disregarded the gravity of the sanitation and hygiene crisis in cities — the Centre's allocation for the rural component of the Mission is about seven times more than for urban areas.

The health systems in megacities like Delhi and Mumbai are also overburdened and face a shortage of hospital staff and beds. Class I cities (more than a lakh population) have 1.4 beds per 1,000 people. Delhi has 1.5 beds per 1,000 people whereas Mumbai has one bed per 1,000 people. However, the urban support under the National Health Mission is just three per cent of the total allocation, while 97 per cent of the funds are set aside for rural areas.

In contrast to the imagination of the city as a hub of social and economic activity, it is now perceived as the centre of disease and distress. The pandemic has forced us to reflect on the unequal and unplanned development of urban settlements and the absence of infrastructure to provide for the teeming millions.

The growth of large cities can be attributed to their role as economic engines in a rapidly globalising world. Urban development programmes such as the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (2005-2014) allocated the bulk of funds to large cities (70 per cent to large cities and 30 per cent to smaller towns). Current infrastructure development schemes, including the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the Smart Cities Mission, focus on Class I cities. Both these schemes focus on development projects and provide funds for the more developed cities that already have relatively better infrastructure and overlook the nearly seven crore people who live in smaller towns (population between 20,000 and one lakh). These are towns that lag behind in services and infrastructure as compared to the big cities.

The return of migrant workers from large cities to smaller towns has signalled the significance of the latter. These towns are now forced to provide not just healthcare but also some form of livelihood to those arriving from the big cities. This is bound to stretch their capacities. The low number of COVID-19 tests conducted in these towns reveals a lack of capacity, which, in turn, distorts the scale of the current crisis. While the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) provides employment opportunities to rural

households, there is no equivalent scheme for the poor in urban areas.

The state of our cities has been a matter of concern for decades. Be it air quality and unsafe drinking water, or now, the virus, the precarious nature of urban living has never been more pronounced. In contrast to the imagination of the city as a hub of social and economic activity, it is now perceived as the centre of disease and distress. The pandemic has forced us to reflect on the unequal and unplanned development of urban settlements and the absence of infrastructure to provide for the teeming millions. Oversimplified notions of the rural-urban binary have influenced policy formulation and created huge disparities in the allocation of public resources. The challenges of urban poverty and congestion cry for more attention, more government support. Further neglect will lead to grave health and environmental challenges.

Small towns that are urban in nature but rural in character are the most neglected in the current policy environment. They are forced to exist with poorer services and policy neglect while having to meet the demands of a large population. They are most prone to plunge into distress, as the current crisis has revealed.

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JULY 24, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

ABDULLAH'S SUSPICION
PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi disowned any plan to topple the Sheikh Abdullah ministry in Jammu and Kashmir. Chief Minister Abdullah, who met Mrs Gandhi in Delhi on July 23, told journalists that she had told him that she was not aware of any conspiracy to oust his government and instil the Congress-I in office. Nor did she ever support such policies. Since the PM had denied such a move, he had to believe her, Abdullah said. But the chief minister did not hide his feeling that someone in the Centre was supporting the state Cong-I elements who had been trying to create law and order problem and instability with a view to bringing down his min-

istry. Why could not the Central leadership and Mrs Gandhi discipline their party unit in the state, he asked.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY
THE GOVERNMENT OF Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will have a set of “pragmatic policies” which will remove constraints on industrial production and act as catalysts for faster growth. This is reflected in the statement on industrial policy presented in the Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for industry, Charanjit Chhanna. The 33-month rule by the Janata Party and its successor government have come in for severe indictment in the statement, which indicates that

the district industries centres scheme will be abandoned in favour of better alternatives.

AFGHAN TURMOIL
THE KHALQ AND Parcham factions of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan seemed moving towards a showdown with one more minister reportedly placed under arrest and two others shot dead. Radio Pakistan said that the communication minister, Colonel Aslam Watanjar had been arrested and the education minister and vice minister of the interior had been shot dead two days ago in Kabul. Watanjar is considered to be close to Moscow.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Peace and its disorders

Governor-interlocutor R N Ravi's strong criticism of rebel groups he was negotiating with in Nagaland is yet another pointer: Peace accords in Northeast require more decoding than we have been inclined to do



SANJIB BARUAH

BY ANY MEASURE, Nagaland Governor R N Ravi's letter to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio dated June 16 is a significant episode in the political history of the state. "Rampant extortion and violence by armed gangs", says the leaked letter, have made the lives of law-abiding citizens in the state miserable. More than a half-dozen "organised armed gangs", according to the governor, brazenly run their own self-styled governments. Their depredations that include the capture of development funds, face little resistance from state institutions. There has been a collapse of law and order in the state.

It is hard to quarrel with the official facts and statistics that a governor can marshal. Though many may roll their eyes at the scathing tone and language of the letter, it is a dramatic departure from past gubernatorial practice, which was to look the other way.

Ordinarily, such an assessment by a governor would be read as a prelude to bringing a state under President's Rule. But Nagaland's unique political history does not warrant such speculation based on a false analogy with states in the rest of India. Nobody expects such a turn of events in Nagaland. After all, the BJP — the ruling party in India — is a partner in the state's coalition government.

No dictionary definition of words like "organised armed gangs" or "extortion" used in the governor's letter, would help in making sense of the political drama unfolding in Nagaland. There is always a conflict over meaning when issues are essentially political.

Ravi is, of course, no ordinary governor. He is also the Union government's interlocutor to the Naga talks; he has served in that position for much longer than as governor. By now he was expected to deliver on the promise of a final peace agreement with all Naga factions on board. It turns out that the "organised armed gangs" that the governor's letter alludes to are none other than the Naga rebel factions with whom he, wearing his other hat, has been negotiating for peace — at least till recently.

Not surprisingly, all his negotiating partners — current and erstwhile — have sharply criticised the governor's letter, taking particular exception to the words "extortion" and "organised armed gangs". The NSCN-IM, by far the strongest Naga rebel organisation, and till recently, the main party representing the Nagas at the talks, has said that "taxes have been the source of sustenance that has brought the Naga political movement this far", and that the legitimacy of the practice has been acknowledged by Ravi's predecessor interlocutors and "Indian authorities". If Ravi now suddenly chooses to view "the Naga issue as a 'law and order' problem", he may be the wrong person to resolve the conflict.

Even the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG), the coalition of seven Naga factions that seems prepared to sign a peace agreement even without the NSCN-IM, rejects the governor's language. Ever since "the inception of our struggle", says the NNPG, "Naga national



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workers" have been collecting "nominal" but mandatory "contributions" to the cause.

Whether they are contributions, taxes, or extortion is perhaps in the eye of the beholder. To be sure, their prevalence does not fit the textbook definition of an ideal-typical state with a monopoly over legitimate taxation powers. But the phenomenon is hardly unfamiliar to analysts investigating the actually existing nature of post-colonial sovereignty in various parts of the world. Rather than choosing between Ravi's vocabulary and that preferred by the armed groups, the empirically oriented political analyst will perhaps be better served by an analytical phrase like "informal taxation by non-state actors".

Of course, no tax collection regime — formal or informal — can be free of coercion. Many ordinary citizens of Nagaland and certain adjacent areas seek the end of the Naga conflict because they earnestly hope that it would end the relentless demands of the long-standing informal taxation regime. But that should not lead one to underestimate the substantial influence and legitimacy of the Naga militant organisations, including the NSCN-IM, among the Naga public.

Nagaland's elected state legislature, for instance, has repeatedly endorsed the NSCN-IM's key demand for the "integration of all Naga-inhabited contiguous areas under one administrative umbrella". Former Chief Minister T R Zeliang even provided a rationale for the prevailing informal taxation regime. Unlike many other armed groups in the region, he said in response to a journalist's question, the Naga armed groups do not receive government subsidies. That, he implied, is a matter of national honour. Thus, they are "bound to collect tax from the people for their survival".

It is hard to escape the conclusion that informal taxation is built into the very structure and history of Nagaland. Consider General S K Sinha's account of how the state was created. During his long army career, Sinha had significant counterinsurgency experience in Nagaland. After his retirement, he had served as governor of both Jammu and Kashmir and Assam during particularly troubled times. "There were many efforts to pacify the Nagas,"

Since most armed conflicts in the world do not end in victory or defeat or peace but in a draw, it is not unusual for state authorities to be in some form of de facto partnership with armed groups. In the context of Northeast India, we may be indulging in wishful thinking by uncritically labelling all documents signed by rebel factions and the government — marking some sort of a suspension of active hostilities — as peace accords. Perhaps the use of the word 'peace' in this context may require a great deal more decoding than we have been inclined to do.

said the General, speaking at the Institute for Conflict Management in New Delhi in 2001, "and through concessions in 1963, the State of Nagaland was created".

"This State was for a population of barely 5,00,000 — less than the population of many of the colonies of New Delhi — and yet all the trappings that go with full statehood, a legislature, cabinet, chief minister and later, even governor, went with this new status. But this failed to satisfy the Nagas, and they continued with their operations".

A former Naga civil servant, Alemtemshi Jamir, once reflected far more sympathetically on Nagaland's peculiar fiscal predicament. Drawing on his long administrative experience in the state in various capacities, including in the position of development commissioner, he said that because the state of Nagaland was "created out of a political necessity", it was not expected to be "economically viable for a long time". It has a "huge overloaded governmental structure, the sustenance of which, occupies almost all the energies and resources of the government", which leaves "very little resource for other activities including development".

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Armed groups in Northeast India have a long track record of successfully claiming a share of development funds — with the complicity of elected and appointed public officials — both before and after signing "peace accords". Nagaland may be the leader in this regard, but not an exception.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Reversing Atatürk's secular legacy plays well among Turkish nationalists, for whom the museum inside the Hagia Sophia long represented a humiliating foreign imposition." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

Raza's time

Remembering the artist who was a grateful heir to the plurality, richness and depth of Indian civilisation



ASHOK VAJPEYI

WHEN HE wrote "I will bring my time" in a love letter to Janine Mongillat, a French artist who became his life-companion in 1959, Sayed Haider Raza was not making an aesthetic boast but a gentle assertion. He had been in Paris for about a decade, a young struggling artist who eventually remained there for six decades, the longest that any Indian artist has lived and painted in France. Raza did not change his nationality and retained his Indian passport till the end. He returned to New Delhi for good towards the end of 2010 and died on July 23, 2016. He was buried, as he wanted, in Mandla next to his father's grave, close to the river Narmada, which he always mentioned with deep regard as Narmadaji.

Having experienced beauty and fear in the thick jungles of Mandla, the two became his life-long concerns. Fear was superseded as he pursued beauty through his art. He attained a rare but vitally creative fusion, of French *la sens plastique* and Indian metaphysical concepts such as *bindu*, *prakriti*, *kundalini*, *ankuran*, etc. He used to say that he learnt how to paint from France and what to paint from India. Raza searched for a visual language in painting, which could enact his celebration and affirmation of life and reveal sensuously the vibrant colours and dynamic form of his spiritual reality. Living in the West for nearly six decades, Raza explored in his iconic work an alternative modernity of consonance, celebratory and cerebral, of affirmation and silence, of germination and rejuvenation, of the fusion of the sensuous and the spiritual.

Raza's early French-period works were largely cityscapes and he later painted "in-scapes". He termed his art as "roop adhyatam" — spiritual form — underlining that for art beauty is both physical and metaphysical simultaneously. There are no visible traces of the post World War II history in his painting though he was in France then. Once, I told him that he was more concerned with eternity rather than history. He joyously agreed.

For a couple of decades, life was not easy for Raza in France. He was accepted as a painter of the Parisian School which gave him some recognition but it made him unhappy about his artistic identity. It is then that he, through a lot of agonising self-questioning, recalled the "bindu", which a rural primary school teacher had told him, a boy with a wayward mind, to concentrate on. Bindu as a source of energy, a point of entry and exit, and a still centre, became the central image for Raza.

In the 1980s, Raza's love for poetry became an element in his paintings. He is perhaps the only modern artist in India, maybe the world, who has inscribed in nearly a hundred canvases lines and words of Sanskrit, Hindi and Urdu poetry. Also, most of his canvases from the 1980s have titles in Hindi. The poets he drew from included the creators of the Upanishads,

Kabir, Tulsī, Sur, Mahadevi Verma, Agaveya, Muktibodh, Faiz and Sahir Ludhianvi. Even though his gaze was fixed on eternity, history seeped in through these poems, a reinvention of some miniature painting conventions. His paintings can be gainfully read as love letters to the world, as prayers for grace. While there are works which express agitation and fury, largely Raza chose peace, tranquillity, resonance and silence as the leading motifs or emotions his art would evoke.

Widely acknowledged as a master colourist, Raza realised during his numerous visits to India from France, "that colour was the essence of my work. I wanted to create a musical harmony in colour: Colour as density, as expression, as a state of emotion, as sentiments, as time". In his *Itinéraire* (itinerary) he concludes: "But whether it is literature, music, painting, one always comes back to life, to the daily life in the most ordinary things, and it is ultimately always nature which is the culmination point."

A half-done canvas is still on the easel as he left it in early 2016, before he fell terminally ill, in his Delhi studio which the Raza Foundation has kept it as it was, naming it The Last Studio.

He also asserted, "I have no apology for my repetition of the form of the Bindu. With repetition, you can gain energy and intensity as is gained through Japmala, or the repetition of a word or a syllable until you achieve a state of elevated consciousness."

Recalling his days of youth, both in Bombay and Paris, he wanted to be of some support and assistance to the young artists, poets, musicians and dancers of India. The Raza Foundation was set up as a charitable trust and is today perhaps the largest trust set up by an Indian artist. It has been organising art shows, talks, lectures, concerts, recitals and publications, largely featuring the younger generation.

Raza spoke and wrote in Hindi, English and French. A Muslim, he visited mosques, temples and churches regularly. With F N Souza and M F Husain, he established the Progressive Artists Group in 1947. Raza remained in touch with most of his Progressive friends including Ram Kumar, Akbar Padamsee, Tyeb Mehta, Bal Chhabra, Gaitonde, Husain, Krishen Khanna, etc and the Raza Archives contain more than 20,000 letters. Raza's birth centenary year will begin from February 22, 2021, and the Raza Foundation will also celebrate Raza's close artist-friends suitably. A major show of Raza is being planned in Paris in 2021.

Raza was full of love and lure of the world, especially nature but he also enacted his gratitude to the world and civilisation he belonged to. He was a grateful heir to the plurality, richness and depth of Indian civilisation.

In 2002 when Raza turned 85, I concluded a poem, *Raza's Time*, with the following words: *In the soul's heat/desires still exist despite turning to ashes/words still exist despite being used up in paintings-/the heart's call still exists despite having vanished in prayer-/we consecrate with what is left/with what will persist beyond time/despite attempts of death-/with hands wounded by time/we consecrate/him who is outside of time.*

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SATISH DESHPANDE

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA), which has custody of the Telugu poet and iconic leader of the ViRaSam (Revolutionary Writers' Association), Varavara Rao, arrested in the Bhima-Koregaon case, has opposed his bail plea arguing that he is "trying to take undue benefit" of the COVID-19 pandemic and his advanced age. Rao is 81, has tested positive for COVID-19, and has been in jail for the past 22 months. Given that these facts are not contested by the NIA, the rational reader is compelled to reflect on the meaning of the phrase "undue benefit". Who is trying to take undue advantage of what here?

This question is best answered via a second comparative one: What does the recent encounter killing of the Uttar Pradesh don Vikas Dubey have in common with Rao's current situation? This may seem a strange question because of the obvious differences.

The don is dead, the poet is not. Moreover, since the UP authorities have stopped short of claiming that the guns which killed Dubey fired themselves and that the policemen holding them were helpless spectators, the don's death was caused deliberately. By contrast, the NIA can claim to be a blameless bystander because it did not cause the poet's infection.

There are bigger differences of social identity that weigh more heavily on public perception. One aspect of their identity is what Dubey and Rao "do", and descriptions like don and poet may be considered biased.

The don and the poet

Why we must protest both Vikas Dubey murder, risking of Varavara Rao's life

Dubey could be described as a social worker dedicated to solving the problems of over-worked politicians. Rao could be described as a dreaded urban-naxal. Another aspect of identity is who they "are" in the eyes of society. Coincidentally, both Dubey and Rao were born as Hindus, Brahmins and males, but their attitudes towards these attributes probably differ. For example, the former was a devout temple-goer while the latter is a declared atheist.

Such differences could be multiplied, but they are dwarfed by one fundamental similarity. Both Dubey and Rao voluntarily surrendered themselves to police custody when the police — and by extension, the state — took "undue benefit" of its power to harm them. That this harm has resulted in death in one case but "only" a potentially lethal infection in the other is immaterial. If Rao were to miraculously survive COVID-19 despite his advanced age and pre-existing conditions, the credit for this would not go to the state. On the other hand, if he were to succumb, the state would be squarely to blame.

This is not unfair because of the nature of state custody. When a law-abiding state imprisons citizens accused of crimes, it automatically assumes custodial responsibility for their well-being. Custodial responsibility is the other side of the coin of the legal deprivation of liberty — or imprisonment — and it is morally if not legally enhanced in the case of prisoners awaiting trial. That is also why, generally speaking, bail is the rule

and jail the exception. But Rao, his 10 co-accused in the Bhima-Koregaon case, and an unknown number of others across the country, have been charged under a special law with stringent bail provisions, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Effectively, the NIA argues that persons accused of crimes against the state should be kept in jail indefinitely based on suspicion alone, even if the accused is 81 years old and COVID-positive.

The fact that Dubey was yet to be charged under any law while Rao has been charged under a special law should not blind us to the essential similarity they share — the state took unfair advantage of its custodial power over them. But the real danger such cases pose is that they always carry in their background the suggestion of popular support, which sometimes ripens into an explicit claim.

Every child is taught that the law treats everyone equally because it is, and it should be, neutral towards all social identities. But every teenager knows that it is not, and many adults begin to believe that it need not be. The legitimisation of authoritarianism begins with what people like to call "realism", which is really a sort of default cynicism. Everyone knows that murder is not always a crime, because if Dubey had led a lynch mob or incited a riot against the right kind of victims, he would be hailed as a hero.

The terminal — but not necessarily short — stage of authoritarianism is reached when it yokes together an aggressive majoritari-

anism and a fact-resistant sense of victimhood. Across the world today we see the emergence of a new "authoritarian populism", where regimes backed by socially dominant groups with a victim-complex have captured electoral control of the state. They are led by charismatic dictators who personalise state power and begin erasing the functional differentiation and mutual autonomy of legislature, executive and judiciary. They turn the liberal state apparatus inside out, negating its neutrality and turning it into a weapon to be used against whoever dares to disagree with them.

When played by authoritarian populist regimes, state vigilantism becomes a lethal game without rules. The efficient production and dissemination of mediated narratives of popular support serve to justify and eventually normalise pervasive illegalities, producing durable forms of impunity that damage institutions permanently. Damaged institutions behave arbitrarily because they obey the whims of their masters rather than the law. That is why, though they do not matter as individuals, and though we may disagree with or even despise their politics, we must protest both the murder of Vikas Dubey and the risking of Varavara Rao's life. Because every conceivable kind of politics is threatened when due process is re-defined as "undue benefit".

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SPEAKER'S DECISION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Cheating the floor test' (IE, July 23). It is not correct to say that the *Bommai* judgment requires a fresh look. The said judgment applies to the full House and not to a truncated House. No vote of confidence or no confidence can be moved in a truncated House and therefore the question of floor test or any other test does not arise in such House. In the present case of Rajasthan Assembly, the Speaker has first to decide whether the defected members are disqualified. If he disqualifies them, there will have to be fresh elections for the vacated seats. It is only after the House is fully constituted with newly elected representatives that the vote of confidence or no confidence, if any, can be moved and the *Bommai* judgment will apply, which has prescribed floor test for open and accurate counting of heads.

P B Sawant via email

CITIZEN'S RIGHTS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Two tweets' (IE, July 23). The contempt of court charges against senior advocate Prashant Bhushan and Twitter go against the Supreme Court's own dictums on preserving the right of free speech. While the contempt provisions serve the purpose of honouring the judiciary's stature, it has also been resorted to frequently by the courts in silencing critical voices. The contempt provisions are themselves disarrayed and uncoded which also leads

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to inconsistent judgments in similar cases. Contempt offences must be codified and SOPs should be framed for reducing arbitrariness.

Sagar Ganesh Borade, Thane

ALLIES AND ENEMIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Through its own prism', (IE, July 23). With China and Iran developing strategic partnership, India must choose its allies and enemies wisely. It has over the years, strengthened its ties with Iran. China's ties with Russia and Arab countries are stronger than ever. New Delhi should take a leaf out of Beijing's books in developing strategic relationships with its neighbours.

Daksh Solanki, Delhi

The backlog, in years, for an Indian national to get permanent residency or Green Card, as per a top Republican senator: 'Someone from India entering the backlog today would have to wait 195 years to receive an EB-3 green card. Even if we give their children this limbo status, none of them will have a prayer of becoming a US citizen,' said Utah Senator Mike Lee

TOP OF THE WORLD



Bruno Dey. Reuters

GERMANY

Man convicted in one of last Holocaust trials

A GERMAN court convicted a 93-year-old man on Thursday for helping the Nazis murder thousands of people while he served as a concentration camp guard more than 75 years ago, in what might be one of the last verdicts to be handed down to a living participant in the Holocaust. The Hamburg state court found Bruno Dey guilty of 5,230 counts of accessory to murder — one for each person believed to have been killed in the Stutthof concentration camp, east of Gdansk in Poland, during the time he served as a guard there, from August 1944 to April 1945.

AFGHANISTAN

Govt airstrike kills at least 14: Witnesses

A GOVERNMENT airstrike killed at least 14 people in Afghanistan's western Herat province, many of them women and children, witnesses said on Thursday. Hundreds of people had gathered in Herat's Adraskan district to welcome home a former Taliban fighter freed from jail when aircraft pounded the gathering, said Noor Rahmati, a witness who lost three members of his family in the airstrike. Government officials said on Thursday the airstrike a day earlier was being investigated. US Peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad tweeted a condemnation of the violence and welcomed the government probe.

PAKISTAN

17 injured in bomb blast at open-air market

Peshawar: A bomb planted on a vegetable cart went off at a busy open-air market in a tribal district in north-western Pakistan on Thursday, injuring at least 17 people including a child. The bomb blast occurred in Turi Bazar in the city of Parachinar when the explosives went off as people were busy buying groceries and vegetables. Parachinar District Superintendent of Police Najab Ali said the cause of the explosion was an improvised explosive device (IED) that was fitted inside a vegetable cart.

May close more Chinese missions, says Trump; Beijing slams 'slander'

PTI & AP

BEIJING, WASHINGTON, JULY 23

THE US does not rule out the possibility of closing more Chinese diplomatic missions in the country, President Donald Trump has said, hours after Washington ordered the closure of Beijing's consulate in Houston to "protect American intellectual property and private information".

The consulate in Houston, Texas, is one of five Chinese diplomatic missions in the US, not counting the embassy in Washington DC.

The US move came after the Justice Department said that hackers working with the Chinese government targeted firms developing vaccines for the coronavirus and stole hundreds of millions of dollars worth of intellectual property and trade secrets from companies across the world.

"As far as closing additional embassies, it's always possible," Trump said Wednesday during a daily press briefing at the White House.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said the order to close the consulate "violates international law and basic norms governing international relations," and "seriously undermines China-US relations."



China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin at a briefing in Beijing on Thursday. AP

In its statement on the closing of the consulate, the State Department alleged that Chinese agents have tried to steal data from facilities in Texas, including the Texas A&M medical system statewide and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Wang said there was no basis to that claim. "This is completely malicious slander," Wang said.

Tedros responds to Pompeo remarks

The head of the WHO said on Thursday that reported comments by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo questioning his

independence were untrue and would not distract the organisation from its work.

Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has come under criticism, especially from US President Donald Trump and Pompeo, who have accused him of being pro-China.

"And the comments are untrue and unacceptable and without any foundation, for that matter," he said. "Our sole focus - and the focus of the entire organisation - is on saving lives."

"...And WHO will not be distracted by these comments. We don't want the international community also to be distracted."

EXPLAINED Questions over political motives behind closure

EVEN AS experts and politicians stressed the need for strong action against China, some questioned the US decision and suggested the move could be politically motivated. Some experts pointed out that if the move was motivated by "intellectual property theft", as is alleged by the US, the consulate in San Francisco which covers Silicon Valley would have been a better target. One claimed the move to close the Houston consulate instead is likely intended to appeal to Trump voters ahead of the 2020 polls and distract from the government's Covid policy

China threatens to derecognise BNO passports of HK residents

REUTERS

SHANGHAI/BEIJING, JULY 23

CHINA THREATENED on Thursday to withdraw its recognition of British National Overseas passports held by residents of Hong Kong, in retaliation for the former colonial ruler's policy of easing their path to citizenship.

Starting from January 2021, those in Hong Kong with such status would be able to apply for special visas to live in Britain that could eventually confer citizenship, interior minister Priti Patel said this week. However, China opposes such a policy as interfering in domestic affairs, a spokesman for its foreign ministry said, calling the move a violation of Britain's promises, international law and principles of international relations.

"As the English side is the first to violate the promise, China will consider not recognising BNO passports as a valid travel document, and reserves the right to take further measures," the spokesman, Wang Wenbin, said.

Even before Britain's offer, China did not recognise such passports as a valid document for mainland entry by residents of Hong Kong. Instead, it required them to use travel permits issued by China.

US protests: Mayor of Portland teargassed by federal agents

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, JULY 23

THE MAYOR of Portland, Oregon, was tear gassed by the U.S. government late Wednesday as he stood at a fence guarding a federal courthouse during another night of protest against the presence of federal agents sent by President Donald Trump to quell unrest in the city.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, a Democrat, said it was the first time he'd been tear gassed and appeared slightly dazed and coughed as he put on a pair of goggles someone handed him and drank water. He didn't leave his spot at the front, however, and continued to take gas. Around Wheeler, the protest raged, with demonstrators lighting a large fire in the space between the fence and the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse and the pop-pop-pop of federal



At a protest in Portland, Oregon. Reuters

agents deploying tear gas and stun grenades into the crowd.

Earlier in the night, Wheeler was mostly jeered as he tried to rally demonstrators who have clashed nightly with federal agents but was briefly applauded when he shouted "Black Lives Matter" and pumped his fist in the air. The mayor has opposed federal agents' presence in Oregon's largest city, but he has faced harsh criticism from many sides.

In stepped-up role, Obama appears with Biden in election campaign video

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WASHINGTON, JULY 23

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL candidate Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama stepped up their attacks on President Donald Trump and defended their time in the White House in a new video showing their first in-person meeting since the outbreak began.

The former president and vice president used the interview-style conversation to amplify Biden's arguments against



Barack Obama, Joe Biden

Trump, with Obama emphasising Biden's experience and personal attributes. They pointed to their administration's signature health care law and blamed Trump for stoking division and animosity among Americans from the moment he entered the

2016 presidential race. They also were sharply critical of the Republican president's efforts to combat the coronavirus.

"Can you imagine standing up when you were president and saying, 'It's not my responsibility, I take no responsibility'?" Biden says, offering a line of attack similar to his recent campaign speeches when he asserted that Trump "quit" on the country and has "waved the white flag" in the pandemic.

"Those words didn't come out of our mouths while we were in office," Obama replies.

'Hidden toll' amid outbreak in S Africa: 17,000 excess deaths from natural causes

TIM COCKS

JOHANNESBURG, JULY 23

SOUTH AFRICA witnessed some 17,000 extra deaths from natural causes or 59% more than would normally be expected between early May and mid-July, scientists said, suggesting many more people are dying of COVID-19 than shown in official figures.

New data by the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), released overnight, showed that just in the week to July 14 - the latest



In South Africa. Reuters/File

figures available - there was an excess of 5,022 deaths by natural causes, about half more than usual.

US crosses 4 mn Covid cases as states see surge

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK, JULY 23

THE NUMBER of people known to have been infected with the coronavirus in the United States passed four million on Thursday, another grim milestone in a pandemic full of them, according to a *New York Times* database.

And it's not just cases that are rising. The numbers of hospitalisations and deaths reported in the US each day have also been increasing.

Public health experts have warned that the actual number of people infected is certainly far higher than the number of reported cases, and could be up to 13 times as high in some regions.

Cases are trending upward in 39 states, as well as Washington, DC, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, and are decreasing in only two. In the past week, cases have risen most quickly, relative to population, in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. Texas has added more than 10,000 cases each day, on average.

More than 143,000 people have died of the virus in the United States, and experts say that the trend in hospitalisations and deaths often lags weeks behind the trend in cases. Even so, the number of people hospitalised in the country on

Protests, those coming from Mexico to blame: Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump cast wide blame for a surge in Covid-19 cases, pointing to racial justice protests, travelers from Mexico and young bar-goers.

He said the protests following the death of George Floyd "presumably triggered a broader relaxation of mitigation efforts nationwide." "Young people closely congregating at bars and probably other places, maybe beaches," likely also led to new cases, he added. Trump also blamed travelers crossing the US-Mexico border for the rise in cases. **AP**

Wednesday very nearly exceeded the previous high of nearly 60,000, set on April 15 when the outbreak was largely concentrated in New York. Cases are now rising throughout the United States, and hospitals are feeling the strain.

Britain, EU clash over post-Brexit relations

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LONDON, BRUSSELS, JULY 23

BRITAIN AND the European Union clashed on Thursday over the chances of securing a free trade agreement, with Brussels deeming it "unlikely" but London holding out hope one could be reached in September.

Since Britain left the bloc in January, talks on the trade agreement and other future ties have all but stalled, with each side accusing the other of failing to compromise before a transition period runs out at the end of this year.

Those accusations grew louder after the latest round, with the EU's negotiator Michel Barnier saying London had shown no willingness to break the deadlock and his British counterpart David Frost describing the bloc's proposals as failing to meet the government's demand to be treated as an independent country.

But both sides agreed on one thing: there had been no movement on the main stumbling blocks to a deal on fair competition guarantees — the so-called level playing field — or on fisheries.

"By its current refusal to commit to conditions of open and fair competition and to a balanced agreement on fisheries, the UK makes a trade agreement — at this point — unlikely," Barnier told a news conference after the face to face talks in London.

"The time for answers is quickly running out," he said. "If we do not reach an agreement on our future partnership, there will be more friction." **REUTERS**

ONE OF THE ATTACKERS SHE KILLED WAS HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS FIGHTING ON THE TALIBAN SIDE

A 15-year-old girl's heroic battle against the Taliban was also a family feud

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JULY 23

THE TEENAGE girl was the hero of a night of carnage that left her family's hillside home in western Afghanistan strewn with bodies. Qamar Gul, 15, fought to her last bullet, gunning down Taliban attackers who raided the house and killed her father and mother.

In the days after the attack last week, Afghan social media was full of slick posters celebrat-

ing her as "My Hero." Some users compared her to the Kurdish women of Kobani, Syria, who fought the Islamic State.

But the story of her heroism is steeped in pain, in a culture that often treats women as property, and in the confusion of an Afghan war that has twisted families into knots of complex loyalties and feuds.

One of the attackers she killed was her own husband, who was fighting on the Taliban's side and apparently seeking her forcible return after a falling out with Gul's family, ac-

cording to relatives and officials.

Qamar Gul's mother, Fatima, had married twice before ending up with her father, Shah Gul Rahimi, according to Zabihullah Rahmani, a relative. Her second marriage to a local commander was short-lived: He was killed in clashes with the Taliban in the 1990s. Shah Gul, the local commander's younger brother, stepped in to marry Fatima. They had two children together, Qamar Gul, and her 12-year-old brother Habibullah.

In recent years, Rahimi, who was just 40, took on his brother's



Qamar Gul, 15. NYT

responsibilities as a community elder in Taiwara. About four years ago, Rahimi struck an agreement with a local man from an adjacent

village named Mohamed Naeem: Naeem would marry Rahimi's daughter, Qamar, as his second wife. In exchange, Rahimi would take Naeem's teenage niece as his second wife.

Just how Naeem joined the Taliban is not exactly clear. Naeem, who had taken his new bride to his old home, right away got into arguments with his parents over how unfairly he treated his first wife by spending all his time with the younger Qamar Gul, said the relative, Rahmani. After one fight, Naeem took Qamar Gul home without pay-

The trouble seems to have begun when Rahimi's new wife visited her family and refused to return to her husband, saying she didn't want to live with him, according to the two relatives. In return, when Qamar Gul came home, her father held her until the family returned his wife and Naeem paid a \$3,000 debt for which Rahimi was being harassed.

But Naeem had other thoughts: He had grown close to a ruthless Taliban commander in Ghor who would help him take Qamar Gul home without pay-

ing any money. They chose the early hours after midnight on July 17 for a surprise attack, with about a dozen of their fighters surrounding the hillside home and barging in.

When Rahimi had come out of the hallway to see what was happening, he was given no chance to run for his weapon. He had six bullet wounds, including one in the neck. When Qamar Gul's mother, Fatima, came out to cry for help after her husband was shot, she was also shot, three times — twice in her chest, once also in the neck, family members said.

Qamar Gul grabbed her father's weapon, ran to the doorway, and began spraying at the attackers in the yard. She shot two of them dead, and wounded the senior Taliban commander.

Two days after the attack, the Ghor provincial governor put out a statement saying Qamar Gul and her 12-year-old brother had defeated an "offensive attack" by the "Taliban terrorist group".

The statement attached graphic photos of two bodies. One was Naeem, Qamar Gul's husband, the chest of his embroidered tunic soaked in blood. **NYT**



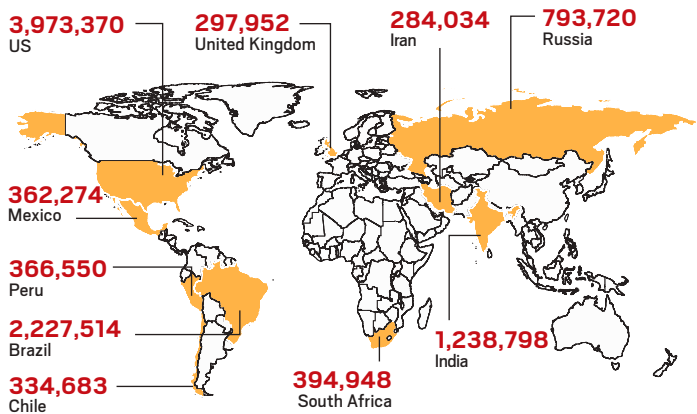
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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

THE WORLD



TOTAL CONFIRMED: **15,265,081**

DEATH COUNT: **624,370**

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on July 23. JHU's India tally and Health Ministry's tally (below) may not match if these are accounted at different times.

Study flags lung ultrasound as a pointer to Covid severity

LUNG ULTRASOUND has been found highly sensitive for detecting abnormalities in patients with Covid-19, Chinese researchers report in the *American Journal of Roentgenology*, published by the American Roentgen Ray Society.

The most commonly observed features were B-lines, a thickened pleural line, and pulmonary consolidation were. In addition, the researchers said, the results indicate that lung ultrasound findings



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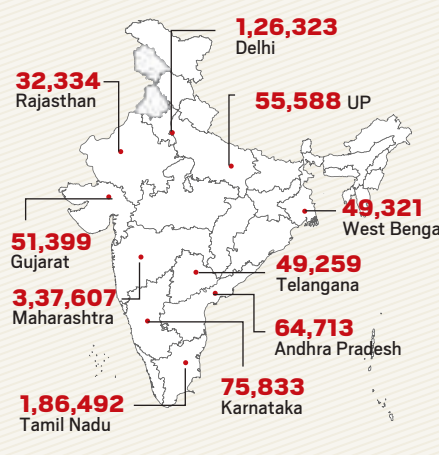
can be used to reflect both the infection duration and disease severity.

From March 3 to 30, the researchers did lung ultrasound on Covid-19 patients. All 28 patients had positive findings on lung ultrasound. B-lines were present in all patients, and 19 (67.9%) patients had pulmonary consolidation. Thickened pleural lines were observed in 17 patients (60.7%).

Source: American Roentgen Ray Society

INDIA COUNT: **12,38,635** (29,861 DEATHS)

TOP 10 STATES



REST OF INDIA

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	221
Arunachal Pradesh	949
Assam	26772
Bihar	30369
Chandigarh	793
Chhattisgarh	5968
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	733
Goa	4176
Haryana	28186
Jammu and Kashmir	1725
Jharkhand	15711
Kerala	6485
Ladakh	15032
Ladakh	1206
Madhya Pradesh	24842
Manipur	2060
Meghalaya	514
Mizoram	317
Nagaland	1084
Odisha	19835
Puducherry	2300
Punjab	11301
Sikkim	438
Tripura	3449
Uttarakhand	5300

Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, July 23. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above.

7,82,607 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 35 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

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

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Maintaining troops on LAC

The Army is preparing for extra provisions for additional troops who have been moved to the LAC amid the standoff with the Chinese. What does it take to keep a soldier battle-fit in such harsh conditions?

KRISHNKAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH THREE extra Army divisions having moved to the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh to mirror the Chinese build-up (*The Indian Express*, July 22), the Army has started preparing for extra provisions for the additional troops who will remain deployed through the winter.

The Army does not share specifics about what will be required and is being transported. A look at what it takes to maintain a soldier in such harsh conditions:

Why is it so challenging?

The eastern Ladakh region is a high-altitude desert, where temperatures can drop to -20°C. The thinner air at high altitudes also makes breathing tougher.

Major General A P Singh, who served during 2011-13 as the head of logistical operations of XIV Corps that is responsible for the China-facing LAC, explained that on such terrain the soldier is "fighting three elements: the enemy, the weather and his own health".

What is the cost?

"Cost of keeping one soldier there, starting from buying of matches to his condiments, to his food, to his fuel for warming to his shelter to everything, for one turnaround year is easily at least to the tune of Rs 10 lakh," Singh said. "I am just talking about keeping a soldier there, equipping him, feeding him, keeping him fighting fit, providing him with all the where-withal." Then there are a lot of "untold costs that nobody will tell you" because of the sensitive nature of the information.

"Mirror deployment through the winter will be a huge trade-off," Singh said.

Other officers who have served in the region agreed with the assessment; one former senior commander said the cost may be even higher.

How are the supplies transported?

By road transport or through aerial trips. Land supply routes are open only during the summer, with high-altitude passes covered in snow from around November to March-April.

There are two road accesses to Ladakh from Srinagar: Rohtang Pass and Zoji La. But neither is open round the year. With Rohtang tunnel likely to open later in the year, it can potentially solve the problem, but there are two more passes on that route, Baralacha La and Thanglang La, both of which are at a higher al-



Army vehicles make their way from Khuru Leh towards Eastern Ladakh. Wangailkaya/File Photo

titude than Rohtang, and may be snowed in during the winter.

Singh said one round trip between Srinagar and Leh for a truck that can carry 10 tonnes of supplies costs around Rs 1 lakh. A C-17 Globemaster military aircraft, Singh said, can carry up to 50 tonnes and an hour-long flight costs roughly Rs 24 lakh.

Aircraft usually carry about 200-250 tonnes a day; heavy material has to go by road.

What happens after a truck reaches Leh?

Even to reach Leh, the Army has to build transit shelters for the crew of the trucks. But bringing the supplies to Leh is just the first step. Nearly 70% of all these supplies has to be taken to forward bases such as Siachen or Kargil.

As the terrain gets tougher, the Army uses the help of locals and mules to carry some of the materials. They walk around 10 km and back every day through the summer months so that the troops are stocked for the winters.

What will be the additional cost this time?

With the usual deployment, the Army starts the process of Advance Winter Stocking in April-May. Aircraft are usually used for emergency requirements.

"In normal course you have about 2 lakh tonnes of supplies, food, equipment etc for XIV Corps for being stocked for the 6-7 months," Singh said. With the new troops retained for winters, "it may not double everything, but

close to 3 lakh tonnes of essentials will be needed now".

With Rs 1 lakh for transporting ten tonnes through road, and the high price of air transport, the total additional transportation cost can be calculated, he said. The government will have to buy everything "at a higher rate now in the open market, compared to what we would have provisioned earlier".

What specialised equipment do the soldiers require?

For high altitudes, the Army procures specialised equipment to keep troops warm and ready for possible health issues. "Most troops will be there for their first winter. It will be very difficult for them as they will also have to be combat-trained in these excruciating conditions," Singh said.

Anything above 14,000 feet is considered super-high altitude. Of the four friction points in the standoff, Galwan Valley, Hot Springs and Gogra Post are higher than 14,000 feet. Dapsang Plains — where troops were not involved in a faceoff but where India's access to traditional patrol points has been blocked by China — is higher than 17,000 feet.

For such altitudes, the Army provisions for Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME). It includes ropes, special helmets, snow boots, jackets etc. Singh said each soldier posted to Siachen is issued two sets, each costing over Rs 2 lakh.

"We requisition for about 30,000 soldiers, including 5,000 in reserve," he said, and added that at least a third of the additional deployment will need SCME as they will be posted in Galwan Valley, Gogra Post and Dapsang Plains.

In a report for 2015-18 tabled in Parliament in February this year, the Comptroller & Auditor General noted "delays in procurement of high-altitude clothing and equipment items up to four years leading to acute shortage...". The Army later dismissed the report, saying it pertained to an earlier period and the issue has been addressed since.

What other challenges are involved?

The forces have to fight against time. The turnaround time from Srinagar to Leh and back is 15-20 days. It takes even longer from Rohtang Pass. With nearly twice the supplies to be taken before the passes close in the winter, "now you are trying to pump in more", Singh said.

Additionally, the forces have to stock up for the infrastructure work going on near the forward areas, including on the Durbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie road.

Another important aspect is building new shelters. "With the strength doubling, you can imagine the amount of stuff that has to be built, including heat-proof shelters or at least liveable for the -20°C temperatures," Singh said. The cement does not set after September, he said, so the Army "only has the month of August left".

How pay hike in banks will be rolled out

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MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, JULY 23

CLOSE TO 8.5 lakh bank employees are set to get a 15% salary hike with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) — the apex body of banks — and the United Forum of Bank Unions (UBFU) signing a memorandum of understanding to settle the three-year-long issue of wage revision.

The bank managements and unions have also agreed to introduce the system of performance-linked Incentive (PLI) in public sector banks for the first time. The wage revision will be effective from November 1, 2017.

It will benefit employees of old-generation private banks and some foreign banks as the agreement has been signed by 11 state-owned banks, 12 private sector banks and seven foreign banks. New-generation private banks like HDFC and ICICI are not part of this.

How much will it cost the banks?

The annual wage increase in salary and al-

lowance is agreed at 15% of the wage bill as on March 31, 2017. This works out to Rs 7,898 crore on pay slip components, according to the MoU signed by the IBA and unions. In the previous wage settlement, which was for the period November 1, 2012, to October 31, 2017, the employees got a similar 15% hike. The UBFU had initially demanded 20%; the IBA insisted that it would be 10%, refusing even the 15% the unions had asked for in the earlier round of talks. IBA finally agreed to a 15% hike after protracted talks. Distribution of annual wage increase between workmen and officers will be worked out separately and proportionately based on breakup of establishment expenses as on March 31, 2017.

How will it impact banks?

The wage hike has come at a time when most PSU banks had reported heavy losses in the last several quarters. Moreover, losses and non-performing assets (NPAs) are expected to rise when the loan moratorium announced by the RBI to tackle the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is lifted in August. However, industry

sources said the hike should not be seen in the context of Covid-19, which is expected to hit the banks' profits in the medium term. The negotiations for the wage hike have been going on for nearly three years. "The hike won't be a burden on banks as it was expected and made provisions accordingly," said a banking source.

What is performance-linked Incentive?

After prolonged discussions, both sides agreed to introduce PLI in public sector banks. It will be based on the operating profit/net profit of the individual bank. It will be optional for private and foreign banks. "The PLI is payable to all employees annually over and above the normal salary payable. The PLI matrix decides the amount payable to the employees depending on the annual performance of the bank," the MoU says.

As per the formula, if the year-on-year growth in operating profit is less than 5%, there's no incentive. If the Y-o-Y growth is between 5-10%, five days' salary will be given as incentive. If the growth is between 10-15%, 10 days' salary will be the incentive; if it is 15-

plus, 15 days' salary will be given.

"In today's banking scenario, there's stiff competition among different categories of banks — public sector, private sector and foreign banks. In order to inculcate a sense of competition and also to reward the performance, the concept of Performance Linked Pay is felt to be introduced," the MoU says.

While PLI has been introduced to motivate employees, it may be difficult in reality since banks are expected to post losses in coming quarters, banking industry sources said.

What about Employee Stock Options?

There was a proposal in the past to grant stock options to senior management of state-owned banks, linked to a bank reaching operating and financial milestones. However, this has not been included as part of the wage negotiations, and the PLI scheme has been introduced. The management and unions have agreed to increase the banks' contribution to the NPS (National Pension Scheme) fund to 14% instead of the present rate of 10% from the prospective date of signing the settlement.

How 'corona' of the virus changes into a hairpin shape — and why

KABIR FIRAQUE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE SPIKE protein of SARS-CoV-2 — the 'corona' in the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 disease — has just revealed new secrets. Researchers have found that the spike protein changes its form after it attaches itself to a human cell, folding in on itself and assuming a rigid hairpin shape. The researchers have published their findings in the journal *Science*, and believe the knowledge can help in vaccine development.

What is the spike protein?

It is a protein that protrudes from the surface of a coronavirus, like the spikes of a crown or corona — hence the name 'coronavirus'. In the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, it is the spike protein that initiates the process of infection in a human cell. It attaches itself to a human enzyme, called the ACE2 receptor, before going on to enter the cell and make multiple copies of itself.

What has the new research found?

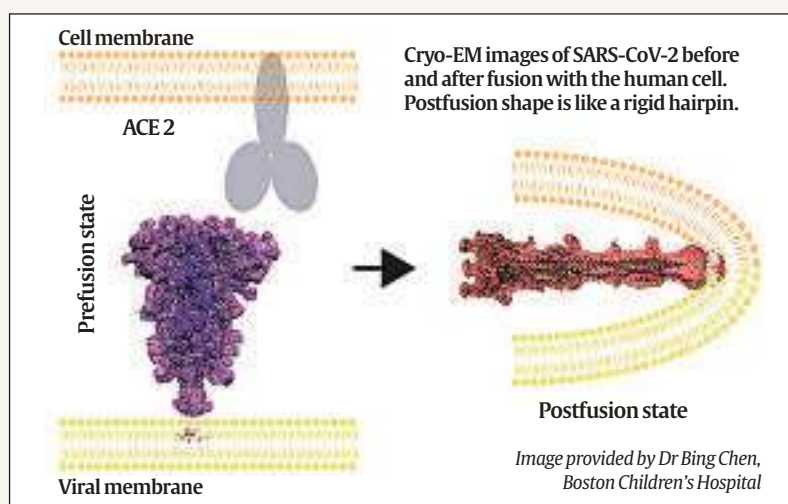
Using the technique of cryogenic electron microscopy (cryo-EM), Dr Bing Chen and colleagues at Boston Children's Hospital have freeze-framed the spike protein in both its shapes — before and after fusion with the cell.

The images show a dramatic change to the hairpin shape after the spike protein binds with the ACE2 receptor. In fact, the researchers found that the "after" shape can also show itself before fusion — without the virus binding to a cell at all. The spike can go into its alternative form prematurely.

What does that signify?

Dr Chen suggests that assuming the alternative shape may help keep SARS-CoV-2 from breaking down. Studies have shown that the virus remains viable on various surfaces for various periods of time. Chen suggests that the rigid shape may explain this.

More significantly, the researchers speculate that the postfusion form may also protect SARS-CoV-2 from our immune system.



In what way can it protect the virus from the immune system?

The postfusion shape could induce antibodies that do not neutralise the virus. In

effect, the spikes in this form may act as decoys that distract the immune system.

"Antibodies specifically targeting the postfusion state would not be able to block

membrane fusion (viral entry) since it would be too late in the process. This is well established in the field of other viruses, such as HIV," Chen told *The Indian Express*, by email.

In principle, if both conformations shared neutralising epitopes (the part of the virus targeted by antibodies), then the post-fusion form too could induce neutralising antibodies, Chen said. "But because the two structures are often very different, in particular, in case of SARS-CoV-2 and HIV, I think it is not very likely that the postfusion form would be useful as an immunogen," he explained.

Do the two forms share any similarities?

Yes, both the "before" and "after" forms have sugar molecules, called glycans, at evenly spaced locations on their surface. Glycans are another feature that helps the virus avoid immune detection.

How is the knowledge about the

alternative shape useful?

The researchers believe the findings have implications for vaccine development. Many vaccines that are currently in development use the spike protein to stimulate the immune system. But these may have varying mixes of the prefusion and postfusion forms, Chen said. And that may limit their protective efficacy.

Chen stressed the need for stabilising the spike protein in its prefusion structure in order to block the conformational changes that lead to the postfusion state. If the protein is not stable, antibodies may be induced but they will be less effective in terms of blocking the virus, he said.

"Using our prefusion structure as a guide, we should be able to do better (introducing stabilizing mutations) to mimic the prefusion state, which could be more effective in eliciting neutralizing antibody responses," Chen told *The Indian Express*. "We are in the process of doing this in case the first round of vaccines are not as effective as we all hope."



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SF Complex, Airport Terminal Building, Jagdalpur-494001
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Fax :07867-289466,
Email: mmsgsf@asl.drdo.in

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB)

The General Manager, SF Complex, Jagdalpur- 494001, invites separate sealed bids in the prescribed format from reputed firms for execution of following work at SF Complex, Jagdalpur.


Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Name of the Work	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Submission End Date & Time	Bid Opening Date & Time
01.	SFC/MMG/INST-I/D-009/2020-21	ADAM AI AO Modules	5,500/-	04/08/2020 12:30 PM	04/08/2020 04:00 PM

The Bid document is to be downloaded from the DRDO website: www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app. The cost of EMD in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of General Manager, SF Complex, Jagdalpur-494001 payable at Jagdalpur, at the time of submission of the bid, failing which the bid would not be considered.

The General Manger, SF Complex reserves the right to reject any or all bid without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
General Manager
SF Complex Jagdalpur

davp 10301/11/0037/2021



झारखण्ड राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
Corporation Identification No.-U45201JH2015SGC003325
Regd. Office:- Building Construction Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Project Building, P.O.-Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, Jharkhand
Phone No.:- 0651-2446257/2446258/2446259, e-mail:-jsbclcl@jarkhand@gmail.com
Notice No. JSBCL/CFE-01/2020-21/गजिनिगम - 69/16-800 (फि) **Date : 23.07.2020**

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS NO. 02/2020-21

Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Limited (JSBCL) hereby invites proposals from eligible Engineering Colleges of National repute located in the state of Jharkhand and having Quality Control test laboratories in the State of Jharkhand for Empanelment in JSBCL as Third Party Quality Control/ Quality Assurance Consultants for their ongoing/new Building and Infrastructure Construction Projects.

The prospective bidder must be an individual legal entity who meets the eligibility criteria as specified in the RFE Document.

Copies of the RFE document can be downloaded from the e-tendering portal of i.e. www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in from **11:00 A.M. on 31.07.2020 to 11:00 A.M. on 12.08.2020**. The Bidders shall have to deposit a refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) only to JSBCL by way of a demand draft/pay order in favour of "Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Limited" drawn on a Scheduled Commercial Bank and Payable at Ranchi. The demand draft shall have to be submitted before **11.30A.M on 14.08.2020** without which the Proposal will not be evaluated.

Proposals may be uploaded from 11:00 A.M. on 31.07.2020 to 11:00 A.M. on 12.08.2020
The bids will be opened in the office of Executive Director, JSBCL at 12:00 Noon on 14.08.2020.

Sd/-
Nodal Officer, e-Procurement Cell,
PR 231092 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.
Construction Corp. Ltd.(20-21)D Telephone No.- 0651-2446259 e-mail:-jsbclcl@jarkhand@gmail.com



NORTHERN RAILWAY
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Delhi Division, Northern Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Individuals/Customers/Agencies/Companies and other entities for undertaking infrastructural development of 15 Goods Sheds over Delhi Division under Public Private Partnership model.

The infrastructural development of Goods Shed will be undertaken and will include improvement in loading/unloading platform surface, circulating area, lighting arrangements, labour resting facilities, Merchant meeting facilities, approach road from Goods Shed to main road, basic amenities and any other improvement as per requirement.

The goods shed are at Ghaziabad (GZB), Ballabgarh (BVH), Delhi Kishanganj (DKZ), Karnal (KUN), Partapur (PRTAP), Shakurbasti (SSB), Palwal (PWL), Faridabad (FDB), Kurukshetra (KKDE), Farukhnagar (FN), Kaithal (KLE), Mansa (MSZ), Jind City (JCY), Jakhal (JHL) and Mujafarnagar (MOZ).

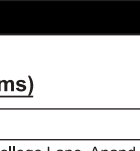
In lieu of such investments made by the Individuals/Customers/Agencies/Companies in the development of these goods sheds, incentives may be given by the Railways depending upon the traffic handled in the Goods Sheds.

All existing and new interested Individuals/Customers/Agencies/Companies may kindly send their EOI/suggestions along with details of the proposal for each goods shed separately up to 15:00 hours on 14.08.2020 to the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, also through e-mail id: freightcelldelhi@gmail.com or may send the proposal on Whatsapp number at 9717633071. After receiving the proposal, a meeting may be called with the interested parties for further deliberations.

Office of the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	Description
05(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O-20/21 dated 20.07.2020	
(A) Annual Zone work of staff Qrs. and service buildings of Baroda House, Tilak Bridge, College Lane, Anand Vihar and other Camp offices and colonies for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/BH under ADEN/E-I.	
(B) Annual Zone work of staff Qrs. and service Buildings of MNTB, Thomson Road, M. K. Road, M. S. Place, Central Place, Babar Road and other Camp offices and colonies for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/MNTB under ADEN/E-II.	
(C) Annual Zone work of staff Qrs. and service buildings at P. K. Road, other offices and colonies for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/P. Ganj under ADEN/E-I.	
(D) Annual Zone work of staff Qrs. and service buildings at Basant Lane, Ram Nagar, Ajmer Gate and other offices and colonies for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/P. Ganj under ADEN/E-I.	
(E) Annual General repair and white washing, painting of staff qrs. and service building for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/Tis Hazari under ADEN/E-I.	
(F) Annual Zone work of staff qrs. & service buildings of Sarojini Nagar, Sewa Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Gulabi Bagh, HN2M Jangpura, Okhla & Lodhi colony for P.E. 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/E-V.	
(G) Annual General repair and white washing, painting of staff qrs. and service buildings for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/DKZ-I under ADEN/E-IV.	
(H) Annual General repair and White washing, painting of staff qrs. and service buildings for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/DKZ-II under ADEN/E-IV.	
(I) Annual General repair and White washing, painting of staff qrs. and service buildings in Loco colony/ DEE for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/DKZ-I under ADEN/E-IV.	
(J) Annual Zone work of General repair, white wash, painting and petty repairs of Rail Bhawan for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/Rail Bhawan under ADEN/E-III.	
(K) Annual Zone work of staff qrs., officers flats and service buildings for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/Transit Camp under ADEN/E-I.	
(L) Annual Zone work of staff Qrs. and service buildings at S.P. Marg, Barar Square and other offices and colonies for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/S.P. Marg under ADEN/E-II.	
(M) Annual Zone work of staff qrs. and service Building at S.M. Marg, Moti Bagh, NRM and Rail Eco Park and other offices and colonies for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/S.M. Marg under ADEN/E-II.	
(N) Annual General repair and White washing, painting of staff qrs. and service buildings in Punjabi Bagh, Wazirpur, Pandav Nagar, RPF and RPSF Complex, Printing Press/SSB for the period ending on 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/Punjabi Bagh under ADEN/E-II.	
(O) Annual General repair and White washing, painting of staff qrs. and service buildings for the period ending 30.06.2021 in the section of SSE/W/SSB under ADEN/E-IV.	
(A) Rs. 1,32,99,645.70. (B) Rs. 1,19,99,715.58. (C) Rs. 1,19,99,505.98. (D) Rs. 1,19,99,623.21. (E) Rs. 1,19,99,727.08. (F) Rs. 1,49,99,736.35. (G) Rs. 1,24,99,696.36. (H) Rs. 1,24,99,463.76. (I) Rs. 74,99,826.35. (J) Rs. 88,52,139.15. (K) Rs. 1,29,99,448.28. (L) Rs. 1,34,99,287.16. (M) Rs. 1,29,99,404.75. (N) Rs. 1,24,99,699.81. (O) Rs. 1,30,99,968.20.	
(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 2015/CE-I/CT/51 dated 31.08.2016)	
(A) Rs. 2,16,500.00. (B) Rs. 2,10,000.00. (C) Rs. 2,10,000.00. (D) Rs. 2,10,000.00. (E) Rs. 2,10,000.00. (F) Rs. 2,25,000.00. (G) Rs. 2,12,500.00. (H) Rs. 2,12,500.00. (I) Rs. 1,50,000.00. (J) Rs. 1,77,100.00. (K) Rs. 2,15,000.00. (L) Rs. 2,17,500.00. (M) Rs. 2,15,000.00. (N) Rs. 2,12,500.00. (O) Rs. 2,15,500.00.	
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(A) Rs. 5,900.00. (B) Rs. 5,900.00. (C) Rs. 5,900.00. (D) Rs. 5,900.00. (E) 5,900.00. (F) 5,900.00. (G) 5,900.00. (H) 5,900.00. (I) 5,900.00. (J) 5,900.00. (K) 5,900.00. (L) 5,900.00. (M) 5,900.00. (N) 5,900.00. (O) 5,900.00.	
Upto 15.00 hrs. on 14.08.2020. Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. on 14.08.2020.	
Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in	

No.: 128-W/269/OET/20-21/W/INT 05 (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O) Dated 20.07.2020 1609/2020

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


ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR
(NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10
Tel No - 011-26153559

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI is solicited from the leading vendors for fixing of tiles in classroom upto 4.5 feet height. Details for the above and EOI form are available at school counter against cash/draft of ₹ 500/- each. Forms duly filled be submitted by 08 Aug 2020

Chairman




NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of tender through E-tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

S.N	N.I.T. No.	Description
1	NIT-09-20-21-W-2	Hiring of Vehicle for inspection of Sr. DEN/HI/DLI, ADE/N/GZB, MUT & SMQL.
2	Approx. Cost of work	As per IREPS Notice
3	Earnest Money	As per IREPS Notice
4	Completion Period	As per IREPS Notice
5	Cost of tender on Cash/by post	As per IREPS Notice
6	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	07.08.2020 to 21.08.2020 upto 15:00 hrs Opening of tender 21.08.2020 at 15:00 hrs on
7	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

NIT-09-20-21-W-2 Dated : 21.07.2020 1611/2020

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**
e-NIT No. 1/2020-21/BLB
Name of Office : Addl. Superintending Engineer, In front of Plot No.141, BBMB, Ballabgarh, Sector-25 (Faridabad)-121004
Name of work : Misc. Civil work at 220KV Sub station, BBMB, Ballabgarh.

Estimated Cost	Rs. 8.25 Lakh
Earnest Money	Rs. 8250/-
Tender fee	1000+18% GST extra = (1180/-)
Last date of submission of pre-qualification document	10.08.2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
Last date of receipt of tender	17.08.2020 at 14:00 hrs.

The detailed tender may be downloaded from website www.bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com and www.bbmb.gov.in

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
1st & Ground Floor, I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171013
Tel. No. 0177-2623259, 2623513, 2626320, 2623513 2623043
FAX: 0177-2626320, Website: www.hpsecd.in

No: SEDC/RC/Printers/2k20-1591 Date: 22.07.2020

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders, for General Rate Contract of Printers and Scanners for the year 2020-2023 for various Govt. Departments/Boards/Corporations/ Autonomous Bodies.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 29.07.2020 at 11.30 A.M. through video conference. Last date for online e-bid submission is 18.08.2020 (upto 02.30 P.M.) and shall be opened on 19.08.2020 at 2.30 P.M. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website www.hpsecd.in and <https://tenders.gov.in>.

GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)
0263/HP



U.P. RAJKIYA NIRMAN NIGAM LTD.
(ISO 9001:2008 Certified Company)
Vishweshwarya Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010.

Notice No. 248/APM/GKP. UNIT/INVIDA/RNN/2020-21 Dated : 22.07.2020

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT


The Project Manager Gorakhpur Unit, Gorakhpur invites E-Procurement for Office & Hospital Furniture on behalf of Managing Director, U.P.R.N.N. in two bid system for following work:

- Supply/Procurement of Office furniture for 500 Bedded Paediatric Medical Institute at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur.
- Supply/Procurement of Hospital furniture for 500 Bedded Paediatric Medical Institute at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur.

The tender can be obtained/downloaded from the website www.watender.up.nic.in during the period 22.07.2020 to 11.08.2020. The tender should be submitted upto 03:30 P.M. on or before 11.08.2020. The technical bid shall be opened on 11.08.2020 at 03:30 P.M. Any amendment should regularly be watched on website. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the procurements without assigning any reason.

NOTE:- Chinese associated company/Chinese furnitures manufacturer will not be allowed to participate in any E-Procurement.

ADOL. PROJECT MANAGER (GORAKHPUR UNIT)




NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum No. 1 Open Tender Notice No. 06/2020-21

The Open Tender No. 30-Elect/T-11/2020-21 published vide Tender Notice No: 06/2020-21 dt. 06.07.2020 (Due for opening on 29.07.2020) is hereby cancelled due to some administrative reasons. Other terms & conditions will be remain unchanged. **No. 30-Elect/T/ Notice/06/2020-21(Corr) Date: 23.07.2020**

Chairman

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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.

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	93205383	Supply of Winter Jacket as per specification attached as Annexure-I	1979 Nos.	18.08.2020

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained.

Sr. DMM/NS/LP/93205383/2020 Date:- 23-07-2020 1613/20

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum no. 4 Notice Inviting E-Tender **Dated: 20.07.2020**
N.I.T No: 471PHD/PSC-311 Dated: 14.02.2020
Name of Office : Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plants) Dte. BBMB (PW), BBMB, New Power House Housing Complex, Flat No.75, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh-160002, Tel. Fax. 0172-2637035


Name of Work: Online Tender for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of two (02) number Numerical Low impedance Bus Bar Protection Schemes (De-Centralized Configuration) along with Mandatory Spares - One for 132KV Switchyard, Gangwal Power House and One for 132KV Switchyard/Katla Power House, BBMB(PW)

Download of Tender Specification/Tender Document from website (Part-I & II)	Start Date 20/08/2020 from 1000 Hrs.
	End Date 10/09/2020 upto 1900 Hrs.
Last Date & Time of online bid submission (Part-I & II)	10/08/2020 upto 1100 Hrs.
Date & Time of Online Bid Opening (Part-I)	10/08/2020 from 1200 Hrs onwards

Online on <http://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com>

The Bids are to be submitted Online. For cost of tender document, earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website <http://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com> & www.bbmb.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
TENDER NOTICE

Government of Jharkhand Department of Industries
TENDER NOTICE FOR OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES OF STAFF FOR NRI INVESTMENT CELL, NEW DELHI
PR No. 229710 (Industries) 20-21* D

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed and experienced manpower agencies for providing services of the following staff on outsource basis for NRI Investment Cell, New Delhi, Department of Industries, Govt. of Jharkhand from the date of agreement initially for a period of one year, that may be extended to a period of three years if the services are found satisfactory.

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Category/Eligibility	Emoluments (Per month)
1	Investment Manager	01	MBA with 3 years experience	Rs. 45,000/-
2	Data Entry Operator- cum-Reception Assistant	01	Graduation with good Computer knowledge	Rs. 15,000/-
3	Multi Tasking Staff	01	Intermediate with good communication skill	Rs. 9,000/-

The agreement may be terminated without any prior intimation if the services are found unsatisfactory at any stage.

An earnest money of 10,000/- in the form of demand draft/pay order in favour of Resident Commissioner, Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi should be furnished along with the tender. Tenders received without EMD will not be considered.

The manpower agency should have been in existence for not less than three years and the registered/branch office should be located either in Delhi/NCR, not been blacklisted by the Government or by any government organization, the technical bid should contain the certificate, experience of manpower supplied to Government Department, copy of PAN Card, copy of Sales Tax/Service Tax/GST Number/EMD etc.

The financial bid should contain only rates which is to be quoted on monthly basis. Both the sealed cover envelopes (Technical & Financial) should be placed separately in the main sealed envelope super scribed "Tender for supply of outsourced staff for NRI Cell, New Delhi, Govt. of Jharkhand". If the envelopes are not found sealed separately, the tender document will be treated as invalid. This should be addressed to Resident Commissioner Office, Govt. of Jharkhand, Jharkhand Bhawan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057 and should be dropped in the box which will be available at reception of Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi by 06.00 PM on 06.08.2020.

The technical bids shall be opened at 11.00 AM on 07.08.2020 in Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives with Valid ID Card and authorization letter.

The competent authority of the Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi reserves the right to annul any or all bids without assigning any reason. No request of extension of opening date/time of tenders will be considered.

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer
Jharkhand Bhawan, New Delhi-110057

PR 231083 Industries(20-21)D



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	H.S.A.M. BOARD, ROHTAK	SPECIAL REPAIR OF 4 NO. GROUPS UNDER WORK PLAN 2020-21 (PHASE-I)	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2020	As per approved OMET	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 xeromh.tsbmb@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHNAL	SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION OF EXISTING DUMP SITE AT KHURANA, KATHNAL	22.07.2020 11.08.2020	758 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	96717-90078 himanshu_jaisla@gov.in
3	HVRPL	SURFACE DRESSING AND GRAVELLING IN 132KV AND 33KV YARD AT 132 KV SUB-STATION BHATTU KALAN	CLOSING DATE 10.08.2020	2.66 Lacs	https://www.hvpln.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpln.org.in
4	HVRPL	REPLACEMENT OF 3 NO. 220 KV SF-6 GAS CIRCUIT BREAKER OF 220 KV (A) HISAR-WASUDPUR CKT-182 AND 220 KV BUS COUPLER AT 220KV SUBSTATION, INDUSTRIAL AREA, HISAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 11.08.2020	3.98 LACS	https://www.hvpln.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpln.org.in
5	H.S.A.M. BOARD, PANCHKULA	PDG IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING SODIUM LIGHTS WITH LED LIGHTS IN OGNUNAN AT SUB YARD JHANSI + 25 OTHER WORKS	11.08.2020 14.08.2020	4.33 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812100311 sarelectpk2019@yahoo.com
6	CAD DIVISION, BHIMAWAT	LINING/EXTENSION OF WATERCOURSES (1 NOS.)	Bid opening Date: 06.08.2020 at 02:00 P.M.	Detail of amount in the NIT published online	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-244273 xerzhwaniacd@gmail.com
7	H.S.A.M. BOARD, PANCHKULA	SHIFTING OF SUB-STATION, 11KV H.T. FEEDER AND L.T. LINES FROM APPLE MARKET PREMISES, PUNICRE TO H.M.T. PREMISES, PUNICRE (PANCHKULA)	11.08.2020 14.08.2020	13.38 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812100311 sarelectpk2019@yahoo.com
8	CHBN	HIRING OF BOILER JEOP/CAR UNDER VIB DIVN., HISAR NIT NO. 02/MSP/HSR/2020-21	21.07.2020 06.08.2020	-47.05 LACS	www.chbvn.org.in	8055889683 xernghpssar@chbvn.org.in
9	CHBN	REQUIREMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE VACUUM INTERRUPTER FOR VARIOUS 33 KV S/STN. UNDER (OP) CIRCLE CHBN/TAHABAD FOR FY 2020-21	22.07.2020 11.08.2020	9.02 LACS	www.chbvn.org.in	01667-223777 sarelectpk2019@yahoo.com
10	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, MANGAL CHODHARY	ROUGH COST ESTIMATE FOR BIO REMEDIATION OF OLD LEGACY WASTE OF MC MANGAL CHODHARY SITUATED NEAR KRISHNAWATI RIVER DUMPSITE	CLOSING DATE 04.08.2020	EMD 28940/-	https://www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9812387504 secymchd@gmail.com
11	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA CITY	SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION OF EXISTING DUMPSITE AT VILLAGE RATVI, AMBALA	22.07.2020 17.08.2020	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2443747
12	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, GURUGRAM	RE-CONSTRUCTION RMC 18-40 ROAD AND RCC SLAB ON STROM WATER DRAIN FROM SHANI MANDIR TO BENDU CHOWK IN KHURJA DALLA VILLAGE, WARD NO. 24, UNDER H.C. GURUGRAM + 1 OTHER WORK	OPENING CLOSING DATE 13.08.2020	2.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9999558284
13	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AROUND GRAVEYARD, HIMSHOG				

Classifieds

PERSONAL

Anju Bala D/o Late Sh. Asha Nand W/o Sh.Tarun Kumar Narula R/o BH-12, West Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name after marriage to Anjali Narula for all purposes. 0040542591-4

I, Vimalish Kumari Sharma W/o-jc 761711h sub Anil Kumar Sharma, Resident.of,H.No-1-lalita Nagar,colony jai Guru Dev temple-Salimpur rod mathura-281004 (u. P)my Actual date,of birth,is,28/10/1970,instead,of,0 1/07/1972,for All-Future,Purposes, Vide Affidavit.No-06AE091221 Date02/7/2020 (mathura u.P.). 0040542661-3

I, Vivek Vohra S/o Vinod Vohra R/o B-207, Behind Piplu Square, Sushant lok-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my minor daughter's name from Yati Vohra aged 14 years to Raizel Vohra forever 0070709311-1

I, Usha Sharma, W/o N.P Sharma R/o-505 Guru Ram Dass-Nagar Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name Usha Rani,FOR all purposes. 0040542617-4

I, Susheel Kumar S/o Surinder Kumar R/o H.No.154/SF, Block-6, Subhash Nagar, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Sushil Trikha. 0040542621-5

I, Shalu Alias Shalu Agarwal D/o Amrik Singh and W/o Tarun Agarwal R/o 182, Panditwari Phase-2, Dehradun, Chakrata Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001, have changed my name to Somya Agarwal 0070709313-1

I, Sanghmith S/O Ram Dass R/o C-107, Plot No. GH-9, GAIL Society, Sector-56, Gurgaon HR-122011, Have Changed my Name to Sangh Mitter. 0040542617-7

I, SAEDOO SINGH S/O ARJUN SINGH, R/O-C2 NEW-ASHIYANA APARTMENT SEC-21D FARIDABAD HR-121012, have changed my name to SARDOOL SINGH. 0040542617-1

I, Rudraksh S/o-Satish Kumar Meena R/o-486, Four-Storey Qtrs,Tagore-Garden Extn, Vishal-Enclave New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Rudraksh Meena. 0040542621-7

I, Rinku S/o Sh. Mahesh Pal Singh, R/o 119-A, 3rd Floor, Flat No. C6, Humayunpur, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029 have changed my name to Sam Ryu for all purposes. 0040542558-1

I, Parth S/o Shri.Yogesh Kumar, R/o H-28 Ward-08, Ramesh-Nagar Tehsil-Camp Panipat, Haryana-132103, that in my school-certificate and marksheet (10th & 12th-class) issued by CBSE my father-name has been wrongly-written as Rahul Sharma instead of Yogesh Kumar which may be amended accordingly. 0040542617-6

I, Paramjit kaur W/o-Jasvinder Singh R/o WZ-41A/2, Sant Garh, Gali.No.10, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18 Have Changed, My Name to Paramjeet Kaur. 0040542601-1

I, Pankaj Kumar Vasudev S/o Charanjit Lal H.No.A-167, Gali.No.44, Arya Samaj-Road, Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Pankaj Vasudeva. 0040542617-8

I, Usha Devi W/o Ashok Kumar R/o HNo-22, Village Vishvanathgaj, Khagaria, Bihar-851204, have changed my name to Pramatra Devi 0070709315-1

I, Nitesh Kumar Bafna, S/o Chandra Prakash Jain, R/o Flat No.166, 6th Floor, Sargodha Vihar, CGHS Ltd. Plot No.13, Sec-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, has changed my name to Nitesh Kumar Jain for all purposes. 0040542555-1

I, Neha Rohila D/o Vinod Kumar R/o A-182 Ground-Floor Pratap Vihar Ghaziabad U.P.-201009 changed my name to Persis Hanna. 0040542621-1

I, Mukesh Kumar R/o MT Seaction HQ Wac (u)AF subroto-park, new Delhi-110010, have changed my minor Daughter's name shatakshi priya to shatakshi priya vide Affidavit Dated-23/07/2020, before NCT-Delhi. 0040542621-8

I, Kamaljit Singh S/o Dilbagh Singh R/o A-3/425, Sultanpuri C-Block, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Kamal Jeet Singh. 0040542621-4

I, M Pandi S/o C Muthu R/o 1477, Lodhi Road Complex, Delhi-110003, have changed my name to Kartik Aaryan 0070709310-1

I, KAMALA DEVI, D/o TejRam, DOB (01/01/1948) residing at (1629/28 Faridabad, Haryana), have changed my name to KAMLA DEVI for all purposes. 0040542566-1

I, Chhininda D/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar Mandavi R/o H.No.E-3, Phase-1, Qutub Vihar, South West Delhi, Delhi-110071 have changed my name to Chanchal for all purposes. 0040542591-5

I, JITENDRA JADHAV, S/o SHANKARRAO JADHAV, R/o-L-167, TYPE-II 2NDFLOOR GOVT-QTRS CHITRA GUPTA-ROAD ARAM-BAGH PAHARGANJ, DELHI-110055, have changed my name to JITENDRA SHANKARRAO JADHAV. 0040542621-6

I, INDERAJ SINGH, S/o IT.DULI CHAND, ADDRESS-1683 LODHI-ROAD COMPLEX, NEW DELHI, have changed my name to INDRAJ SINGH, for all future purposes. 0040542617-2

I, Dipesh Chhabdi H.No-25, Molarband Village, Badapur, Delhi-110044, have changed my minor son's name Mayank Chhabdi to Manraj Singh Chhabdi. 0040542661-2

I, Dharmendra Kumar Sah S/o Kaladhar Sah R/o H.No.1138, Gali No.12, Kapashera Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Dharmendra Kumar. 0040542621-3

I, Christian Seema Emmanuel Alias Seema Christian W/o Rajan John R/o Girjaghar ke Andar, Purani Sabji Mandi, Kota City, kota, rajasthan-324006, have changed my name to Seema Christian 0070709339-1

I, Bimlesh/Bimlesh Devi, W/O Mr.Bhagwan Dass Kabira, R/O-House No. D-18, Harsh Dev Park, Budh Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Vimlesh Kabira. 0070709339-1

I, Amit Kumar Kashyap S/O Zile Singh R/O plot no-14, Sec- A -10, pocket-2, Narela Delhi-40 have change my name to Amit Kumar for all purposes. 0040542564-1

I, Akhilesh Mishra Alias Akhileswar Misra Alias A. Mishra S/O Kokil Mishra R/o St No-10, Qtr No-B-2/B, PC-Chittaranjan, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, WB-713331, have changed my name to Akhileshwar Mishra 0070709320-1

I, Ajit Kumar Nagpal R/O-House No.281-282/14, Gali.No.9, Ward.No.16, Arjun Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my son's name Dhruv to Dhruv Nagpal for all, future purpose. 0040542617-9

I, Abhishek Rohila S/o Vinod Kumar R/o KA-182 Ground-Floor Pratap Vihar Ghaziabad U.P.-201009 changed my name to Abhishek Jonathan. 0040542621-2

I, Taarinie Kochhar D/o Sh. Varun Kochhar R/o 10, LIC Apartments, Arjun Nagar, East Delhi-110032 have changed my name from Taarinie Kochhar to Taarinie Rai Kochhar for all future purposes. 0040542565-1

I, Rameezuddin Raja S/o Naseemuddin R/O 3405, Bagechi Achhaji near Choti Masjid, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-6 have changed my Name From Rameezuddin to Rameezuddin Raja for All Future Purposes. 0040542569-2

I, Ram Parkash Dagar S/o Hari Singh R/o Jajru (52), Sagarpur, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004, have changed my name to Ramparkash 0070709319-1

I, Poonam Vig W/o Rajeev Madan R/o 8, Mother Dairy, Gandhi Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201001, have changed my name to Sarita Madan 0070709321-1

I, MUKESH KUMAR S/o LALTA PRASAD R/o-RZ-68/397 GALI.No.1-A, SHIVPURI WEST-SAGARPUR NANGAL RAYAR, DELHI-110046, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUKESH KASHYAP, FOR ALL PURPOSES 0040542617-5

I, Lovenshi Malik S/o Uday Singh Malik R/o House No-889/22A, Gali No-6I, Gaudinagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Luv Malik 0070709323-1

I, Jyoti Devi Sangotra Alias Jyoti D/o Manohar Lal R/O RZC-3/190A, 1st Floor, Western Side Fort Side, Mahavir Enclave, palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Jyoti Manohar Nath Sangotra 0070709305-1

I, Chitrnanjan Dass Alias Chitrnanjan Dass Mahant S/o Damodar Dass R/o Samoli (136), Shimla, HP-171207, have finally changed my name to Chitrnanjan Dass Mahant 0070709322-1

I, Sunita D/o Khem Chand R/o 93/1, PO-Tikkar, Tehsil-Sadar, Bhadyal, Mandi, HP-175006, have changed my name to Sukashya 0070709316-1

I, Anju Rawat W/o Deepak Yadav R/o Vill-Moonpur, post-Jaguwas, Alwar, Rajasthan-301701, have changed my name to Anju Yadav 0070709333-1

Jagjit Kaur W/o Sh. Parshotam Singh, R/o S-1/159(GF) Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18 is also known as Jagjeet Kaur. Both names belong to one and the same person. 0040542591-2

I, Shagufta Jabeen Beigh D/o Gulnam Nafi Beigh R/o House No-270, Sector-17A, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Zubin Eirene for all purpose 0070709324-1

I, MEENU YADAV, W/O ANIL YADAV R/O H.NO.2478 BL OCK-A GALI.NO.3 JAIN NAGAR KARALA DELHI-110081, changed My name to MEENAKSHI YADAV. 0040542617-3

I Sidak Bhatia S/O Saranjeet Singh Bhatia R/O GH-13/700, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Sidak Singh Bhatia. 0040542604-1

I Sneh Lata W/O, Ved Parkash Goel R/O D-12, Bhagwan Das Nagar, East Punjabi Bagh have changed my name to Sneh Goel for all purposes. 0040542524-1

I Shrepa Arora D/o Late Sh. Surinder Kumar Arora W/o Sh.Rahul Luthra R/O C-218, First Floor, Surya Nagar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-120111 have changed my name after marriage to Shruti Luthra for all purposes. 0040542591-3

I Shatmanyu Tomar S/O, Rajeev Singh Tomar R/O Victoria A 502, Grand Omexor, Sector-93b, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.p -201304 have changed my name to Shatmanyu Singh Tomar for all purposes. 0040542576-1

I Saad Shakeel S/o Shakeel Ahmed R/o 1002, Neem Street, H.H. Haider, Punjabi Phatak, Ballimaran Delhi-6 declare that name of my father and Mother has been wrongly written as Mohd Shakeel and Shabana Begum respectively in my Educational Documents the Correct name of my father and Mother is Shakeel Ahmed and Sadaf Shakeel respectively 0040542569-1

I Rina Devi W/O Shankar Tiwari born on 03/04/1981 residing at D-9/10A Upper GF Prem Nagar Uttam Nagar New Delhi have changed my name to Reena Tiwari vide affidavit dated 22/07/2020 0050166874-1

I POOJA W/O NO 14663660A NK KRISHAN VEER SINGH RESIDENT OF VILL- DARIYAPUR, POST- SIMBHAOLI, DIST- HAPUR(U.P.), MY ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH IS 02 APR 1987 INSTEAD OF 31 OCT 1986 FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES, VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 10/7/2020 BEFORE MADAN LAL GUPTA 0040541701-6

LOST & FOUND

I, Praveen Kumar Vats s/o Sh. T. R. Sharma r/o 2, Paschim Marg, Vasant Vihar, Delhi, declare that I have lost my passing certificate and mark-sheet of Secondary & Senior School Certificate Examination issued by CBSE vide Roll No.6389247 (1994) and Roll No.6661752 (1996), along with my 3 years mark-sheets issued by Delhi University for B.Com (H) vide Enrolment No.ZH-279/96 and Roll No.127952. 0040542591-1

I, Rishabh Sharma s/o anil kishore sharma r/o M-86, 3rd floor gali no.5 shastri nagar, Delhi-52 lost 12th CBSE certificate, roll no. 9147080, year- 2018. If found pls inform. 0040542603-1

M/S Newage Infrapromoters Pvt.Ltd. R/o H-215, Sector-63 Noida, lost original documents of Plot.No.5/1118 of wave city, Ghaziabad 1). Payment Receipts 2). Builder buyers agreement. 0040542601-2

LOST & FOUND
We, Kamran Khan S/o Sh. Asjad Khan & Mrs. Sanobar Rana W/o Kamran Khan R/o Flat No.730, Tower-6, Ashiana Upvan, Ahinsa Khurd, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have lost our Original General Power Of Attorney in favour of Mr. Rashid Ali Khan S/o Sh. Kasimuddin Khan R/o B-260, Sector-19, Noida-201301, executed in Doha Qatar on 27-01-2009, stamped by AIG (Stamp), G.B. Nagar, Up vide challan no. 98 dated 05-02-2009 for execution of recovery on 21/02/2009 vide Book No.1, Volume No.1398, Pages 730 to 776, Sr. No.532 of Flat No.730, Tower-6, Ashiana Upvan, Ahinsa Khurd-2, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad, U.P. 201014. If found contact Kamran Khan, Mob. -9650418934.

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Take Notice that my client Mr. Salween S/o Md. Zahid, residing at F-3815/12, Sangam Vihar, Delhi, New Delhi-110062 has divorced his wife namely Noore Saba, present address not known, from all his movable and immovable properties due her removal and disponent control. Noore Saba is therefore, not authorized to enter any kind of agreement, arrangement, change, encumbrance, lien, over all movable and immovable properties of Mr. Salween in specially power F-3815/12, Sangam Vihar, Dock, 110062. Anybody dealing with Noore Saba in respect to movable and immovable property will be doing so at his own risk, cost and consequences, as she has no right, title or interest in the same. Furthermore Mr. Salween would not be responsible for any acts and deeds on part of Noore Saba. Sd/-VIKAS GUPTA Advocate Add: B-19, Taji Enclave, New Delhi-110062

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Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Vin Gautham S/o Late Sh. S. N. Gautham and his wife, Smt. Kamlesh Gautham R/o A-347, Gali No. 19, Shyam Colony, Budh Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi-110086, have severed all their relationships with their son Vivek Gautham from all their properties movable and immovable, whatsoever and wheresoever situated and also severed all their relations, social and economic, and from him for his misbehavior and adamant attitude. Any dealing with him shall be at his/her/their own risks and my clients shall not be responsible for the same. Sd/- Rajender Kumar Sawast (Advocate) Ch. No. V-6, Opp. SBI, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that my client Chittar Mal S/o Chhagan Lal R/o E-83, Rao Vihar, Gali No. 5, Nanoli, Delhi-41 and Owner of B-33, PVC Bazaar, Tikri Border, Delhi-41. The original DDA Letter, Lessee Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Sight Possession slip, Original Chalan & other document in Respect Property No. B-33, PVC Bazaar, Tikri Border, Delhi-41 has been impounded. As F.I.R in this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi Vide LR No.419125/2020. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession or original document, may write/contact with above address Phone No. 999982292 in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice or Deputy Commissioner of Land, A-111, DDA Vikas Sदन, INA, New Delhi-110023. S.K. Gupta (Advocate) Ch.No. D-209, Karkardoma Court, Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby notified that my client(s) Shri Aksh Jain & Smt. Simmi Jain, in respect of property at : Entire Third Floor with terrace rights of the Freehold No. H-58A, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 2854, dated 03/03/2014 It is hereby notified that any person or entity, Firm / Company, Bank, HUF or any legal/financial institution having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of document has been mentioned above, or otherwise and/or objection to thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof court judgement within 15 days from the date of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment. **Mithlesh Kumar (Advocate)** Ch. No. 717, District Courts Rohini, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to the general public that my client Smt. Meeta Prasad W/O Narender Prasad, R/O A2B, 179B, Ecia Appis, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 is the true and lawful owner of plot of land situated at Maaja Bhondli, Teh-Sohna, District, Gurgaon, Haryana/Khata No. 1151/1390, M.No. 107, Kila No. 218-01, 918-01, 1218-22, 191(16-0), 192(2-0), 223(0-0), Kila-8, Ranka-6, Chakrad-0, Maria K-607200, Bhag Bhagad-0, Kanal-6, Maria-6 purchased from Smt. Kavita W/o Dharmendra, by virtue of Sale Deed dated 21/03/2012. The general public is hereby informed/ cautioned not to buy, sell or deal in any manner whatsoever with above mentioned property. If anybody does so his/her/they would be deemed to be at his/her/their own risk and consequences. **Sd/- BHANU ADVOCATE ENO. D143820216 CHAMBER- 1120, 11th Floor, ROHINI COURT COMPLEX, ROHINI, DELHI**

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Be known to all that I Mushtaq Ahmad Salik (DoB 10.04.1950) s/o Late Nazeer Ahmad (wrongly written as Nazir Ahmed in pilgrim pass number BV1477 dated 11.06.1955 issued by office of the port huj committee Bombay) R/O C-35/B, Abdul Fazal Enclave-1, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-25, added name 'Salik' in my name in 1965 and I am also known as Salik Dhampurji, my pen name. I added Salik word in my daughter Farzana's name when she was minor. From now onwards I shall be known as 'Mushtaq Ahmad Salik' for all purposes

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Be it known to all that (1) Shri Atul Aggarwal & (2) Shri Rajeev Kumar Aggarwal both sons of Late Shri Ran Kishan Aggarwal both residents of C-148, Madhuban Delhi 110092 representing themselves as joint and absolute owners of the entire freehold built up property no C-196, situated at Madhuban New Delhi Measuring 330 square yards had agreed to sell and transfer the same to my client vide written agreement free from all encumbrances charges liens etc. Advance money under the said agreement has already been paid by my client. Any person(s)/institution/govt authorities having any claim/ existing interest , if any in the said property should immediately contact the undersigned with complete details thereof, within 10 days of publication, failing which my client will proceed for purchase of said property & no claim regarding the above mentioned property will be entertained. **Advocate- Tushar Sharma B-1/103 Sant Nagar Delhi-84 Ph.: 9999592027, 9958821300**

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Alra Devi acquired the property i.e. hereditary No. V-101-B, area 10.000000 89.72 sq. yds. out of Kharsa No. 100, at Ghonda Ghura Khadar, Dispensary Wai Gali, Anand Nagar, Delhi-110029, dated 05.09.1982, further Mrs. Alra Devi died intestate leaving behind Mrs. Anjana Devi, Mrs. Shridha Devi, Mrs. Shilpa Gupta and Mr. Vikas Gupta as her legal heirs and now Mr. Vikas Gupta is the undisputed owner of the said property. The undisturbed title Requisitionment Deed dated 23.05.2016. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, partnership or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to put in writing to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claim of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client. **AJAY KUMAR GIRI- ADVOCATE H.No. 28/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024**

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that our client Smt. Shashi Bala W/o. Anil Kumar R/o D-79, Mohamad Pur, New Delhi has divorced and disinherited her son Ankit Rishi R/o I-456, Ansari Nagar, East Campus New Delhi, from all her movable and immovable properties, assets Bank Account, etc. and has served all her social and economic relations due to his misconduct and misbehavior towards our client and anybody dealing with him may do so at his own risk and liability and our client henceforth shall not be responsible and liable for any acts deeds & things done by Ankit Kumar. **Anil Kumar Verma, Ashu Rani (Advocates) Off.: 3, Ram Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-19**

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my client, Suchita Maskara W/o. Lalit Maskara R/o C-90, Indrapuri, New Delhi-110012 to all concerned for the information and as if anyone having related to property no. RA-9, Sector-19, New Delhi as my client's owner of the above said property and has lost original Requisitionment deed registered in SRH with no. 792 in additional Book No. 1 volume no 7476 on pages 107 to 108 dated 05.10.1993 and the report same has been lodged in PS crime branch dated 13.06.2020 with File No. 352209/2020. I call upon any person whosoever claims on to lodge claim or whosoever found the document in original, may contact the undersigned within 15 days of this advertisement. **Sd/- PRATEEK TANWAR Advocate DR925200**

14 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 38,140.47 ▲ 268.95 NIFTY: 11,215.45 ▲ 82.85 NIKKEI: 22,751.61 ▼ 132.61 HANG SENG: 25,263.00 ▲ 205.06 FTSE: 6,211.44 ▲ 4.34 DAX: 13,103.39 ▼ 0.86



GOLD

₹51,443



RUPEE

₹74.75



OIL

\$43.28



SILVER

₹62,760

Note: Gold, silver rates at spot market in Delhi; gold per 10g; silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 0000 IST

International market data till 1900 IST

‘ECONOMY TO RECOVER SHARPLY NEXT YEAR — V-SHAPED BOUNCE BACK’

No direct monetisation plan yet: DEA Secy

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE GOVERNMENT does not have any plan to pursue direct monetisation of its debt with the central bank at the moment, but plans to extend production linked incentives to more sectors to boost local manufacturing, Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said Thursday. He said government revenues have started picking up with additional levies on petrol and diesel helping to raise tax mop-up.

While data from various agen-

EXPLAINED

What is monetisation?

MONETISATION SIMPLY means that the RBI directly funds the central government's deficit. Until 1997, the government used to sell securities — ad hoc Treasury-Bills — directly to the RBI, and not to financial market participants.

cies, including World Bank and IMF suggest GDP contraction this

year, the economy is expected to recover sharply next year, indicating a V-shaped recovery, he said.

“At this point of time, I have some calculations. I have some plans in mind ... RBI has assisted us in a great deal this time. At this point of time monetisation is not on the table at all. It has not been discussed with the central bank also,” he said at a FICCI conference on capital markets organised through a video link.

Still, he said he'd better able to answer this question in 3-4 months when more data on revenue position become available.

Monetisation simply means

that the RBI directly funds the central government's deficit. Until 1997, the government used to sell securities — ad hoc Treasury-Bills — directly to the RBI, and not to financial market participants. This allowed the government to technically print equivalent amount of currency to meet its Budget deficit.

Amid falling revenues and a likely contraction in growth, the government has already increased its borrowing target by over 50 per cent from Rs 7.8 lakh crore to Rs 12 lakh crore in May. Even as government may miss its Budget targets, the contraction in the economy may not be as bad as some people

have projected, he indicated.

To boost domestic manufacturing, production-linked incentives announced for mobile and medical gear and pharma, will be extended to 4-6 more sunrise sectors with a lot of export potential.

The Centre expects growth to come back from next year, while agriculture sector has been doing well even this year with good rabi crop production and expectations of a good kharif crop as well. The government will soon decide on privatisation of two sets of six Indian airports, including those in Amritsar, Indore, Ranchi, Trichy, Bhubaneswar and Raipur, he said.

GST, I-T numbers show recovery signs, but certain sectors facing difficulty: Finance Secy

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

TAX REVENUE collections and e-way bills trends show that the economy is coming back on track and recovering sooner than what was anticipated at the time of the lockdown in March, though sectors such as hospitality, education and tourism are facing difficulties, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said Thursday.

Direct tax mop-up in the first

quarter have been 80 per cent of last year's Q1 collection, Pandey said, adding that income tax revenue may be affected more due to the pandemic than indirect taxes.

“For the month of June, going by the current trends, we have certain trends about how many people have made payment so far, and also the e-way bill ... truck movement ... all these things are giving encouraging signals that the economy is coming back to the realm sooner than what was being anticipated when the lock-

down was started in March,” he said while addressing a Ficci event.

“These two numbers — GST and income tax — are encouraging numbers and also gives us some hope that wherever possible, businesses are finding ways to get started. But there were certain sectors ... which are facing difficulty,” Pandey added. He also said taxation data for any entity used to exist in silos, but with the new Form 26AS, all information would be available to taxpayers to assist in accurately reporting income.

Amid rising bad loans, losses and COVID disruption, bank staff to get 15% salary hike

GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, JULY 23

AROUND 8.5 lakh bank employees will get a 15 per cent increase in their salary packages with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the United Forum of Bank Unions (UBFU) late Wednesday signing a memorandum of understanding on the salary negotiation package. The wage revision, which will cost banks around Rs 7,900 crore, will be effective from November 1, 2017. Bank managements and unions have agreed to introduce the system of performance-linked incentive (PLI) in public sector banks for the first time.

The salary hike move will benefit employees of PSU banks, old generation private banks and some foreign banks, while PLI is optional for private and foreign banks. The annual wage increase in salary and allowance is agreed at 15 per cent of the wage bill as on March 31, 2017. This works out to Rs 7,898 crore on pay slip components. While employee unions had de-

manded a 20 per cent hike, the final agreement came to 15 per cent.

The wage hike has come at a time when most PSU banks had reported heavy losses in the last several quarters, and losses and NPAs are expected to pile up going forward due to impact on COVID-19 pandemic on economic activity. However, industry sources said the hike won't be a burden on banks as it was expected and made provisions accordingly.

PLI in PSBs is being introduced which will be based on the operating profit/net profit of the individual bank. This will be optional for private and foreign banks. As per the formula, if the year-on-year growth in operating profit is less than 5 per cent, there's no incentive; for profit growth between 5 and 10 per cent, five days salary will be given as incentive. If it is between 10 and 15 per cent, 10 days salary will be given, and in the case of 15 per cent-plus growth, 15 days' salary. While PLI has been introduced to motivate employees, it may be difficult in reality since banks are expected to post losses in coming quarters, sources said.

Fund for stressed realty projects: ₹8,767 cr cleared for 18 projects

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A STRESSED asset fund set sponsored by the government has so far approved funding for 81 housing projects across the country, entailing an investment of Rs 8,767 crore. Investments in 18 of these 81 projects have been given final clearance and disbursement is at various stages across 7 residential projects, a Finance Ministry statement said Thursday.

Last November, the Centre had announced the plan for a special window to provide priority debt financing for completion of stalled housing projects. Managed by SB-ICAP Ventures, the SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable and Mid Income Housing) Investment Fund I, is also examining applications from 353 stressed projects for additional funding.

In a review meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked officials to speed up efforts to “complete construction of projects for which last mile funding has been sanctioned”.

‘Sharing raw non-personal data will encourage innovation’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE GOVERNMENT committee on non-personal data governance framework has suggested that all raw non-personal data must be shared between government and non-government entities for a healthy innovation ecosystem to develop.

In a virtual press conference on Thursday, the committee members suggested that companies must allow open access to the raw data they collect from their users. Such entities, however, will be under no obligation to share any data or data-related conclusions they derive by using proprietary algorithms.

The adjudication of whether a data should be shared between entities, whether government or non-government, will be decided by the non-personal data authority, the chairperson of the nine-member committee, Kris Gopalakrishnan said.

Earlier this month, the committee had made public its draft report in which it had suggested that entities such as hospitals, banks, and other industries which collect, store, process or manage data in any form must also register themselves as a ‘data business’ once they cross a certain data collection and storage threshold.

The nine-member Gopalakrishnan-headed committee had then also suggested that such entities declare their businesses, the various elements of the data they collect, the mechanism for the same and whether the data is stored in a secure facility.

BRIEFLY

FM reviews CPSE capex

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday reviewed capex plans of PSUs belonging to large infrastructure ministries, and asked them to chase their FY21 targets.

GST e-invoicing from Oct 1

New Delhi: The Centre will notify a new GST e-invoice scheme, under which businesses with turnover of Rs 500 crore and above will generate all invoices on a centralised government portal, starting October 1.

‘Monetisation by RBI has a cost’

Mumbai: Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan Thursday said the central bank has been buying government debt on the back of excess liquidity but cautioned that this comes at a cost.

Flipkart digital marketplace

Bengaluru: Flipkart Group Thursday announced launch of Flipkart Wholesale, a new digital marketplace, and acquisition of 100 per cent stake in Wal-Mart India Private Limited. **PTI**

Express Group acquires insurance web aggregator MyInsuranceClub

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE INDIAN Express Group announced Thursday its entry into insurance web aggregation space by acquiring 100 per cent stake in MyInsuranceClub. While the deal was signed earlier this year, it got concluded recently after receiving the approval of the regulator — Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

As an insurance web aggregator, selling both life and non-life insurance products, MyInsuranceClub (MIC) is expected to benefit from the reach of The Indian Express Group, which is one of the world's largest digital news groups reaching over 140 million users/month (according to Comscore Media Metrix May 2020) across the world in six languages.

An IRDAI-licensed insurance web aggregator, MIC has been an early entrant into the insurance comparison business in India. Despite the change in the ownership, MIC founders Deepak Yohannan (CEO) and Manoj Aswani (COO) will continue to run



and operate the business under the new shareholders and will report to Sanjay Sindhvani — Digital CEO, Indian Express Group.

Anant Goenka, executive director of The Indian Express Group, said, “We liked the space and the people who are running the company, plus we saw synergies with our media business which now reaches more than 140M unique users/month. With low insurance penetration in India, this space offers huge opportunity for growth. As a media and marketing organisation our skills in building a strong and trusted brand will work to the advantage of MyInsuranceClub to enable it to become a significant player in this business, and be a first step for us to diversify our revenue streams beyond advertising.”

Yohannan said, “This acquisition offers two benefits... Firstly, for

any insurance business to succeed, trust plays a crucial role. With brand “Indian Express” on board, we hope to solve that problem to a large extent. Secondly, the group has very large digital footprint in multiple regional languages. This can be a great catalyst for our on-line-only business like ours. We are very excited in this new phase of our entrepreneurial journey.”

While MIC has been focussing on selling term insurance and health insurance plans, the company said that it will now also focus on the other retail plans like motor and travel insurance. On the customer acquisition front, the company has built a strong organic channel and gets a little less than half a million monthly users, totally free of cost. The Indian Express Group was advised by Lastaki Advisors for this transaction.

Forensic audit flags 2012 stake sale of IL&FS arm to Singapore-based firm

KHUSHBOONARAYAN

MUMBAI, JULY 23

A FORENSIC audit of IL&FS Tamil Nadu Power Company Ltd (ITPCL) has flagged its 2012 equity stake sale to a Singapore firm, AS Coal Resource Pte Limited, controlled by Jaimin Vyas, a British national.

The audit report, prepared by Grant Thornton, has raised concerns over the transaction underlying the sale of ITPCL stake to AS Coal Resource as it has found that SEPCO Electric Power Construction Corporation, a Chinese construction and engineering company, allegedly provided financial assistance of about Rs 800 crore to entities associated with Vyas, for acquisition of ITPCL shares.

The audit report, submitted to a consortium of lenders led by Punjab National Bank in June 2020, has found that SEPCO was one of the contractors of ITPCL and

it had received money from the power firm for various contracts.

ITPCL operates a 1,200-MW imported coal-based plant in Cuddalore. Around Rs 10,600 crore was invested in the project, of which public sector banks have given loans of Rs 6,080 crore and IL&FS Energy Development Company Ltd (IEDCL), a subsidiary of IL&FS, has put in Rs 4,560 crore. ITPCL, which is undergoing insolvency proceedings, owes over Rs 6,700 crore to banks and about Rs 900 crore to IL&FS entities. At present, AS Coal Resource has 8.6 per cent stake in ITPCL and IEDCL holds the remaining 91.4 per cent.

Former petroleum and natural gas secretary MS Srinivasan was the chairman of ITPCL when AS Coal Resource bought the stake in ITPCL. “I have no comments. I left the company one-and-a-half-years ago,” Srinivasan, who joined the company in 2008 and quit in November 2018, told *The Indian*

Express over the phone. Emails sent to AS Coal and SEPCO Electric Power Construction Corporation did not elicit any response.

Bijay Kumar, deputy MD of IL&FS, Monday called the transactions reported in the audit as “objectionable”, adding that the issue has been referred to RBI and investigating agencies are probing the IL&FS collapse.

Sources said the Enforcement Directorate has issued a lookout circular against Jaimin Vyas and sent letter rogatory to Singapore seeking information on AS Coal Resource and entities related to it. The audit also flagged alleged irregularities in pricing and acquisition of land for ITPCL's Cuddalore plant through an aide of a DMK politician, as well as ITPCL's acquisition of an Indonesian coal mine domiciled under IL&FS Maritime Offshore Pte Limited.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

‘General Atlantic, Sequoia Capital weigh taking over TikTok from parent ByteDance’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH MANY jurisdictions including the US and India turning the heat on short-video app TikTok, two of its investors — General Atlantic and Sequoia Capital — are considering taking the platform over from its owner ByteDance, which was founded in China and subsequently relocated its base.

According to a report by *Financial Times*, the two investment firms are in discussions with the US government and other regulators regarding the takeover and are considering spinning TikTok out and firewalling it from its parents to allay concerns raised by the United States. General Atlantic declined to comment for the story. ByteDance and Sequoia Capital did not respond to e-mail queries.

Last week, US President Donald Trump's election campaign alleged that TikTok was “spying” on its American users. Last month, India banned TikTok (along with 58 other apps with Chinese links)

As per a *Financial Times* report, the two investment firms are in discussions with the US and other regulators regarding the takeover

citing a threat to national security. Since then, New Delhi has signalled a number of curbs against Chinese investment in India.

While ByteDance has undergone corporate restructuring for the main parent entity to be incorporated in Cayman Islands, the company — according to a *Wall Street Journal* report — is planning to move its headquarters out of Beijing, given the scrutiny it has come under from its biggest markets. Notably, India is the largest market for TikTok, with over 611 million downloads, representing nearly a third of the video-platform's base, followed by China (where it operates under a different brand) and the US.

However, India does not make the cut as far as the top revenue-generating geographies are concerned for the app. In 2018-19, the first full year of the company's operations in the country, ByteDance India posted revenues of Rs 43.6 crore, and the company targeted revenues of Rs 100 crore for the next year. In the US, the app has been downloaded 165 million times, with revenues of \$86.5 million (over Rs 650 crore) in 2019. China, with nearly 197 million users, contributed \$331 million (around Rs 2,500 crore) during the year, according to Sensor Tower.

The parent entity ByteDance Ltd, based in Cayman Islands, has five subsidiaries, one of which is TikTok Ltd (also based in Cayman Islands). TikTok Ltd is the parent entity of US-based TikTok LLC and Singapore-based TikTok Pte Ltd which owns the India-operating entity. In May this year, ByteDance appointed a new COO Kevin Mayer, who is also the CEO of TikTok. Mayer was roped in from Disney, where he oversaw the development and rollout of Disney+

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

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Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Mangalore SEZ Limited
Mangalore Special Economic Zone, Sy.No. 168-3A, Plot No. U1 Administrative Building, Bajpe Village, Mangalore - 574 142 Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka

Extension of Tender Dates

The last date for issue of blank e-tender documents and deadline for uploading bids are extended as follows:

Name of work	Last date for issue of blank e-tender document		Deadline for submission of bids	
	Original	Revised	Original	Revised
Operation & Maintenance of River Water Infrastructure of MSEZ at Head Works- Sarapady, BPS- Jakhribettu and River Water Pipeline up to MSEZ for a period of 3 years - Contract Package No: MSEZ/O&M/RW/2020	24.07.2020	10.08.2020	15:00 hrs on 27.07.2020	15:00 hrs on 11.08.2020

Please refer website www.tenderwizard.com/MSEZ and www.mangaloresez.com for further details.

Sd/-, Chief Executive Officer
Mangalore SEZ Ltd, Mangaluru

Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd.
CIN U40102GJ2003SGC042909
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Sr. No.	Tender No.
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THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF OFFER(S) : ON OR BEFORE 06.08.2020.

MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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e-TENDER NOTICE

Selection of a Mobile App Technology Partner to Develop and Operate the Common Mobility App for Integrated Ticketing System in Mumbai Metropolitan Region

MMRDA invites proposals from International Reputed Bidders for Selection of a Mobile App Technology Partner to Develop and Operate the Common Mobility App for Integrated Ticketing System in Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available to download on e-tender portal : <https://etendermmrda.maharashtra.gov.in>, from 24.07.2020 - 15.00 hrs.

Please visit MMRDA website: <https://mmrda.maharashtra.gov.in/home> for further details. Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 06/08/2020 at 15:00 hrs via Video Conferencing (to receive the Video Conferencing Link- Refer Annexure 13 of RFP).

Date : 23/07/2020
Place : Mumbai
Adv. No/T&C/ITS/2020

Sd/-
Metropolitan Commissioner
MMRDA

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Date : 23/07/2020
Place : Mumbai
Adv. No/T&C/ITS/2020

Sd/-
Metropolitan Commissioner
MMRDA

CROSSWORD 4178



ACROSS

1 Laboratory equipment used to supply the answers (7)

5 We hear forty of the Romans do better (5)

8 So in love as to be transformed in demeanour (9)

9 In shape and size one is very like another (3)

10 A number set about a religious group (4)

12 It may advertise in glowing terms (4,4)

14 Produced returned bill and sued maker (6)

15 Outside the limits it's done by arrangement (6)

17 Remove it perhaps for extra pay (8)

21 Girl I object about (4)

21 It will be in many a winter sportsman's kit (3)

22 Disenbarks at the headland and makes a scene (9)

24 Neglected study may easily become so (5)

25 Is to change state briefly but appears indifferent (7)

Down

1 Possibly frees parts of the sail (5)

2 Potted plant leaves (3)

3 Measure up a door (4)

4 Presumably he looks forward to getting on the board (6)

5 Bury the hatchet though put in jeopardy? (8)

6 Tropic island produce (9)

7 Erudite composer shown the way out (7)

11 Primitive paintings in need of refinement (5,4)

13 People agree in thought (8)

14 Thwarted by interbreeding? (7)

16 Improves compensation (6)

19 A number get well and live (5)

20 Capital solo composition (4)

23 A church vault (3)


Solutions Crossword 4177: Across: 1 Perjurer, 5 Trip, 9 Award, 10 Flounce, 11 Shortcomings, 13 Masque, 14 Apache, 17 Nevertheless, 20 Talents, 21 Tails, 22 Date, 23 Teenager. Down: 1 Pear, 2 Reaches, 3 Undercurrent, 4 Effect, 6 Run in, 7 Pressmen, 8 Cosmopolitan, 12 Emanated, 15 Casting, 16 Chaste, 18 Valet, 19 Tsar.

JUMBLLED 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.

The art of _____ is no slight art, the pleasure not a slight pleasure - Michel de Montaigne (5,4)


GNEII




EHIRDN



KOLLN



AELNGW



SOLUTION: GNEII, KOLLN, EHIRDN, AELNGW

Answer: The art of **climbing** well is no slight art, the pleasure not a slight pleasure - Michel de Montaigne

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Due to administrative reason NIT No. 07/2020-21/W-V for the under noted work to be opened on 24.07.2020 is hereby cancelled.
The name of work and other details are as under :-

1.	Annual Zone work from PM-GGN section for period ending 30.06.2021. Tender Cost Rs. 3999606.95
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SUDOKU 4179

Difficulty Level 2s
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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 4178



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)



Assertive Martian alignments should now be having an effect, and today they're joined by emotional lunar patterns, indicating that if you should feel like showing off or being a bit of a prima-donna, go right ahead! And if you want to re-live former triumphs, why not?

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



Keep your wits about you at all times, mainly because what is now taking place away from your gaze will affect your future interests. It may be next week before you discover what partners are doing. The simple solution is to see to it that your own plans are watertight.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)



At work and at home you must keep the talking going, aware of the need for agreement. At the very least you must make sure that loved ones know your views on a promised gathering or engagement. If you explain yourself, then they can't pretend they didn't understand you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



It's time to get out and indulge in a spot of shopping therapy, hopefully today, but tomorrow will do if you really are tied up just now. There's nothing like spending a bit of money on an overdue treat to lift your morale. But, then, you still need a long-term solution, so don't imagine that you're off the hook.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



You are bathed in beneficial lunar alignments, and these are bound to make you feel increasingly emotional - and more compassionate. You may also be a little gullible, and hence a soft touch for some! So, keep a weather eye open for roving confidence tricksters.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)



You do tend to worry, and sometimes you wonder if you've backed the wrong horse. However, right now you should allow yourself a great deal more space to consider the options and give current developments time to work themselves out before making rash decisions.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)



Your social stars are beginning to look more buoyant, and you should keep your eye open for new friends and fascinating meetings. Where romance is concerned, it looks very much as if security is increasingly the main issue. You want to hang on to what you've got.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



Strident planetary aspects force you to choose between home and work, between family interests and outside ambitions. Once you have made your position clear, others should give you the freedom to go your own way. But is that really what you want? You won't know unless you've got it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



Let the past take care of itself and concentrate on the untried and untested solutions of the future. It will do you a power of good to improve conditions at work, spreading a bit of colour around and generally raising the quality of life. And while you're at it, why don't you reassure people you live with that you're right behind them?

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)



Perhaps long-term financial commitments and obligations are causing concern, but you will have to understand that partners may not share your outlook. Relax and trust a little more in the healing power of time. It's strange how what is so important today can be completely forgotten tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)



It's a fairly stressful day, but by no means a bad one. Much depends on how far you are prepared to welcome change, and to what extent you can turn friction to your advantage. It may be a cliché, but do look on the bright side, won't you? After all, optimism breeds success.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



Stay busy and keep active. It's a day to cope with routine chores, getting as much accomplished as you possibly can. The essential rule is that the harder you work now, the more time you'll have off later on. I know you know that, but it's worth reminding yourself, all the same.

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No./Engg./Add.C.E.O./GSCDCL/437

Date : 23-07-2020

Notice Inviting Tender
Gwalior Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. (GSCDCL) invites online for the following works:
The Details are as under:

S.No.	System E-Tender No.	Tender Name	EMD	Tender Fee	Date of Tender Purchase	Last Date of online bid submission
1.	2020_UAD-98846_1	Machine Repair works and Operation and Maintenance of Regional Art and Craft Design Centre 3rd Call Gwalior	96,657	10,000	22-Jul-2020 06:00 PM	13-Aug-2020 05:30 PM

Full details of the above tenders can be seen on www.mptenders.gov.in Amendments to NIT, if any shall be published on website only.

Add.C.E.O.

Gwalior Smart City Development Corporation Limited, Gwalior

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
1. The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HPPWD Janjhli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Balance work of M/T on Bagsaid to Thunag via Raindhur road Km 0/000 to 9/500 under NABARD (SH:- P/I M/T R/Wall, V-shape drain)	90,58,587/-	1,23,900/-	2000/-	Class A-B
2	C/o Govt. Sen. Secy School Kaharsi in Tehsil Chachyot Distt. Mandi (SH:- C/o building portion, WS&S, and site development)	2,24,55,347/-	2,57,100/-	5000/-	Class A
3	C/o additional accommodation (IT) Bagsaid in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (SH:- C/o R/Wall in front side in building)	5,98,166	11,500/-	500/-	Class C-D
4	C/o Govt. Senior Secondary School building at Bandal in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH:- Building portion and site development)	31,06,377/-	59,800/-	2000/-	Class C-B
5	C/o Missing CD work on Bilagad Magarugalla road Km 0/000 to 8/500 (SH:- C/o 3.00 mtr span R.C.C slab culvert with both side wing wall at RD 1/155)	9,11,619/-	20,000/-	500/-	Class C-D

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1. Date of Online Publication	04.08.2020 1130 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	04.08.2020 1130 HRS upto 18.08.2020 09.00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	04.08.2020 1130HRS upto 18.08.2020 09.00 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD Cost of Tender Document and original technical document	18.08.2020, 1030 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	18.08.2020 1100 HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS:
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Seraj Division H.P.PWD Janjhli Distt. Mandi as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 18.08.2020 at 11 00 HRS in the office Executive Engineer Seraj Division H.P.PWD Janjhli Distt. Mandi H.P by the authorised officer. In their interest the tender are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the dead-line date for bid submission.
8. The Bidder are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

(Er. K. K. Kaushal)
Executive Engineer
Seraj Division H.P.PWD
Janjhli Distt Mandi H.P

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Consignendum No.02

Tender Notice No. CON/2020/ May/05, Details of Consignendum No.2 against Tender No. CE/CON/SS/PW/2020/08 are available in www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Engineer/Con-II, Maligaon
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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

STORES DEPARTMENT
OPEN TENDER BATCH No. 36/20 Dated: 20.07.2020
E-Tender Notice for supply of materials "participation in through" web portal of IREPS www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials : The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00hr.
SI. No. 1. Tender No.: 04185018B, Brief Description: Body side stanchion for BOXNHL, Quantity : 1440 Nos. Published on/time : 15.07.20/16.26.24 Closing on: 17.08.20, Fund : Fund is available, SI. No. 2. Tender No.: 03195011A, Brief Description: Trap Chamber, Quantity : 125 set. Published on/time : 18.07.20/20.10.58 Closing on: 17.08.20, Fund : Fund is available. Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal
Principal Chief Material Manager
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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.SNT-RE-DNR-118 Date : 20.07.2020
Open e-tenders is single packet system are invited by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer, Railway Electrification, Danapur for & on behalf of the President of India for the work of:
Description : Details S.No.1. Name of the work with its Location : Work of Trenching & laying of underground signalling cables/power cables/ Telecom Cables, casting of foundations, supply of certain equipment/ materials, erection of apparatus cases & fixing of equipment, wiring, testing & commissioning in connection with modification of PUE/IRRI at stations and modification of MACLS at L.C.Gates in RUPSA (ROP)-BANGRIPOSI (BGV) Section of Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway under Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Railway Electrification, Danapur Kolkata to suit 25KVAC Traction. 2. Approximate Cost of Work : Rs. 84.65,130.69 (Eighty four Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty and sixty nine paise only) 3. Earnest money : Rs. 1,69,300/- (One Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred only) 4. Tender closing date and time : 13.08.2020 up to 15.00 hrs. 5. Website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen : (<http://www.ireps.gov.in>) Notice Board at the office of Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, Near Jagjeevan Stadium, PO Khagadi, District Patna, PIN-801105. NOTE : Original/revised bids are to be submitted online up to closing date and time on IREPS website only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. Tenderer should get the digital signing certificate and register them on this website to participate in the tender.
Dy. Chief Sig. & Tele. Engineer
Railway Electrification, Danapur
PR/0469/RE/S&T T/20-21/56

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The Kloppian art of gegenpressing

Liverpool's winning formula is a variation of an age-old tactic that the German manager has refined

SANDIP G
JULY 23

AFTER A nerve-wracking 5-3 win over Chelsea on Wednesday, Liverpool lifted the Premier League trophy. In front of empty stands at their home ground, Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp joined his players at the sanitised silverware presenting ceremony.

Around the world, millions of football fans hailed Klopp's unwavering ambition to produce aggressively beautiful football. Even among the neutrals there was excitement in the triumph of Liverpool's eye-catching style that embodies the German coach's attacking football philosophy based on "gegenpressing".

What exactly is gegenpressing? Who discovered it?

Literally, it means counter-pressing in German. But counter-pressing is not to pressing what counterattacking is to attacking. It's not countering a press — on the contrary, it's pressing a counter.

The fundamental principle is to start pressing as soon as you lose the ball, so that you could regain possession. Usually, when teams concede possession, especially in the opposition half, they retreat to reorganise their shape, bolstering the defence for the offensive onslaught. But Klopp's men, be it at Liverpool or when he was at Borussia Dortmund, begin to swarm the person with the ball, cutting his ball-distributing channels, crowding him out and intimidating him, so that he falters and surrenders the ball to them.

To use Klopp's words, "gegenpress them to death." Once his men reclaim possession, they buzz away like sparkling red wasps.

The tactic, ironically, has English roots. A cruder version was prevalent in the 1960s in England, but was systematically used in the Dutch league, where Ernst Happel's Feyenoord and Rinus Michels' Ajax Amsterdam deployed it occasionally. The Total Footballers under Michels borrowed certain principles of it in the 1974 World Cup. But these were mere facets, not the defining theme.

Later, Italian strategist Arrigo Sacchi wove gegenpressing into his successful Milan teams



Liverpool were handed the Premier League trophy on Wednesday. Reuters

EXPLAINED

Of the late 1980s and 1990s to counter the ultra-defensive approach of Italian rivals at that time. He realised that regaining possession higher up the pitch was the only way to create more goal-scoring opportunities.

But it was Klopp who refined the idea. In Germany, it's often lauded as the first German tactical innovation after Franz Beckenbauer redefined the role of sweeper in the 1970s. Beckenbauer, who managed the German team at the 1990 World Cup, had also masterfully deployed the tactic, especially in the pre-quarterfinal against the Netherlands. So had Italy's manager Azeglio Vicini.

How does Liverpool gegenpress different from the one used by Klopp at Dortmund?

Klopp was quick to realise he had to tinker with his tactics, depending on the football culture of the country and the men at his disposal. In Dortmund, he had an exemplary hold-up striker in Robert Lewandowski; so he shaped his side into a narrow 4-2-3-1, with his men pressing. The fullbacks would often track back rapidly to regain the defensive shape.

But at Liverpool he doesn't have a striker of Lewandowski's pedigree, so he usually forms a 4-3-3, deploying Roberto Firmino as a false nine, flanked by pacy Mohammad Salah and Sadio Mane. Firmino drops into the hole between the opposition defence and midfield,

acting like a link-man of sorts, distracting the defenders and providing space for the wing-men. Moreover, Klopp found the English league more defensive-minded—defenders were happy passing the ball among themselves rather than panicking when pressed. They were so efficient at hoofing the long balls that Liverpool was more vulnerable to counterattacks. So he focused the press more towards the centre of the field (the Dortmund heatmap was always on the wings and extremely clustered). But at the same time, his hyper-adventurous fullbacks wouldn't drop back as deep as the Dortmund counterparts.

Is gegenpressing similar to tiki taka?

Pressing for Liverpool, it's their lifeblood; for Barcelona under Pep Guardiola, it was their life-support.

Both press to regain possession, but while Liverpool charges with snappy counters, ratcheting up the tempo, Barcelona used to decelerate and resume their passing game and keep possession for long periods, restructuring themselves.

While Guardiola's style of play was defensive, Klopp saw it as an attacking outlet.

They pressed differently too.

Guardiola's men would press conservatively, with one man (usually Lionel Messi) pressuring the opponent on the ball, and others cutting off passing angles. Aware of Barcelona's porous backline, he was cautious about not committing too many men on the

ball. His teams were so structured that he disliked the chaos of a gegenpress situation.

But Klopp was a radical—his men would converge onto the ball-carrying opposition player. It's the reason his midfielders predominantly operate centrally to compress space, and not through wide channels.

At the same time, Klopp has of late in the big games, embraced the passing game. It's not quite like tiki taka, but more of a wearying-out-the-opponent plan.

And what's the antidote for gegenpressing?

No tactic is invincible or invulnerable. The sparkling novelty of tiki taka gradually wore off, and pragmatic managers like Jose Mourinho chalked up strategies to neuter it, playing the patience game with deep defensive lines, briefly bringing counterattacking back in vogue.

Some reckon Atletico Madrid manager Diego Simeone could be Klopp's nemesis. Simeone forensically dismantled Liverpool in the Champions League round of 16 with a defensive style of play dubbed 'Cholismo', an improvisation of Simeone's nickname "Cholo", which means stubborn in Spanish.

Not that his teams are forthrightly cynical, but Simeone habitually built teams from the back. Since his reign, Atletico has employed some of the finest defenders in the world. Like all good defensive sides, they have clinical rather than flashy forwards. The ethos is drawn from the Argentinian 'anti-futbol' tradition—sit deep, play the offside smartly, scrap and scrape, and look to absorb pressure before working the ball forward quickly.

At Anfield, he frustrated Klopp so much so that the Liverpool manager called his brand of football anti-football. "It doesn't feel right. I don't understand, with the quality they have, that they play this kind of football."

Simeone's methods might not get the romantic traction of tiki taka or gegenpressing—though defensive discipline is as hard to achieve as attacking harmony. But as Liverpool look to expand their domination and idealism, 'Cholismo' could be the biggest hindrance. Structured pressing versus choreographed defence could be the next definitive narrative in football.

Diamond League track meet in England called off

The Diamond League track meet in Gateshead, England, has been cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. It is the fifth of the 15 meets in the series to be canceled. The event in London was also called off. The Gateshead meet was originally scheduled for Aug. 16 and then moved to Sept. 12 before being cancelled.

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Windies hoping against Hope

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JULY 23

THESE DAYS, there is a fearful apprehension whenever Shai Hope bats in a Test match. The clutching fear of a bright young batting talent crushed as much as by self-expectations as by a dread of failure.

The experience of watching him is more realistic, and frustrating, than skimming through his string of wretched scores (57 runs in four innings of this series and an average of 19.41 in 34 innings since the New Zealand series in December 2017). Such listless figures could convey the impression of a woefully out-of-touch, out-of-sync batsman. But on the contrary, he looks surprisingly assured in the middle. He strides in confidently, his defence is resolute and stroke-play masterful, his footwork decisive and balance imperious.

Yet he contrives to perish. Not to an extravagant stroke or a striking technical glitch. There is no definitive pattern to dismissals. He gets out in different fashions, or to put it differently, there is no one way to dismiss him, but several. At one moment, he seems flawless, yet in the next seems full of flaws. He has an outstanding judgement outside the off-stump, leaves reassuringly, yet he pokes at deliveries he has no business to. He is an excellent player of spin, but sometimes concedes the impression that he's a nervous novice.

He has a terrific back-foot defence, but at times he concedes a fear of short-pitch bowling. It's as if he's a Pakistani batsman who had accidentally wandered into the Caribbean dressing room.

None as instructive of the volatility of his batting as his 25 in the first innings in Old Trafford. He passed the tough Stuart Broad examination, but failed the relatively easier Sam Curran test. It was neither a great ball nor a poor stroke—a routine off-cutter that gripped off the dry surface, which he tried to defend. In hindsight, he could have left it, or maybe he could have played it closer to his body, but there was nothing to admonish him about that shot.

It was at the most a basic error in judgment, which many batsmen make. Only that, Hope is erring far too frequently, and time is fast running out to prove that he is indeed a jewel. He



Shai Hope has an average of 19.41 in 34 innings since the New Zealand series in December 2017. Reuters

needs to unlock the mystery that he is.

What's exactly eating him, only he can reveal one day. Several young batsmen endure such indifferent times, when nothing seems to happen despite everything falling into place theoretically. It could be the burden of expectations he has been shouldering since the Headingley heist, where he made 147 and 118 not out.

Some are convinced that he has lost his temperament, that limited-over methods have crept into his game and impeded his growth as a Test batsman. To solidify their argument, they point out his exceptional numbers in ODIs, wherein he averages 52.20, twice as much as his corresponding Test numbers.

It's almost a Rohit Sharma quandary. You expect limited-over success to seamlessly translate into Tests but it doesn't. His sustained failures have not gone unnoticed in the Caribbean, where criticisms have only grown louder with each passing game. Even coach Phil Simmons admitted that Hope is no longer an automatic pick for the decider. "He's gone four innings without a score, in contrast to how he played over the last five, six months in the other formats. I am concerned about his form. We'll have to think about that very, very seriously," he said.

There wouldn't be a better time to arrest the drought than in the decider and for Hope to prove that he is a precious jewel after all.

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