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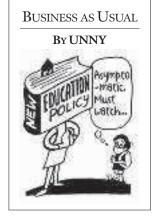
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#### **EXPRESS NETWORK**



**CONGRESS LEADER SOMEN MITRA DIES** 

## Delhi hotels to open, gyms to remain shut for now

#### **SOURAV ROY BARMAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A DAY after the Centre issued guidelines for phase 3 of its Covid unlockdown, the Delhi government Thursday allowed was welcomed by the hospitality industry although concerns remain on the challenges involved, ranging from a severe staff crunch to the renewal of licences that have lapsed.

The state government said that a decision has been taken to allow the normal functioning of hotels, along with hospitality services - these were already permitted under the Union Home Ministry's guidelines issued on June 4.

The government said that it took the step since hotels in Delhi are no longer attached with hospitals to provide quarantine facilities for Covid patients.

However, official sources said that a decision on reopening gyms, which has been allowed under the Centre's latest guidelines, has been deferred in the capital till next week amid concerns over the potential spread of Covid in closed spaces. 'Officials will discuss the apprehensions and revisit the decision next week," sources said.

On the move to reopen hotels, Sandeep Khandelwal, president of the Delhi Hotel and Restaurant Owners' Association, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## 'SC was told a blatant lie that I am a free man...why am I being stopped'

Soz says barred from moving out; free to go where he wants, says J&K administration

**BASHAARAT MASOOD** SRINAGAR, JULY 30

A DAY after the Supreme Court disposed of a petition by Saifuddin Soz's wife over his "illegal detention", accepting the government's submission that he was under no restrictions, the I&K Congress leader was stopped by the police as he tried to move out of his house in Srinagar. As mediapersons watched, police personnel pulled away the 83-year-old as he talked from behind a wall, mounted by a barbed wire, around his house

On Wednesday too, soon after the Supreme Court accepted the I&K administration's claim that he was not under detention. Soz had said he had been stopped from leaving his house. What the Supreme Court was

told is a blatant lie," Soz said on Thursday, speaking to The Indian Express over the phone, adding that he would again move the court against his "illegal" detention, "for whatever it's worth". 'This (UT) government and the Central government took a position before the Supreme Court that I am a free man. I am not a free man. I have been under detention since August 5, 2019. If I am not under detention, why am I being stopped? I tried to move out twice vesterday and twice today."

After stopping the former Union minister from talking to the media present outside his house, the policemen told the journalists CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Congress leader Saifuddin Soz speaks to reporters from across the boundary wall of his residence before being pulled away, in Srinagar on Thursday. Shuaib Masood

**I&K DGP** 

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**ONE YEAR AFTER** 

**AUGUST 5** 

AN EXPRESS SERIES

Singh compared law and order

incidents in Kashmir over two

timestamps - after July 8, 2016,

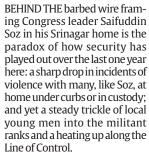
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**Dilbag Singh** 

## Security paradox: Dip in violence, locals in militant ranks and LoC heating up

**NAVEEDIQBAL** & PVAIDYANATHAN IYER SRINAGAR, JULY 30



Indeed, in a recent presentation to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Jammu & Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag

## Govt to take call on 4G in Valley after August 15

#### **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI JULY 30

THE GOVERNMENT is likely to take a final call on the restoration of 4G mobile Internet services in the Kashmir Valley after Independence Day celebrations are over next month, official sources told The Indian Express.

A "favourable" decision is "already under consideration" within the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the sources said. The government is waiting for August 5, which marks a year since special status under Article 370 was revoked and I&K split into two Union Territories, and Independence Day, to "pass off peacefully" before taking a decision, they said.

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## **AHEAD OF MILITARY TALKS**

# China envoy pushes Pangong claim, India says pullback not over

Ambassador Sun points to Chinese claim Pangong and line on contested north bank of lake

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

PUSHING HIS country's claim to Pangong Tso where Chinese troops came in 8 km west of the point which India says marks the Line of Actual Control, Sun Weidong, Beijing's ambassador to New Delhi, Thursday said "China's traditional customary boundary line is in accordance with the LAC" on the north bank of the lake.

He rejected suggestions that China has expanded its territorial claim at Pangong Tso.

The ambassador made these remarks ahead of the fifth round of talks between Corps Commanders of the two armies, expected to take

Speaking at a webi-nar organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies, Sun said that on the north bank of Pangong lake, "China's

place in the next few

traditional customary boundary line is in accordance with the LAC. And there's no such case as China has expanded its territorial claim. China hopes that the Indian troops will strictly abide by the relevant bilateral agreements and protocols between the two countries and refrain from illegally crossing the



Army trucks in Leh on Thursday. ANI

LAC to the Chinese side". "With the joint efforts of both sides, the border troops have disengaged in most localities, the situation on the ground is de-es-

calating and the temperature is

coming down," he said. Responding to the ambassador's remarks, New Delhi said there has been "some progress" but the process of disengagement has not yet been completed.

Anurag Srivastava, Weidong official spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said, "There has

been some progress made towards this objective, but the disengagement process has as yet not been completed." He said senior commanders of the two sides will be meeting in the "near future" to work out steps in this

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Cong veterans say

Gogra not yet resolved, Army awaits talks

**KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WITHIN HOURS of the Chinese Defence Ministry claiming that troops on both sides were gradually disengaging and the situation was moving towards deescalation along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, sources in the Indian Army said there has been no positive movement on the ground for more than two weeks now.

The standoff at Pangong Tso and Patrolling Point 17A at Gogra, Army sources said, is still to be resolved and is likely to be the focus of the fifth round of talks at the level of the Corps Commander. The fifth round of talks since June 6 is expected in the next few days. The talks were expected Friday or over the weekend but there was no official word until Thursday evening.

Colonel Senior Guoqiang, spokesperson for China's Ministry of National Defense, Thursday said China and India "have conducted effective communication and coordination through both diplomatic and military channels since the

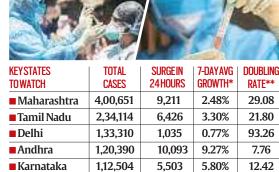
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



TESTS: 1,81,90,382 DOUBLING RATE: 20.15\*\*

**RECOVERED: 10.20.583** 15.83.792 | DEATHS: 34,968



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

POSITIVITY RATE

CASE FATALITY RATIO 7 DAYS EARLIER: 2.41

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

**8.71** Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of

DETECTED TODAY 8.22 52,123 32,554 Becoming sick vs

DAILY IN. DAILY OUT

may signal the peak the spread of disease Data as on July 29, 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

**WORLD** 

TRUMP SUGGESTS 'DELAYING' U.S. **ELECTIONS** 



## Priest, policemen test positive, temple Trust says event on track

**AVANEESH MISHRA** & DEEPTIMANTIWARY LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,

JUST SIX days before bhoomi pu*jan* is expected for the proposed Ram temple in Ayodhya, an assistant priest and four policemen posted at the site tested positive on Thursday in a rapid antigen test for the novel coro-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend the ceremony, along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi

**APURVA VISHWANATH** 

**IUSTICE MOVES at a snail's pace** 

mealworms, two weevils, and

Supreme Court Bench finally

pulled the curtains on this story,

acquitting a Sonepat-based

trader, Prem Chand, in a case of

adulteration filed 38 years ago.

In their six-paragraph order

- even if all it involves is four

On Thursday, a three-judge

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

600 gm of turmeric.



Sweets being prepared in Ayodhya Thursday, ahead of **bhoomi pujan on Aug 5.** ANI

Adityanath. The CM had come in contact with the assistant priest, Pradeep Das, 30, during

restoring a trial court judgment

passed back in 1995 clearing Prem

Chand of all charges. Justices N V

Ramana, Surva Kant and Krishna

Murari recounted the sequence of

events starting August 18, 1982,

when a food inspector visited

Prem Chand's shop and found he

was selling turmeric without a li-

cence. From a 10-kg bag, the food

inspector took 600 gm for testing,

and the sample was found to con-

tain "four living mealworms and

The Supreme Court noted

two live weevils".

later, cleared of adulteration

check arrangements for the Ten other constables in

he authorities said the de velopments would have no effect on the programme, scheduled for August 5, and expected to be attended by around 250 people. The priest as well as the policemen who are positive will now be put through the more reliable RT-PCR test for Covid-19.

Das is the assistant of Mahant Satyendra Das, the chief priest of the makeshift Ram Lalla temple

## look within, young his visit to Ayodhya last week to

Sun

Ayodhya district have tested pos-

that the 2009 high court order

convicting Prem Chand had

overlooked key facts. First, that

the sample had been sent for

testing after an unexplained de-

lay of 18 days. "There is no evi-

dence that the samples were not

tampered (in) the intervening

period." the court noted. Second.

it found that during cross-exam-

ination, the analyst who exam-

ined the sample had acknowl-

edged that the infestation was

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not visible to the naked eye.

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### ers is coming to a head. Justice, a worm's-eye view: 38 yrs Sparks flew at a meeting of its Gandhi Thursday.

Minister and senior leader Kapil Sibal spoke about the need for "introspection" on the defeat. Former Union Minister P Chidambaram said the party should reach out to people to understand their disenchantment with the Congress. It is learnt that newly elected Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Satav was more blunt – he said introspection should begin at home.



MANOJCG NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A YEAR after the Congress's debilitating debacle in the Lok Sabha elections, months after its exit in Madhya Pradesh and right in the middle of the ongoing crisis in Rajasthan, the tension between veterans and young lead-

Rajva Sabha MPs convened by Congress president Sonia Sources said former Union

"Introspect by all means... but how did we come to 44...that should also be looked into. We were 200-plus in 2009. You are all saying this (need to



RAJEEV SATAV'S swipe underlines the trust deficit between the old and the new and the sense of vacuum at the top. Bhopal to Jaipur,

these are cleaving the

Congress but there are

arrest the drift.

few signs of any move to

introspect) now. You were all ministers then. Frankly, it should also be looked into where you failed. You have to introspect from the UPA II period," an MP quoted Satav as having said during the virtual meeting.

Satav, 46, a former Youth Congress president, is the AICC in-charge of Gujarat and a permanent invitee to the CWC.

Satav's remarks came in the presence of the key figures in

tionate assets case along with

though big, is "simple".

petitions and papers," said one

Karthikeyan, who was

'Sasikala's bedroom is much smaller, with lots of stationery,

Jayalalithaa's bedroom,

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## Inside Jaya library: 8,376 books, Tirukkural to Discovery of India

## **ARUN JANARDHANAN**

CHENNAI, JULY 30

IN MAY 2012, J Jayalalithaa declared that the Anna Centenary Library in Chennai, built by her rival M Karunanidhi of the DMK and one of the largest in the country, would be turned into a superspecialty hospital. Book lovers were shocked at the then CM's display of political one-upmanship at the cost of the treasures the library housed. The library survived, but that's another story.

Now, as the Tamil Nadu government moves to acquire Jayalalithaa's Veda Nilayam resi-

dence, in Chennai's Poes Garden area, to set up a museum dedicated to the late chief minister, another story is emerging: that of Iavalalithaa as a book lover, a voracious reader and the owner of a collection of 8,376 books, with titles ranging from the Tamil classic Tirukkural to Jawaharlal Nehru's The Discovery of India, from biographies to journals. Officials and insiders who

had direct access to Jayalalithaa and her residence recalled how she zealously maintained her books with serial numbers and title stickers. And of the long hours she spent reading on the first floor of Veda Nilayam.

The 8,376 books are part of the 32,721 'movable properties' in Veda Nilayam listed by the state government.

One of the officers who visited her library said English titles made up 75 per cent of her collection. "Her Tamil collection had works of Periyar EV Ramasamy (founder of the Dravidian movement) and former CM C N Annadurai. Translations of Tirukkural, a few titles of Adi Shankaracharya and poet Kannadasan's Arthamulla Îndhu Madham are also in her library," the official said, adding that The Discovery of India is "promi-

nently placed". Jayalalithaa's collection also



Jaya at her library in Kodanadu Estate. She also had libraries in Veda Nilayam and Siruthavur bungalow. Source: [Krishnapriya

included books on law and several doctoral papers published by state universities about the political life of Annadurai, her mentor and AIADMK founder M G Ramachandran (MGR) and about Jayalalithaa herself. Officials also spotted novels of Agatha Christie and works of Khushwant Singh.

Among her "favourites", said insiders, were biographies and autobiographies of world leaders, including of former US presidents Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln.

"All these books had markings she made, or bookmarks to chapters she had read or marked

The official said Jayalalithaa's library had two portions: one for book shelves and another section with a reading corner and her collection of journals, "The house itself isn't very extraordinary, except that there is a lift to the first floor since she had knee trouble. There is also an intercom system to communicate with guests and others downstairs," he said.

for references," said an official.

For about three decades, Jayalalithaa lived in this house with VK Sasikala and the latter's sister-in-law Ilavarasi and her children. Sasikala and Ilavarasi are in jail in Bengaluru after being convicted in the disproporayalalithaa's private secretary

the officials.

Jayalalithaa.

for over a decade, recalled, "She would look up new book releases and ask me to order them. We used to order three copies of each book, one for each of her libraries - at Poes Garden, at Siruthavur bungalow (near Chennai) and Kodanadu Estate CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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father filed an FIR. What was the crime?

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Gym owners are taking all precautionary

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In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we take a look at the New Education Policy and the changes it's expected to bring about.

## **FROM PAGE ONE**

## 'SC was told lie...'

to leave. The Congress leader could be heard telling the police repeatedly to keep their hands off him.

Today, everybody saw that the police didn't allow me to get out of my house," Soz said. "They tried to physically stop

Soz asked the Supreme Court to investigate the assertions made by the government before it. "It is for the Supreme Court to investigate why lies were put forth in the courtroom. It is also shameful that instead of grilling the government, a section of the press. whose interests are promoted by the Central government, said that my wife was lying."

The former Congress J&K president said the irony was that there were no written orders in his case. "When I was detained, there was nothing in writing. When I ask the policemen, they say they have got verbal orders. The problem is that in this government — I am talking about Delhi – everything works verbally, a lot of things work only verbally. Where are civil liberties in this government?"

The J&K government reiterated on Thursday that Soz was detention. under Spokesperson Rohit Kansal tweeted: "(He is) Free to go wherever he likes with usual security drill. No question of lying in Hon SC.'

In its affidavit before the Supreme Court, the J&K administration had cited the three times Soz had travelled to New Delhi since August 2019 as proof that he was not detained Soz said he had made those trips for medical reasons. "I once accompanied my wife and twice I obtained permission (from the police) to consult a doctor (in Delhi). The dates are available, the prescriptions are

About the government's claims that he was allowed to move out for "personal, political and official assignments". with security that he was entitled to and on government-provided vehicles, Soz said, "They are lying through their teeth. On August 5, 2019, they withdrew my personal security and vehicles. So how would I go out in a government vehicle? Yes, I made a personal visit to my ailing sister, but that was after proper police permission. I have no official assignments and I haven't gone out for any political activity. In fact, there was no

room for any political activity." National Conference vicepresident Omar Abdullah tweeted on Thursday: "Soz Sahib's plight is not unique. @JKNC has gone to court because more than 15 of our colleagues are similarly illegally detained & I have no doubt the administration will claim they aren't detained.'

PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti also reacted to the government's claims regarding Soz, with her daughter Iltija Mufti tweeting on her behalf: "Sad to see Saifuddin sahab get manhandled by police for speaking to media. I faced the same situation in Jan when I tried to address media at my house in Srinagar."

## Security paradox

militant Burhan Wani was killed by security forces, and after August 5, 2019, post abrogation of the special status of the state and its downgrade and

After 21-year old Burhan Wani was killed by security forces, thousands thronged the streets in protest, pelted stones, snatched weapons of police, overturned and burnt their vehicles, and damaged property of security forces. Violent inci-

dents over the next six months touched over 2,500 and killed, according to the J&K Police, 117

In sharp contrast are the numbers since August 5 last year. Law and order incidents that saw violence added up to only 196. "There was no element of violence... not a single civilian died," Dilbag Singh told The Indian Express in an interview last week.

According to Singh, there has been an almost 78 per cent drop in law and order incidents in the first six months of this year compared with the corresponding period the previous vear.

From 767 during January-June 2019, it has dropped to 168 in January-June 2020. Terrorrelated incidents, too, dropped from 198 during January-July 2019 to 124 during January-July 2020. Further, there have been no shutdown calls compared with 31 in 2019 and 76 in 2018, he pointed out.

The number of uniformed personnel across security forces who died also was lower at 36 in the first seven months this calendar year compared with 76 in the first seven months of

"This is a very big improvement on different fronts, despite the abrogation on August 5, 2019," Dilbag Singh said.

Sources in the security establishment, however, put the "sharp drop" in context. They identify three key factors: the unprecedented deployment of security personnel in the runup to August 5, 2019; largescale preventive arrests including of junior-level political workers, and the lack and absence of any leadership to lead

and order incidents may have dropped dramatically, what has kept the security establishment on edge is the challenge of local

Local youths have continued to join militant ranks despite being aware they are in the cross-hairs – with many of them being killed.

Since the beginning of January, as many as 80 youths took to militancy, of whom 38 were killed and 22 caught. Overall, in 2020, security forces have killed 150 militants in 41

operations. Between August 5, 2019, and December 31, 2019, about 26 militants were killed by the forces: this takes the total number of militants killed since abrogation of special status last year to 176.

Officials claimed the number of active militants in the Valley is 190, the lowest in the last 10 years. "Of these, 90 are foreign, 100 are local youths," said a senior official who did not wish to be quoted.

Most of the local recruits are barely out of their teens, an official said, and as soon as they take to militancy, they precipitate a face-off with the security forces. This raises concerns over the accountability of the security establishment.

'There are two views here... one view is, should the security forces attempt to get them back to society and the second is more hardline: that they should be pursued whatever the consequences," said an official.

Still, even if the security forces are quick to engage the militants in encounters, that has hardly made a dent in recruitment. "This prompts the question – if quick elimination is adding to the continuous stream of youths joining mili-

tancy," an official said. Another recent trend is the combination of local militants and foreign terrorists in terrorrelated incidents or attacks. "While this doesn't pose any operational challenge for the

## Chinese envoy pushes Pangong claim, India says pullback not over

Maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas, Srivastava said, is the basis of the bilateral relationship. "Therefore, we expect that the Chinese side will sincerely work with us for complete disengagement and de-escalation and full restoration of peace and tranquility in the border areas at the earliest as agreed Special the Representatives," he said.

The Chinese reluctance to step back from Pangong Tso, where its troops continue to occupy the ridgeline at Finger 4, has stalled the disengagement process and is likely to be the focus of talks between the Corps Commanders. The military standoff began early May after Chinese and Indian troops came to blows on the north bank of the lake.

The Chinese ambassador, in his speech, said, "China is not a strategic threat to India", and cautioned against "forced de-

coupling" of the relationship. "China advocates win-win cooperation and opposes zerosum games. Our economies are highly complementary, interwoven and interdependent. Forced decoupling is against the trend and will only lead to a 'lose-lose' outcome," Sun said.

He also cautioned against Indian public opinion urging the government in New Delhi to adjust its position on Taiwan, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and South China Sea.

Underlining that "this worries me", Sun said, "Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Xizang affairs are totally China's internal affairs and bear on China's sovereignty and security. While China doesn't interfere in other country's internal affairs, it allows no external interference and never trades its core interests either.'

Asked about Chinese troops crossing the LAC in the Galwan Valley, he maintained that the right and wrong of the Galwan Valley incident is "very clear". "And I must make it very clear that the responsibility is not on the Chinese side," he said.

Since April this year, he said, "Indian frontline troops were making roads and bridges and infrastructures like that along the Galwan Valley. And this led to representations from the Chinese side through military and diplomatic channels."

"And after these representations, the Indian side agreed to withdraw its people and dismantle the infrastructure, which was across the LAC. And there was a meeting between the corps commanders on June 6," he said.

"And the Indian side committed that they will not go ... across the water mouth of Galwan Valley to patrol, or to raise any infrastructure. But unfortunately, on the evening of 15th of June, the Indian frontline troops broke this consensus that was reached by the corps commanders meeting. And they went across the LAC again. They even violently attacked the Chinese soldiers who are coming to make representations. And that led to a very harsh clash, physical clash between the two sides, and that led to casualties," he said.

Asked about casualties on the Chinese side, he said the incident was unfortunate and "interpretations" about numbers were "not helpful".

On the delay over the clarification of the LAC, Sun said, "the original purpose for clarification of LAC is to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas. However, if one side unilaterally delineates the LAC, as per its own understanding, during negotiations that could create some new disputes". "And that will be a departure from the original purpose for clarification of LAC. So, we hope that the Indian side could work with the Chinese in the same direction and continue to push forward negotiations for settlement of settlement framework, in accordance with the political parameters or guiding principles for settlement of China-India cough and cold and has been told to self-isolate.

He added, "The other eight of us at the Ram Lalla temple have already been tested and don't have the virus. As just one of us is positive, it will have no effect on the August 5 event."

Mahant Kamal Nayan Das, who is heir to the president of the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, that is organising the bhoomi pujan, also said that the developments would have no impact on the August 5 event as Das was not among the 11 priests involved in the prayers that day.

A senior UP official said, "This is a 70-acre space. The pandal for the event is itself spread over five acres. If the guest list is below 200, maintaining social distancing under the pandal will not be a problem at all. The position of the media is demarcated as well. Our main challenge is to ensure that uninvited people do not enter Ayodhya or gather near the venue.'

The state administration has made an appeal to people to avoid coming to Ayodhya on August 5 and plans to seal the district borders that day. "Only those commuting for any essential activity will be allowed entry," a senior police officer said, adding that police apart from six companies of the CRPF already deployed at the site and four companies of the Rapid Action Force will be on duty.

Ayodhya DIG Deepak Kumar said 14 policemen in the district had been found Covid-19 positive, four among them deployed in the Ram Janmabhoomi area. Of the four, one is a Local Intelligence Unit official while three work for the fire services.

The DIG added that apart from the normal protocol for a PM's visit. Covid norms such as not allowing more than five people to gather would be in place for the event. "The guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and state government will be strictly followed," he said. A senior police officer said the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust would draw up the final list of guests accordingly, including which four people would accompany Modi for the bhoomi puian ceremony. UP administration sources said the Trust was yet to hand them

the list. Mahant Satyendra had earlier told The Indian Express that they planned a simple programme, with the PM visiting the Hanuman Garhi temple and offering prayers at the Ram Lalla temple. "He will be given chandan and prasad and if he wishes to worship at the temple, we will help him do so," he The bhoomi pujan cere-

mony is to start at 12.15 pm using a 22.60-kg brick made of pure silver. UP has seen over 77,000

cases of Covid, with 1,530 deaths. Ayodhya has recorded 556 cases and six deaths. The Unlock 3 guidelines issued by the Centre say "social/political/ sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations" shall not be allowed till August 31.

#### Jaya library (in Nilgiris). She would ask me

to read, I never did." Ilavarasi's daughter

Krishnapriya, who was 10 when she moved to Veda Nilayam with her mother Ilavarasi and brother Vivek Jayaraman after her father's death in 1991, said the late CM read for at least five hours a day. "The house had English classics, novels and fairy tales, which got me hooked to reading fairly early on. A lot of those books are from her film star days," she

Krishnapriya added that while after 2000, most of Jayalalithaa's reading was limited to news, her love for books never waned. She said, "The last book I gave her was Wishes Fulfilled by Wayne Dyer, when she was in hospital. Before that, when she was sent to Bangalore jail, she asked me to send her Mahabharata Rajagopalachari. That was the last Tamil book she read.'

### Delhi hotels

under which a chain of budget hotels operate, described the decision as a "beginning".

"It will take time for business to revive and we are not expecting much till the end of August. But it is a beginning nonetheless. There will be an intense staff crunch. However. the primary challenge will be in terms of renewing a number of licences that we require to operate, most importantly, fire licences that have not been renewed this entire season," Khandelwal said.

According to government estimates, there are about 55 five-star, 120 four-star, 1,800 three-star and 1500 budget hotels in the city.

The managements of several hotels declined to comment on the government's decision, citing the lack of an official order. However, executives involved in running many of these facilities agreed with Khandelwal that they are not expecting business till the end of August.

The management of The Survaa, a five-star hotel, said the decision was "welcome", especially since no Covid patient was shifted to its premises despite the facility being attached with Holy Family Hospital.

Greesh Bindra, vice-president (operations) of The Suryaa told The Indian Express: "The order on reopening is still awaited. However, for now, we can say it is a welcome step. The reopening involves a lot of challenges and won't be at one go, but gradual. The private offices that operate out of the hotel premises can resume work, for one."

Asked about the staff crunch, a senior executive in the industry said many hotels would operate with a limited capacity. "Say, a hotel has 200 rooms, it will reopen with 50 rooms. Staff will also be called accordingly. The coffee shops and the restaurants will be opened. But business will not pick up unless bars and pubs are allowed. Banquet halls need to be allowed as well and that will make sense only after the cap on guests during marriages or social functions are done away with," said the executive, who did not wish to be identified.

In its June 4 SOP, the Centre had listed a series of "generic guidelines", such as advising persons above 65 years of age, those with comorbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 to stay at home. Apart from mandating the use of masks and sanitisers, and stressing on social distancing, the SOP had said that only asymptomatic staff and guests

would be allowed in hotels. In its latest guidelines, the Centre said that schools and colleges, Metro rail services, cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums and assembly halls shall continue to re-

main shut until August 31. "Social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/religious functions and other large congregations" will also not be allowed, it said. For containment zones, the government has extended the severe curbs in place till August-end.

#### Pangong and Gogra not yet resolved, Army awaits talks clash at the Galwan Valley recessing traditional patrolling earnestly promote the contin-Tso, sources said, the disenuous development of the rela-

gion" and "at present, the situation in this region tends toward de-escalation, and the disengagement between the border troops of the two countries is gradually carried for-

armed forces, it suggests they

are working more in tandem

concerned about the rising

number of ceasefire violations

The Army, on its part, is also

"These are generally aligned

with attempts at infiltration

since the grid tends to become

weaker – everybody goes into

the bunkers," said an official.

Until June 25, there were as

many as 2,215 ceasefire viola-

tions in J&K compared with

3,168 in the whole of 2019 and

1,629 in 2018. "As many as 26

terrorists have infiltrated in

2020 – the total foreign terror-

ists in the Valley being 90," said

Govt call on 4G

On July 26, The Indian

Express reported that the J&K

administration has told the

MHA that it does not have any

objection to restoring 4G serv-

ices. "We have been making (a)

representation for this... I feel

that 4G will not be a problem. I

am not afraid (of) how

people will use this. Pakistan

will do its propaganda,

whether it is 2G or 4G. It will al-

wavs be there... But I don't see

an issue," J&K Lieutenant

Governor G C Murmu had told

sought time from the Supreme

Court to verify Murmu's re-

marks during a hearing on a pe-

tition filed by an NGO asking

the court to "look into the state-

ment". The court will hear the

matter on August 7. The govern-

ment had suspended high-

speed Internet in the Valley last

decision to restore 4G in the

Valley is under consideration.

The L-G is not wrong. The

On Tuesday, the Centre

this newspaper.

than before," said a source.

at the Line of Control

"We expect the Indian side will proceed from the overall situation of maintaining China-India relations and regional peace and stability, focus on cooperation, properly address differences, and

tions between the two countries and the two militaries along the correct direction of friendly cooperation," he said.

Responding to the remarks. Indian Army sources said there has been no further disengagement at Pangong Tso and PP 17A, two of four friction points. Nor has there been any change in the situation at Depsang Plains where Chinese troops have blocked Indians from ac-

Maybe, the statement was a bit

premature. Security agencies

are not in favour of restoring 4G

network until the anniversary

of the abrogation of Article 370

and Independence Day pass off

peacefully. Right now, emotions

are high in the Valley and

restoration of 4G services may

have law-and-order implica-

tions. A decision may be taken

after August 15," a Home

posed to be restored by the end

of October since the security

and law-and-order threats

from high-speed mobile

Internet go down with the on-

set of winter. It was felt then

that with four-five months un-

der the belt, things would set-

tle down from April. However,

a go-ahead was not given at

that time," another official said.

twin threats from restoring a

high-speed network was that it

would enhance communica-

tion between terror operatives

and lead to law-and-order is-

sues in the form of stone-pelt-

ing, which "tend to be organ-

ised over WhatsApp groups".

continued to happen with or

without the Internet, the spread

of Covid has ensured that peo-

ple are not gathering in large

numbers in the streets," the of-

piled by MHA, till June-end this

year, there were only 40 inci-

dents of stone-pelting in which

a security personnel was in-

jured or a government vehicle

damaged in the Valley. Across

While Gandhi was chairing

the meeting, in attendance

2019, the figure was 666.

Cong veterans

According to figures com-

ficial said.

"While terror incidents have

According to officials, the

"Last year, too, it was pro-

Ministry official said.

There has been a stalemate since the last round of Corps

> Commander talks at Chushul tual pullback of troops, after the third round of talks on June

> Sources said there was mu-30, at all four friction points— PP 14 in Galwan Valley, PP15 in Hot Springs sector, PP 17A in Gogra Post area, and Finger 4 on the north bank of Pangong

Tso. At PP 17A and Pangong

gagement has not been com-Around 50 troops on each

boundary questions," he said.

side continue to remain within a kilometre of each other at PP

In Pangong Tso, the Chinese, after coming 8 km west of Finger 8 which India savs marks the LAC, vacated the Finger 4 base area and stepped back towards Finger 5. They continue to occupy the ridgeline at Finger 4.

were former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Ahmed Patel and former UPA ministers Chidambaram, A K Antony, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma besides Sibal. Some of the leaders interpreted Satav's

The meeting also saw a demand for Rahul Gandhi to be brought back as Congress president. Sources said senior leader Digvijaya Singh made the demand and found support from Satav, Assam Congress chief Ripun Bora, AICC general secretary Shaktisinh Gohil and

remarks as an attack against

Neerai Dangi. The demand for Rahul's return had come up at the meeting of the last CWC and a meeting Sonia Gandhi had with Lok Sabha MPs earlier this month.

Sources said Punjab MP and veteran party leader Shamsher Singh Dullo hit back at the young Turks saying "people with seniority are being ignored" and "sycophants are being rewarded." He said the veterans built the party with their blood and toil and not the young leaders. "Sycophancy prevails in the party and promotion and posts are being given in the party based on liking and not on merit and seniority," Dullo said.

Sources said Punjab MP and former state Congress president Partap Singh Bajwa said the party should hit the streets. "You will have to send your cadres to every nook and corner of India. They will have to fight the BJP government on the streets. It cannot be done on Twitter, Instagram Facebook...." Bajwa is learnt to have said.

Senior leader Abhishek Singhvi said the party, instead

should wage a sustained campaign against what he called was the current subversion of democratic, parliamentary and constitutional institutions. 38 years later
Prem Chand had been

of a shoot-and-scoot approach,

charged under Section 16 of the Prevention Adulteration Act, 1954. Thirteen years later, the trial court acquitted him. The Harvana government moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which took 14 years to convict Prem Chand of selling turmeric without a licence. The 2009 order sentenced him to one-month imprisonment and a fine of

The next year, Prem Chand moved the Supreme Court. The case was listed at the time before then chief justice of India P Sathasivam; six CJIs have re-

The case came up for regular hearing before the Supreme Court in March this year, after the court fast-tracked criminal appeals pending for over 10 years and involving a sentence of less than five years, in a bid to address the pendency of

ings by a Constitution bench of at least five judges or more. The lockdown since March has reduced hearings in court to only "urgent" cases, through video-conferencing.

As of July 1, over 60,000

cases were pending before the

Supreme Court, according to its

own report. These included 46

crucial ones that require hear-

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## Centre to SC: IIT-B to sign MoU for smog towers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE CENTRE Thursday informed the Supreme Court that IIT-Bombay, will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and other stakeholders for setting up smog towers in the national capital.

On Wednesday, the apex court had pulled up the institute for backing out of the project to set up smog towers in Delhi in a bid to combat air pollution, and warned of contempt action

On Thursday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench, headed by Justice Arun Mishra. that "after yesterday's hearing, we have been in contact with Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, and an MoU will be signed electronically with the stakeholders".

The bench asked Mehta to place the MoU on record, and sought to know of the funds required for the project and the time needed for its completion.

Mehta pointed out that the technical aspects would be covered by IIT-Bombay, and the parts from Minnesota, United States, had been imported.

The bench reminded that its January 13 direction to set up a smog tower in Anand Vihar had a three-month deadline attached to it. "Why the order which directed compliance in three months was not complied with?" asked Justice Mishra.

Mehta replied it would take at least 10 months to complete the project and said, "I will be happy if it is done within a week."

The court asked the Solicitor General to file a detailed affidavit touching on various aspects of execution of the project by

## **Biomedical** waste up 15 times in June: EPCA



Biomedical waste piled up at Ghazipur landfill site

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DAILY Covid-19 biomedical waste generation in Delhi increased by 15 times in June as compared to the previous month. and the city is presently producing more refuse than its common biomedical waste treatment facilities (CBWTF) can treat, data shared with the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) shows.

The EPCA submitted a report to the Supreme Court Monday which states that a rise in Covid cases caused a "huge increase" in biomedical waste in Delhi. Haryana, Rajasthan and UP.

Delhi has the highest daily share of biomedical waste generation out of the four states quantity went up from 25 tonnes per day in May to 372 tonnes per day in June, which then fell to 349 tonnes per day in July, as per the data shared with EPCA.

'According to CPCB and state pollution control boards, the huge increase in June (in the four NCR states) was also because biomedical waste from households and quarantine centres was not

being segregated," it states. In a meeting on July 24, the North and South MCDs told EPCA that they were sending Covid-19 waste from houses and quarantine centres to waste-toenergy (WTE) plants and not to

the CBWTF, as per guidelines. A North MCD spokesperson said, "We are going to look into what has been pointed out and try to follow as far as possible."

## REFERS DISPUTE TO PRESIDENT

# L-G overturns Cabinet move to appoint lawyers in riots cases

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

LT-GOVERNOR ANIL Baijal Thursday overturned the Delhi Cabinet's decision to appoint a panel of lawyers of its own choice to argue the February riots cases in the High Court and Supreme Court, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's office said.

Baijal invoked Article 239AA(4) of the Indian Constitution and referred the dispute to the President of India. In the interim, the panel of lawyers chosen by Delhi Police and approved by Baijal will argue the cases.

"The L-G invoked special powers granted to him under the Constitution. The Home Department has been ordered to approve the panel chosen by the Delhi Police. The Delhi government will now have to implement the order at any cost as it is mandated by the Constitution," a statement from the CM's office said.



The Northeast Delhi riots claimed at least 53 lives between February 23 and February 26. Archive

The Northeast Delhi riots claimed at least 53 lives between February 23 and February 26. There were scores of injuries, widespread arson, and damage

Delhi Police proposed to the Delhi government to appoint six senior lawyers, including Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor

General Aman Lekhi, as Special Public Prosecutors in the Delhi High Court and Supreme Court in 85 cases related to riots and anti-CAA -protests

The government had opposed the proposal, which had the L-G's backing. The matter was placed before the Cabinet on Tuesday based on the directions of the L-G, who could not invoke

Article 239AA(4) till the Cabinet had taken a position on the issue.

The Cabinet rejected the panel chosen by police, saying, There have been allegations that the investigations of Delhi Police in these cases are biased and not impartial. The judiciary has also made adverse remarks against Delhi Police investigations on several occasions. Therefore, in order to ensure that all facts are presented before the Hon'ble judges, it is extremely critical that the government advocates are independent of the Police."

The Cabinet's decision set the stage for Baijal to invoke Article 239AA(4), citing "differences of opinion" with the elected gov-

In a statement, the Delhi government had targeted the L-G for his "repeated interferences" in the matter. The L-G had previously invoked Article 239AA(4) after a similar dispute arose over the appointment of public prosecutors to argue the riots cases

## Diesel prices dip in capital as govt rolls back tax hike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE PRICE of diesel will come down by Rs 8.36 per litre in the capital with the Delhi government rolling back its decision taken in May – to hike tax on the fuel.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that the rate of VAT on diesel was being brought back to 16.75 per cent from 30 per cent. The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting Thursday morning. "The price of diesel was Rs 82

per litre on Wednesday. After the reduction of VAT, the new price will be Rs 73.64 per litre," Kejriwal said, describing the move as a significant step to bring the economy back on track.

On May 5, the Delhi government had increased VAT from 27 per cent to 30 per cent on petrol and from 16.75 per cent to 30 per cent on diesel. The decision was taken to generate revenue as the economy had to come to a halt due to the lockdown.



The CM said the move will help revive the economy

The hiked VAT on petrol has not been lowered. Petol is being sold at Rs 80.47 per litre in the capital.

"Our main challenge now is to get the economy back on track. Many businesses are shut, industries are shut. This decision to lower VAT is an important step towards reviving the economy. We were getting representations from trade bodies that the high price of diesel was a source of

The CM said that over the last one week, the Delhi government has taken several measures to boost the economy. The measures he listed included the launch of a job portal and allowing street vendors to resume business. "I am very happy that it has just been three-four days since we started the job portal. Around 7,577 companies have registered on the portal, 2,04,785 jobs have been advertised here, and 3,22,865 job seekers have applied on the portal," he said.

Kejriwal once again appealed to traders, industrialists, and businessmen in the city to 'join hands" to revive Delhi's economy. "I want to appeal to all shopkeepers, traders and industrialists to open their shops and industries, maintain social distancing and wear masks but restart their operations and work. In the coming days, I will be meeting many industrialists and traders through video conferencing on Zoom and will try to resolve any issues that they are facing," he said.

## 3 who robbed DU staffer, mother held

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. JULY 30

THREE MEN were arrested by Delhi Police's Crime Branch Thursday for allegedly looting cash and jewellery from a Delhi University staffer's house, while holding him and his 63-year-old mother hostage at gunpoint. The incident took place at Nehru Vihar on Monday.

Police said the men, Md Chand (30), Javed (31) and Salim, have no previous cases against them. Two of their associates are on the run.



The three arrested men, with the Delhi Police team. Express

Police said Chand lost his job during the lockdown, while Javed was in debt as he spent money on his

In his complaint, Sunil

Sharma, an assistant clerk at the examination branch of DU. said he and his mother were alone at home, while his wife and their children were at Bhajanpura. Police said the five men en-

tered the first-floor house on Monday. Two of them threatened the victims at gunpoint. When the elderly woman resisted, police said, the accused hit her on the head with their pistol. Sharma alleged in his complaint, "They also slapped and punched me. I was injured in my neck, face and hands."

Two other men entered the house, went to the bedroom and took cash and gold jewellery worth around Rs 14 lakh. Sharma and his mother were tied up with bedsheets and beaten up.

DCP (Crime Branch) Rakesh Paweriya said, "We identified a few suspects and raided possible hideouts in Loni and Hapur. On Thursday, we received information that the accused would come to Chand Bagh and leave for UP. Our team caught three of the accused from Wazirabad road," he said. Police also recovered Rs 3.7 lakh in cash.

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## 'NEP'S BIGGEST FLAW IS ENCOURAGING PVT EDUCATION'

# Sisodia red flags new education policy: presence to register workers? 'Highly regulated and poorly funded'

**ARANYA SHANKAR** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday said the New Education Policy (NEP) provided for a "highly regulated and poorly funded" education model. He said the biggest flaw of NEP was that it "ran away from the responsibility" of providing quality education in government schools while encouraging private school education.

Addressing a press conference, Sisodia, who is also the Education Minister, read out an excerpt from the NEP, which said "private philanthropic efforts for quality education will be encouraged". "In all progressive countries, the education system is largely dependent on a strong government school system. But here, they are encouraging private education. This is the biggest flaw of NEP," he said.

On the higher education front, Sisodia said the focus on MDHEI (multi-disciplinary higher educational institutions) was problematic: "According to NEP, all universities will be mandatorily made multi-disciplinary in 15-20 years... There is a need for MDHEIs but don't destroy specific universities. You're saying you'll teach acting in IITs, produce engineers from FTII. How will this happen? World over, there is the importance of sector-specific universities... We cannot destroy such institutes in our romanticism of multi-disciplinarism.'

Sisodia said that while the policy states there should be free and compulsory education from nursery to class XII like under RTE, it also said how this will be achieved would be examined later. "You've brought NEP after 34 years, took six years to frame the policy, and even now you're saying it will be examined later. Then what was the leadership of BJP doing for the last six years?" he said.

Sisodia also hit out at the NEP for its stand on board exams. "It says board exams will be made easier... The point was to focus on cognitive capabilities rather than rote learning abilities. The entire education system, including the board, is geared towards the latter... On this account, the policy has failed. There is no impor-



Sisodia and Atishi at the press conference Thursday. Amit Mehra

tance of board exams anymore; the entire world has moved towards continuous evaluation, but we are still stuck in our old ways," he said.

While lauding the NEP for promoting vocational courses, he said there was no work done to increase their value in higher education: "In DU admissions, vocational subjects don't count for anything. Then why will students take these subjects?" Sisodia also lamented the absence of sports in the policy.

He, however, appreciated certain aspects like the decision to change the name of HRD Ministry to Education Ministry, including breakfast as part of mid-day meal and decision to use mother tongue as the medium for education in the early years.

He also said that the NEP was 'progressive and forward-looking in that it accepts the challenges and flaws in the current education system and talks about what should be done to address it". However, he said it

"Firstly, it is unable to break away from the burden of the traditional educational system. Secondly, the policy is silent or confused about how it will achieve solutions to the current problems," he said.

The Deputy CM also said the policy provides for a highly regulated and poorly funded education model".

Explaining highly regulated, Sisodia said NEP talks of a separate education department, Directorate of Education, regulatory authority, and education commission which he said would "keep clashing with each other".

On why it was poorly funded, he said, "NEP says that 6% of GDP should be spent on education. This has been said from the time of Kothari Commission of 1966 and repeated in NEP. But it is silent on how this will be achieved. It also says budget spending on education will be taken from 10% to 20% but doesn't say how. There will have to be a law that government and state governments have to spend 6% of GDP on education."

on account of lockdown," it said.

HC: Why insist on physical

**PRITAM PALSINGH** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DELHI High Court Thursday did not concur with the Delhi **Building and Other Construction** Workers Welfare Board's insistence on physical presence of construction workers for renewal of their registration, observing that many labourers have already returned to their villages amid the pandemic and shut down of construction sites.

A bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Rajnish Bhatnagar also did not agree with the Board's contention that the relaxation of physical presence will lead to allegations that it did not discharge its duty efficiently.

"...Firstly, it is our suggestion that the verification process should be undertaken on telephone or through video-call. Secondly, the guidelines... state that the process of verification be undertaken online, telephonically or through video-call... Physical verification may also leave out many construction workers who are entitled to renewal of registration, since many of them have gone back to their native places

The bench said that if the "physical verification is insisted upon, all such workers would not be able to renew their registration and receive their ex-gratia amount, till they return to Delhi. It may not happen for months..."



HC said most labourers have returned home. Amit Mehro

It ordered the 25 advocates, who have been engaged as field verification officers for verifying applications for renewal of registration, to start their work

forthwith". Applications for fresh registrations and renewals were received from May 15 to June 29, after a reduction in the number of workers registered with the board between 2015 and 2020 came under the HC's scanner following a report in The Indian Express, based on a PIL by activist Sunil Kumar Aledia

With the number of active workers registered with the board in Delhi coming down from over 5 lakh to around 40,000, many could not avail the lockdown assistance of Rs 5.000 each disbursed in April and May

The Delhi government additional standing counsel Sanjoy Ghose and advocate Urvi Mohan. appearing for Delhi government and the Board, informed the court that they aggressively set up verification camps at construction sites as most workers do not have smartphones, "That will obviate the kind of hardship. The kind of inconvenience to the workers,' Ghose submitted.

To which, the bench responded, "My registered mobile may not have that facility. (But) I can certainly borrow from coworkers or my superior's phone for that purpose, to make a call or to talk (for verification)..."

It further observed that there is a guideline in place for just an audio call or you can also go for the video call for verification of the details.

## Govt forms panels to inspect hospitals with most Covid deaths

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**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE DELHI government Thursday set up four committees of medical specialists to inspect hospitals that reported a large percentage of Covid-19 fatalities in the city, and suggest

ways to reduce mortality rate. "It has been observed that the percentage of Covid deaths vis-a-vis admissions and the percentage of Covid deaths in wards of 11 hospitals, government and private, was on the higher side during the period July 1-23, 2020," said the order signed by Delhi Health

Secretary Padmini Singla. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted, "The deaths due to corona in Delhi have come down. But it has to be reduced further. Today, we formed four committees of doctors which will inspect these hospitals and give suggestions: 1) where there are still more deaths. 2) where there are more deaths in wards, which means

On Thursday, Delhi recorded 1,093 fresh cases, taking the tally to 1,34,403, while the death toll climbed to 3.936 with 29 more fatalities recorded in

the patient was not taken to ICU

the last 24 hours. The number of active cases in the city on from 10,770 the previous day. The city also conducted 5,531

\*Total active cases

RT PCR/CBNAAT/TrueNat test and 13,944 rapid antigen tests in the last 24 hours.

The four committees, comprising four specialists each two from internal medicine and as many from anaesthesia – have been constituted for inspecting the hospitals to examine whether standard protocols are being followed in treatment of Covid patients.

The medical specialists have been drawn from facilities, including Lok Nayak Hospital, Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, RML Hospital, and Maulana Azad Medical College. The hospitals to be inspected include GTB Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, and Max Hospital, Saket, the order said.

The committees will also examine the reason behind higher percentage of Covid-19 deaths at these hospitals as well as the cause of death of patients, if any, said the order.

The committees shall submit their reports directly to the Principal Secretary of the Delhi health department, latest by

## Free ration: Paswan takes on AAP govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DESCRIBING AAP government's announcement of free ration to poor till November this year as "misleading", Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan Thursday said all the schemes mentioned by the Delhi government have already been launched by the Centre "for the welfare of the poor".

"The Delhi government has announced that it will give free ration to the poor till November. This is not a Delhi government scheme. Under the Government of India's PMGKAY scheme, free foodgrain is being provided to NFSA beneficiaries from April to November," Paswan tweeted.

His comments came days after the Delhi government announced that all PDS cardholders in the national capital will get free ration till November 2020.

"Now, the Delhi government will be providing PDS ration to NFSA beneficiaries for the next five months, including July, August, September, October and up to November, free of cost,' reads a statement issued by Delhi's Food and Civil Supply Minister's office on July 8.

Paswan said, "The announcement by the Delhi government that it will give free ration till November is misleading." Paswan, in a tweet tagging

the Prime Minister, further said: "The Delhi government should indicate the additional assistance that is being made in addition to NFSA and PMGKAY. Whatever it is announcing, all these schemes have been launched by the Centre for the welfare of the poor.'

## **BRIEFLY** -

## Docs' body writes to CM

Delhi: Federation of Resident Doctors' Association wrote a letter to CM Arvind Kejriwal regarding health insurance cover for doctors contracting Covid-19. It also requested expediting the ex-gratia compensation to the family of a junior resident doctor at BSA hospital who recently died after contracting the

## Man falls off building, saved

New Delhi: A 40-year-old man, who accidentally fell from the fourth floor of an apartment building and got stuck on an iron grill, was rescued by police Wednesday. Police said the man was taking the stairs when the railing broke during the rain.

## HC asks DU for clarity on scribes for blind students

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court said it was the responsibility of DU to make writers available for visually impaired students taking the online open book exam. "On the next date of hearing (August 5), DU shall clarify the position...," the bench said. **ENS** 

## Woman jumps off building

Noida: A 62-year-old woman died Thursday after she allegedly jumped off her 19thfloor apartment in Noida's Sector 78. PTI



## CRYSTAL CLEAR

Clear skies over Akshardham Temple after rain, Thursday. Praveen Khanna

## Wife of doctor who died of Covid hopes for job in Delhi

#### **SOMYA LAKHANI** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

TEN DAYS after Dr Javed Ali (42), a contractual doctor with Delhi government's National Health Mission, succumbed to Covid-19. his family was paid a visit by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who handed over a Rs 1 crore cheque to them.

Kejriwal tweeted, "In the time of coronavirus, our doctors are treating patients without caring about their own life. Recently, corona warrior Dr Javed Ali passed away due to Covid. Met his family... and handed over the cheque of Rs 1 crore. In the future too, we will take care of his family.'

Dr Ali was deployed at a Covid care centre, a quarantine centre, and a sero surveillance centre since March. After a three-week battle with the virus, he passed away on July 20. He is survived by his wife, Dr Heena, and their two



Kejriwal handed over a Rs 1 crore cheque to Dr Javed Ali's wife

children aged 6 and 12. Dr Heena said, "The CM handled this very sensitively. He paid his respects to my husband, and promised us

his support in the future.' After Dr Ali passed away, Dr Heena quit her job at a private hospital in Haryana's Ballabhgarh, where she was a gynaecologist. She said, "My husband and daughter lived in Delhi.

My son and I in Ballabhgarh. Dr Ali and I had a deal that I will work at the hospital for two years, move back to Delhi by 2021 and find a job. The four of us used to meet over the weekend. He was very supportive of my ambition but now he's gone... I can no longer have a hectic schedule. Kejriwal ji said he will try to help me out with a job in Delhi now."

## Govt revises antigen test protocol

New Delhi: The Delhi government has amended the testing strategy used for rapid antigen tests, after the Delhi High Court raised the issue and asked why the government was choosing RAT, which has a high rate of false-negative results, over the RT-PCR method.

The health department deleted 'all patients admitted with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI)' from the high-risk group of individuals who are compulsory required to be tested for Covid-19 using RAT. This means that those com-

ing with SARI symptoms to healthcare facilities will not be tested through rapid antigen test, a move which is expected to lower the number of RAT tests.

RT-PCR is considered to be the gold standard for testing, with an accuracy of 60%. Rapid antigen tests provide results within 30 minutes and has an accuracy of 40%. **ENS** 

## boat and row till they found internet connectivity and made a call.

Dr Ushast Dhir, who works in the Department of Liver Transplantation and Surgical Gastroenterology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, was on the line.

"I have been visiting Guwahati and conducting liver OPD every month for the past

Lalchand Bishwas was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis in February

year. The last OPD was on February 29, where I met this patient. He was getting better but there could not be a follow-up due to the pandemic," he said.

Rehman followed the instructions given by Dhir and examined his friend – all on the small boat. But for Dhir, another challenge was the language barrier and the help needed to administer injections and enema.

Off and on, the video call lasted around 6 hours. "I would explain the process to his friend,

tient's wife. He did well. We wanted to save him from going into a coma... He was drowsy and feeling uncomfortable," Dhir said. Bishwas has been stabilised

who would explain it to the pa-

and will be called to Delhi for treatment once the situation is normal. "We have been in touch through telecounselling on a regular basis. The hospital has also arranged medicines for a month and sent them to his village," D S Rana, chairperson (Board of Management), SGRH.

## STUCK IN MORIGAON AMID FLOODS

## How a boat, a video call helped connect Delhi doc to Assam patient

## **ASTHA SAXENA**

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A FISHING boat, a mobile phone and a doctor sitting 2,000 km away — the three came to the rescue of Lalchand Bishwas (45) who suffers from a liver ailment and was stuck at his home in Assam's Morigaon district amid floods.

Bishwas was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis in February and required regular medical attention. As the nationwide lockdown was

imposed, he was following directions given by doctors after his diagnosis. In June, his condition started to worsen and he complained of breathlessness, drowsiness, and pain in the abdomen.

Bishwas lives with his family in Jengpori village and has no internet access. Earlier this month, his friend, Mofisur Rehman (35), a pharmacist, went to meet him and realised his condition was critical. Rehman then saw a prescription that would offer hope. The prescription had contact

details of a doctor. His condition was turning critical and medical facilities in the area were not operational because of the floods. Taking a chance, I dialled the doctor's number and he responded. The doctor asked me to arrange a video call to understand his medical condition," he said.

But that was easier said than done. There was no internet connectivity in the village and floods meant getting out was nearly impossible. Rehman and Bishwas's family decided to take him on a







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## Managing the pandemic in Dehradun

The local administration has handled the situation skilfully by taking tough decisions and implementing guidelines across the district





HE whole world is now affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. In mid-March, the country launched a united war against the virus. A country-wide lockdown was initiated in an attempt to control the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. While it has affected our daily lives, we also need to realise that the move has helped save millions of lives across India. Other countries around the world, which have not taken any serious steps like lockdown, are more affected than us by this epidemic today.

Like the entire country, it was not easy to ensure the lockdown of everything except essential services in a state like Uttarakhand. Dehradun, being the capital of the state, is also an important city for the country, where the most important institutions of the country are located, through which many important services are provided to the country. With a population of over 16,96,694 people in Dehradun, trying to ensure the welfare of every citizen was a challenge for the local administration. Though the lockdown brought life to a standstill for the common man, in such a

## THE DOUBLING **RATE OF PATIENTS HAS INCREASED FROM 24 TO** 38 DAYS

situation there are others who have to work in double shifts. They are our true hero. They are our own Corona warriors.

In Dehradun, the frontline district administration officials, police, all necessary workers, farmers, scavengers, NGOs and citizens, who have been fully and united, have helped control the spread of the virus.

This is the reason why the doubling rate of corona patients in Dehradun has increased from 24 days to 38 days, which is better than the recovery rate of the country.

It is only when the local authorities take over and ensure that all the citizens have their basic needs taken care of so that the citizens feel safe and secure. The Dehradun district administration has been particularly effective in managing the lockdown situation. They resurrect the city of Dehradun, distributing food kits to ensure that everyone in the district needs to survive the epidemic irrespective of economic back ground, caste, gender or age. They have demonstrated great management by taking tough calls and implementing guidelines across the district. They have collaborated with others to ensure that the basic needs of citizens are not affected.

Then while it was risky for the citizens to go to the market, the administration brought the market to them and significantly reduced the risk of the virus. Access to vegetables and all essential commodities were ensured for all families while maintaining social distance and similar measures.

Rules and legislation were strictly enforced to control the number of positive cases in the district. To facilitate dedicated and efficient handling of all issues, Doon Smart City Limited was made the nodal agency, providing the department with authority to ensure that citizens

strictly follow the rules laid down. The department also ensures that vehicle passes are issued for travel and for any other requirement, if necessary, and no one violates the rules. In this way all the people are like a special task force working tirelessly to make the district safe and virus free.

Dehradun District Magistrate Shri Ashish Shrivastava has shown tremendous courage and self-confidence during this period. It is a reflection of the dedication and commitment. Many citizens have praised the district administration through social media.

## **DM Message**

## **Dehradun's recovery** rate is better than the country's average recovery rate

HE testing rate of state capital Dehradun has now become better than before. Currently the situation is under control. The recovery rate in Dehradun is better than the average recovery rate in the country. At this time, the patient is not coming in the district from



an unknown source. There are 18000 tests per million population in Dehradun district.

Active surveillance is being done at various levels in the district, Total surveillance for the entire population once. In view of the prevention of COVID-19 disease, the district is divided into 9 sectors, along with Asha and Anganwadi workers, sector officers are being deployed, they will monitor and report their investigation. Asha and Aganbadi workers have checked entire population twice and third round is going on. Through the information about the health of the people quarantined home and the health information of the people who have returned home after recovering from the COVID-19 infection, information is being taken on the phone by contacting the people with sickness of the

3 call centers have been established in Dehradun for complete monitoring. Apart from taking health information through call centers, people are also being made aware.

Sanitization campaign is now being run in Dehradun city every Saturday and Sunday.

> Dr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava IAS, District Magistrate Dehradun



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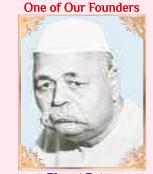
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# GOVT & POLITICS





## STRONG MESSAGE

SOME IN the government admit there is a need for awareness to remove the stigma against Covid-19 patients and those who have recovered. While calls from public figures like actors Amitabh Bachchan and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to deal with it as just another disease have been appreciated, some ministers are taking extra steps to convey the message. One such move was made by Union minister Prakash Javadekar. PIB Director General K S Dhatwalia was apprehensive about sharing a dais for a cabinet briefing as he had recovered from coronavirus infection. But Javadekar insisted that Dhatwalia be seated with him to send the message that once recovered, one is perfectly fine.

## MORE RUMBLINGS

WHILE THE crisis in the Rajasthan Congress is far from over, it is said there are rumblings in the Jharkhand Congress as well. The Congress shares power with the JMM in the state. A section of Congress MLAs is demanding the removal of the state Congress chief Rameshwar Oraon. At least three of them have landed in Delhi and met Ahmed Patel, and are learnt to have urged him to implement the one-man-one-post policy in Jharkhand. Oraon is the state Finance Minister apart from being PCC chief.

## **New Post**

HARDIK SATISHCHANDRA Shah, a 2010-batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, will be the new Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Shah, said an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training. He is currently posted as Deputy Secretary in the PMO. He will replace Rajeev Topno, a 1996-batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, who was appointed senior advisor to the World Bank Executive Director last month.

## In SC, UGC firm on direction to conduct final exams by Sept

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE UNIVERSITY Grants tions for UG/PG students and/or Commission (UGC) on Thursday ties and institutions to conduct final-year exams by Septemberend, saying the "Revised Guidelines" of July 6, 2020 offer "sufficient flexibility" and are intended "to protect the academic future of students"

In an affidavit filed in the

Supreme Court, the UGC referred

to its July 6 guidelines and said they "adequately account for the evolving situation of the Covid-19 pandemic because they (a) provide sufficient time till the end of September 2020 to conduct the final year/ terminal semester examinations after following the prescribed protocols and procedures relating to Covid-19; (b) give sufficient flexibility Universities/ institutions to conduct such examinations in online, offline(pen and paper) or blended (online + offline) mode: and (c) provide for an examination through special chance for students who for whatsoever the reason(s) may be are unable to appear for the examinations...'

The UGC also said that the guidelines "have to be adopted and applied by all Universities/institutions in the country (including State Universities)".

It further said "therefore, the

decision of certain state governments" like Maharashtra and Delhi "to either cancel the terminal semester/final year examinato graduate such students and for the final year/terminal semester examinations is plainly contrary to the UGC's Guidelines".

The UGC said it "has issued such guidelines to protect the academic future of students across the country which will be irreparably damaged if their final year: terminal semester examinations are not held, while also keeping in mind their health and safety".

The affidavit, filed in response to petitions challenging the guidelines, noted that the guidelines were drawn up following a report by a committee under the chairmanship of Professor R C Kuhad, Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Haryana, and published "in consultation with the Universities or other bodies concerned" as mandated by Section 12 of UGC Act.

The guidelines first issued on April 29 required the exams to be held in July. However, in view of the evolving situation of the Covid pandemic and lockdown, the UGC requested the committee to revisit the guidelines. It said the MHA "has also permitted" the conduct of the exams and the matter affects the standards of higher education in the country.

**TEHELKA STING OP CASE** 

# Hrs after trial court order, HC stays 4-yr jail for Jaya Jaitly

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday stayed a four-year rigorous imprisonment sentence awarded by a lower court to former Samata Party president Jaya Jaitly in a 2001 case related to a sting operation by Tehelka magazine for a purported defence deal.

Jaitly and two others were chargesheeted after Tehelka aired the sting, "Operation Westend", showing them purportedly accepting bribes from its reporters — who posed as representatives of a fictitious company — for supply orders from the Army for hand-held thermal imagers.

Of the three sentenced by the lower court earlier in the day, Jaitly had moved the High Court.

Iustice Suresh Kumar Kait stayed the order considering the fact that the ``appellant(Jaitly) wasnot arrested in the present case".

Three new

ministers in

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE HIMACHAL Pradesh council

of ministers was expanded

Thursday with the induction of

three new members, taking the

Cabinet's strength to 12. This is the first Cabinet expansion under the

Iai Ram Thakur-led government

ministers include Paonta Sahib

MLA Sukh Ram Chaudhary,

Nurpur MLA Rakesh Pathania and

Ghumarwin MLA Rajinder Garg.

administered the oath of office to

the new ministers at a function at

the Raj Bhawan, Covid-19 proto-

cols were in place at the event.

Those present included Chief

Minister Jai Ram Thakur, newly-

appointed BJP state president

Suresh Kashyap, Cabinet cabinet

ministers and senior government

took oath in Hindi, Pathania took

now be expected, CM Thakur later

said, adding that he himself holds

a number of departments and

would like to see his burden eased.

welfare minister to take over as

of the Speaker had fallen vacant

following the appointment of

Bindal as the state BJP president.

so the next session should be con-

vened before September 23.

last year.

oath in English.

of ministers," he said.

While Chaudhary and Garg

A reshuffle of portfolios can

Governor Bandaru Dattatreya

Those inducted as Cabinet

which came to power in 2017.

Himachal

Cabinet

SHIMLA, JULY 30

Jaya Jaitly

"However," Justice Kait noted, "without commenting on the merits of appeal, I am of the view that the appellant deserves suspension of sentence during pendency of the appeal."

The High Court also ordered that Jaitly be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 50,000 with two sureties of the like amount, and directed that she ensure her presence during the time of hearing the appeal. Jaitly, along with Major

General S P Murugai (retd) and former Samata Party leader Gopal Pacherwal, were held guilty of corruption and criminal conspiracy by the trial court on July 21.

Early Thursday afternoon,

Special Judge Virender Bhat sentenced the three to four-year imprisonment, and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on Jaitly and Murugai, and Rs 50,000 on Pacherwal. While deciding on sentencing,

Judge Bhat quoted Kautilya in Arthashastra and said a well-considered and just punishment makes people devoted to righteousness, while unjust punishment excites the society's fury. 'Whoever imposes severe punishment becomes repulsive to people while he who awards mild punishment, becomes contemptible. The ruler just with the rod is honoured. When discerned punishment is given, it endows the subject with spiritual good, material well-being and pleasure of the senses," the court said.

Judge Bhat observed that the 'virus of corruption which has engulfed the entire fabric of our society is becoming a major obstain the growth and

cratic system, when the public offices and public institutions are misused for private advantage, they lose their legitimacy. Corruption not only corrodes the social fabric of the society but also depletes national wealth. Courts also need to play a vital role in such efforts by dealing sternly with persons... which would deter other public servants from indulging in corrupt deals."

The court noted, "In a demo-

According to CBI, which investigated the case, Jaitly entered a criminal conspiracy with Murugai, Pacherwal and Surender Kumar Surekha – who eventually turned approver - in 2000-01 and obtained Rs 2 lakh as illegal gratification for herself from Mathew Samuel, a representative from Tehelka.com who posed as representative of a fictitious firm, "to get the supply of Hand Held Thermal Cameras from the Ministry of Defence for the fictitious firm".

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JAIPUR, JULY 30

STATING THAT he had told Governor Kalraj Mishra that giving a 21-day window before calling the Assembly will "increase horse-trading", Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said the "rates" of MLAs have risen manifold after Mishra agreed to call the House session from August 14.

Horse-trading rates

He also accused BSP chief Mayawati of giving statements under compulsion from the BJP.

He told the media: "Ever since the Governor declared 14th (August, for the House to convene), the telephones have started ringing. We get news who is calling and what they are offering. They (MLAs) are being asked, 'tell us what you want'...'

Gehlot maintained that earlier the "first installment" paid to MLAs – purportedly to buy their votes – was Rs 10 crore, "and the next" was Rs 15 crore. "You will be surprised to know that it is now unlimited. Now they are being asked, 'tell us what you want'. It means that from 25 (crore rupees), horse trading rates have increased."

"I am happy that the Governor agreed with me," he said, but added that he had told



CM Gehlot at a meeting with party MLAs, at a hotel in

**Jaipur.** Rohit Jain Paras

Mishra to include the week spent exchanging letters to convince the Governor about the need to call a House session at the earliest while calculating the 21-day period.

On merger of the six BSP MLAs into the Congress last year - the BSP has moved the court in the case, calling it illegal -Gehlot said, "The BJP merged four TDP MPs (in Rajya Sabha, last year) into it overnight. That merger is correct but six MLAs merging with Congress in Rajasthan is wrong?" He accused the BJP-led Centre of "misusing" the Income Tax Department, ED, CBI to "scare and threaten everyone" and said, "Mayawati-ji is also getting scared of them and giving statements under compulsion."

## HC notices to Speaker, 6 BSP MLAs who joined Congress

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** JAIPUR, JULY 30

THE RAJASTHAN High Court Thursday issued notices to the state Assembly Speaker and the six BSP MLAs who had joined the Congress in September last year.

The court was hearing petitions filed by the BSP and BJP MLA Madan Dilawar against the decision of the six MLAs to join the Congress. The petitioners cited several judgments to argue that the merger is unconstitutional.

The bench of Justice Mahendar Kumar Goyal asked the Speaker and the MLAs to respond by August 11 when the court will next hear the matter. The BSP has issued a whip to

the six MLAs, directing them to vote against the Congress in any no-confidence motion or other proceedings in the Rajasthan

## PRIYANKA VACATES GOVT BUNGALOW

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra leaves the bungalow allotted to her in the Lutyens Bungalow Zone in Delhi. The government had asked her to vacate the bungalow by August 1, saying her allotment stood cancelled since she was not an SPG protectee anymore. The Congress said that CPWD officials accepted the keys from Priyanka "after a full inspection establishing that the house was handed over in good condition". Anil Sharma

## MAURITIUS TOP COURT BUILDING, BUILT WITH INDIA AID, INAUGURATED

## India's development cooperation does not come with political conditions, says PM

**SHUBHAJITROY** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

"It's now a well-balanced council IN AN oblique reference to China's debt-trap diplomacy in the region, The three ministerial posts Prime Minister Narendra Modi on had been lying vacant for long. Thursday said that India's devel-One of the posts fell vacant in opment cooperation does not February, when Vipin Parmar recome with any conditions and is signed as the health and family not influenced by political or commercial considerations, as he the Assembly Speaker. The post along with Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth jointly inaugurated the new Supreme Court building in Parmar's predecessor Rajeev

"India's approach to develop-The other two posts fell vacant ment is mainly human-centric. The CM said that the mon-We want to work for the welfare soon session of the Assembly of humanity. History has taught us that in the name of developmay be convened in September but only if the pandemic subsides ment partnerships, nations were forced into dependence partner-As per norms, the Assembly ships. It gave rise to colonial and imperial rule. It gave rise to global session has to be convened at least once in six months, he said, power blocks. And, humanity sufadding that the budget session fered," Modi said on Thursday. had been adjourned on March 23,

"India is making development partnerships that are marked by respect, diversity, care for the fu-



PM Narendra Modi jointly inaugurates the Supreme Court building in Port Louis along with his Mauritius counterpart Pravind Jugnauth, through video conference in Delhi. ANI

ture, and sustainable development. For India, the most fundamental principle in development cooperation is respecting our partners. This sharing of development lessons is our only motivation. That is why our development cooperation does not come with any conditions. It is not influenced by political or commercial considerations," he said at the inauguration through a video-conference.

The building is the first Indiaassisted infrastructure project within the capital city of Port Louis to be inaugurated after the Covid-19 pandemic. The project has been completed with a grant assistance of USD 28.12 million from the government of India.

Mauritius PM Jugnauth expressed his deep appreciation for India's support for the project as reflective of the close ties.

## Urge restraint along LAC, oppose unilateral bid to alter status quo: Australia erally-agreed principles and

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

URGING RESTRAINT along the Australian Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell said on Thursday that Australia opposed any attempts to

unilaterally change the status quo. After meeting External Affairs minister S Jaishankar on Thursday, the Australian envoy said, "Australia urges restraint along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and supports continued moves towards de-escalation. As I told the External Affairs Minister of India today, Australia opposes any attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo, which only serve to increase tension

and the risk of instability." "It is important that the bilatnorms that have helped prevent escalation or miscalculation in the border areas over many decades continue to be observed," he said.

On the Indo-Pacific region and China's aggressive behaviour, he said, "The Indo-Pacific region, like other parts of the world, is grappling with the enormous challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Even as we focus on the health and economic impacts of the pandemic, Australia remains vigilant about strategic trends inimical to our vision of the region.'

On the South China Sea, he said, "Australia remains deeply concerned by actions in the South China Sea that are destabilising and could provoke escalation." **FULL REPORT ON** 

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## 'We are very clear, as is India, that this vaccine is for everybody'

THE NEW High Commissioner of UK in India, **SIR PHILIP BARTON**, served as the Director General in the Cabinet Office working on the UK's long-term response to the Covid-19 crisis before his arrival in India six weeks ago. On his first virtual visit to Mumbai on Wednesday, he discussed a range of issues, from the response to the Covid-19 crisis, UK's new immigration policy to laying the building blocks for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India. Excerpts from an interview with MAYURA JANWALKAR:

What have your discussions been with the Indian government over the

response to the Covid-19 pandemic? While I was working at 10

Downing Street with the Prime Minister on the longer-term response, what seemed very striking was, while I was there, how much of that was about our collaboration with India at the height of the crisis in the UK.

For example, the way in which the Indian government allowed the export of paracetamol at the point where supplies had become critical in the UK, the export of some PPE, the support we had as we repatriated British nationals across India.

In terms of the pandemic itself, clearly we're living with it for

now but there is a way out through treatment and vaccines. We don't know which vaccine is going to work as trials are still going on but the one that at the moment looks promising is the Oxford University vaccine which will be manufactured with the Serum Institute (of India). It is really exciting that some-

thing that is being investigated and worked in the UK, will be manufactured in India and, crucially, will be made available on a global, equitable basis. We are very clear, as is the Indian government, that this vaccine is for everybody. This is a global pandemic and vaccines must be for everybody... More broadly, I





think of what the opportunities are as the UK and India recover from the economic impact... There is a very big agenda around climate change and greening our recovery. We, the UK, have a particular responsibility because we are hosting COP26 (UN Climate Change Conference). This is our longterm plan with India on climate change and renewable energy.

With the UK's new pointsbased immigration policy, how do you reconcile the Global Britain mantra with the hostility (in the UK) towards immigrants and immigration?

I don't think that is a reflection of the situation in the UK. If you look at the changes we have made, we remember the European Union (EU). If you were a EU citizen, you could go visit, study in the UK without any restrictions but that wasn't true for citizens of all countries, including India. We have now levelled the playing field. So we have a new points-based system which means from wherever you come. if you have the right points, you will be allowed entry into the UK and I think that really helps a country like India...

At a time that there has been unrest in Hong Kong (over

China's imposition of a new law in the territory) and a stand-off with India at the LAC, what are your views about engagement with China? The situation along the LAC is

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At a containment area in Kochi on Thursday. AP

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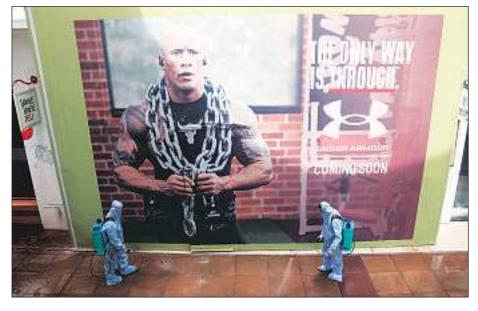
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Sanitisation at a mall before it reopens on August 5, in Mumbai on Thursday. Ganesh Shirsekar

## After HC prod, Karnataka guidelines on last rites focus on tradition, dignity

**JOHNSON TA** 

BENGALURU, JULY 30

IN THE wake of the Karnataka High Court calling for protection of dignity of people who succumb to Covid-19 and for respecting customs and traditions of their families, the state health department Wednesday issued fresh guidelines for management of bodies of Covid-19 patients, with emphasis on protection of tradition and dignity of the dead.

The July 27 court order followed instances of dumping of such bodies in pits in Ballari and families being forced to deviate from cultural practices for conducting last rites.

"The dignity of the dead, their cultural and religious traditions should be respected and protected throughout. Hasty disposal of the dead body of a Covid -19 person should be strictly avoided," state the guidelines issued by the health department.

A division bench of the high court headed by Chief Justice Abhay Sreenivas Oka had directed the state government to "come out with a protocol/guidelines with emphasis on maintain-

ing the dignity of a dead person". Under the new guidelines, the government has allowed close family members to catch a last glimpse of patients who succumb to Covid-19 before the bodies are

packed for funerals Many doctors have been recommending use of body bags where faces are visible. "We have to be a little humane and allow body bags where people can see the faces, that is not happening at present," said Dr Taha Mateen, a trustee of HBS Hospital in Bengaluru, which is associated with a voluntary group called Mercy Angels that is helping people carry out last rites of Covid-19 victims.

The guidelines say that family members can be allowed to view bodies at the hospital where they are kept after death by following safety protocols. "If family member/s of the patient wish to view the body at the time of removal from the isolation room or area they shall be allowed to do so by observing the standard precautions by a keeping a distancing of 1 metre/3 feet wearing face mask and hand hygiene," they state.

## Kerala to begin home isolation for asymptomatic Covid-19 patients

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

JULY 30

THE KERALA government has decided to implement home care isolation for Covid-19 patients. In the first phase of the plan, health workers who have tested positive but are asymptomatic would be allowed to opt for home care iso-

lation on an experimental basis. After a review meeting, CM Pinarayi Vijayan told the media that an expert committee has recommended that home care isolation could be implemented as per ICMR guidelines. "Most patients are asymptomatic and do not require intensive care. Such patients have been moved to Covid first line treatment centres. They have been put up at such centres to prevent transmission of the disease. Such asymptomatic would be allowed for home care isolation," he said.

Viiavan said home isolation would be allowed for health workers who tested positive on an experimental basis. "Nobody would be forced. Government is not abandoning patients as alleged by the Opposition," he said.

## **ICMR SYMPOSIUM**

# India pvt sector has key role in manufacturing vaccine: Fauci

KARISHMA MEHROTRA NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AS THE "world's leading manufacturer of vaccines", India's private sector has a "very important role" in the global battle against Covid-19, Dr Anthony S Fauci, one of the world's leading experts on infectious diseases, said on Thursday evening.

Dr Fauci was speaking at an online symposium organised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), which was also attended by several other internationally acclaimed epidemiologists and vaccinologists.

"India's private sector also has a very important role to play as the world's leading manufacturer of vaccines and, as effective Covid-19 vaccines emerge from our research efforts, this manufacturing capability is going to be very, very important," Dr Fauci said. "Moving forward, we and other (US National Institutes of Health) institutes will continue to work with Indian counterparts and colleagues to assure Indian scientists and Indian impressive research and development capacity are integrated in the global efforts to ad-



Anthony Fauci

dress the Covid-19 vaccine."

Dr Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the top medical research agency of the US government. Dr Fauci has been in his post since 1984, and has been adviser to six US Presidents since Ronald Reagan.

Dr Fauci listed three key aspects that would reduce the lag between trials and manufacture of vaccines: regulatory standards and review, harmonised data monitoring to foster comparability, and the financing of advanced vaccine production.

Giving his opinion on one of the ongoing debates in the medical community, Dr Fauci said he was against human challenge trials, in which participants are purposely exposed to the virus. The high incidence of Covid-19 makes

such risks unnecessary, and the lack of highly effective therapies makes it unethical.

Several others in the symposium, however, disagreed. Prof Adrian Hill of Oxford University, who is part of the team of researchers who partnered with India's Serum Institute to develop a vaccine candidate, said therapies such as remedesivir and convalescent plasma should allow researchers to consider both human challenge and randomised control trials to allow for "quicker and less expensive" pathways, given the unpredictability of the virus spread.

Others such as Nir Eyal, director of Rutger's Center for Population-Level Bioethics, and Marc Lipsitch, professor of epidemiology at Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health, also disagreed with Dr Fauci, while microbiologist Peter Piot, director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, agreed.

Participants also discussed how to equitably distribute the future vaccine in view of rising "vaccine nationalism", as Prof Piot described it. Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Health, Rajesh Bhushan asked the panelists if the aim should be to reduce cases by

to reduce the number of deaths by focusing on the elderly, those with comorbidities, or the poor. "Within the (Health) Ministry, we are engaged with this question... Outside the government, there is an emerging consensus that at least frontline health workers have the best claim over who should get the vaccine first... Would there be a priority list," Bhushan asked.

Prof Eyal responded that essential workers, not just health workers, should be prioritised. Prof Lipsitch said country distribution should be measured by per capita.

NITI Aayog member Dr Vinod Paul, chairperson of India's national Covid-19 task force, stressed the country's commitment to vaccine access. "We cannot accept a situation where the rich have the vaccine and not the poor... The vaccine is not just for India and Indians but for the world and humanity," Dr Paul said.

Other speakers included Principal Scientific Adviser Prof K VijayRaghavan, Drugs Controller General of India Dr V G Somani, WHO South East Asia Regional Director Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, and ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava.

## Within govt, talks on who will get vaccine first

#### **KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WITH MULTIPLE Covid-19 vaccine candidates across the globe entering phase 3 of human trials, the government on Thursday said it has actively begun engaging with multiple stakeholders on the two crucial aspects related to distribution and administration of a

The Centre said it is currently deliberating on two key issues logistics and to which section of the population the vaccine needs to be administered on priority.

potential vaccine for Covid-19.

At a press briefing, Rajesh Bhushan, Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Health, on Thursday said, "...Has there been a discussion on prioritising how a vaccine would be distributed and administer, if and when it is available – the answer is, yes; there are multiple stakeholders within government and Ministry of Health has started actively engaging with such stakeholders."

Asked which section of the population the vaccine will be administered on priority, he said, "When the vaccine comes, it has to be administered on a much larger scale compared to the existing vaccines. There is near unanimity on this. The questions which are being discussed are the questions of logistics: how it will be procured and stored, and how it will be made available. But there are equally important ethical questions: who gets it first? These questions are still under deliberations in the Union government."

Meanwhile, as the number of Covid-19 recoveries in the country touched a million, the Centre flagged that developing herd immunity in the absence of a vaccine is not an option. "Herd immunity is kind of indirect protection, but it happens only when the popula-

tion becomes immune either through vaccination or immunity developed through the previous infection... In 2011, India had a population of 121 crore according to Census data... for a country of this size, if we are talking about developing herd immunity without the vaccine. That is not an option," Bhushan said.

"It can only be an outcome, that too, at a very high cost. Lakhs of people have to get infected, get admitted to hospitals, collapsing the healthcare infrastructure, and resulting in numerous deaths. Herd immunity can never be a strategic option," Bhushan said.

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## **REC Limited – The Human Side of Business**

REC Limited, a Navratna central PSU under the Ministry of Power and one of India's largest power project financiers, is on a mission to aid the needy and support the frontline corona warriors

HE Covid-19 pandemic has engulfed the entire world and has posed serious challenges for the health and economic security of millions of people worldwide. In India too, the spread of coronavirus has been alarming and is posing severe health and economic ramifications for our country.

To help battle the coronavirus, the central PSU has donated ₹150 crore to the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM-CARES) fund while its employees have also voluntarily contributed one day's salary to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). It has acted proactively in providing various relief measures to combat the novel coronavirus throughout the course of the pandemic outbreak and has already rolled out various preventive measures at its Corporate Office and all its Regional offices to

safeguard its employees and their families. The corporation has sanctioned funds to the tune of ₹10 crore to the offices of Distribution Companies, Collector and/or District Magistrates for distributing cooked food, ration kits, utility packs, masks, sanitizers and making shelter arrangements during the lockdown to over 95,000 beneficiaries. As on 28th July 2020, the corporation has distributed more than 4.83 lakh kilograms of food grains, 4.38 lakh meal packets, 10,007 litres of sanitizers, 3,440 PPE kits and 86,300 masks to help combat the pandemic.

REC Foundation, the CSR arm of REC has distributed 5000 customized packets carrying essentials for labourers and the workers affected by the nationwide lockdown. These sustainable cloth bags contained a drinking water bottle, roasted chana, peanuts, glucose powder, footwear and reusable masks. The distribution of these bags was done by the employees of the corporation who volunteered to help alleviate the pain of the needy.

REC had also tied up with Delhi Police to provide 500 ration kits on a daily basis for about 50 days to over 1,00,000 beneficiaries. Additionally, around 300 workers engaged in the construction of REC Headquarters in Gurugram and other labourers in the vicinity, from various states were provided ration and essential items like



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atta, rice, dal, edible oil, soap, sanitizers etc. on a bi-weekly basis.

Moreover, to support the frontline corona warriors, REC Limited has also partnered with TajSATS (a joint venture of IHCL and SATS Ltd) to distribute specially-made nutritious meal packs to the medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi on a daily basis. Every day, 300 food packets are being delivered as a gesture of gratitude to the healthcare workers in New Delhi. Overall, 18.000 meals will be delivered through this collaborative endeavour.

Dr. RK Srivastava of Safdarjung Hospital said "REC has been kind enough for funding under their corporate social responsibility initiatives with TAJSATS through a combination of TAJ CSR to provide good quality food to the doctors and staff in our hospital since 24th May 2020 from their CSR funds.

This is to last up to 23rdJuly 2020." On behalf of the medical team and hospital staff, Dr. Srivastava thanked REC for its magnanimous efforts while adding "We at Safdarjung Hospital have very high regard for this kind gesture of REC and hope for similar kind of support in future too. Given the gravity and urgency of the situation, we hope for a prompt and supportive response always in this regard".

In continuation of their relentless measures to provide relief from the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, REC has donated 4 nos. of ambulances (Maruti Suzuki AC Eeco Vans) to assist the Mamit district in Mizoram by strengthening its health service deliveries. The Deputy Commissioner of Mamit district, Dr. Lalrozama expressed his gratitude towards REC by thanking them for understanding the problem faced

New Delhi

in the district and their constant support in procuring these ambulances. With the help of these ambulances, transportation of Covid-19 patients from quarantine centres to the Covid care centres has been made very feasible.

With India continuing its fight against the coronavirus, it's imperative that we strive to help mitigate the hardships and afflictions of the needy and underprivileged of the society through various collective efforts. In a bid to provide care and support against the virus outbreak that has plagued our country, REC has left no stone unturned in its attempt to help the nation and its citizens overcome the impediments caused by the pandemic. As the trying times linger on with many uncertainties, REC endeavours to play a vital role in the upliftment of the impoverished, whilst providing assistance in building a stronger and more resilient India in the face of adversities along the way.

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## 3rd BJP worker found dead in fortnight, family accuses TMC

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, JULY 30

THE BODY of a 52-year-old BJP worker was found hanging from a tree in Ghoramara area of South 24 Parganas district on Thursday. His family alleged that he was killed by local Trinamool Congress leaders. Police said that they have found a handwritten "suicide note".

Patra's family in a complaint lodged at Sagar Police Station has named 11 local Trinamool leaders and 10 others for the "murder". "My father was vocal against TMC leaders indulging in corruption in cyclone Amphan relief distribution," Patra's son Soumitra said.

This is the third such incident in the state in the last fortnight. On Wednesday, the body of a BJP worker, Purnachandra Das, was found hanging in Ramnagar area of East Midnapore district. Before that, Hemtabad MLA Debendra Nath Roy, who had joined BJP last year, was found dead. His body was also found hanging in front of a tea shop.

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KOLKATA, JULY 30

CONGRESS STALWART from West Bengal Somen Mitra died at a hospital here early Thursday. He was

A three-time state Congress president, Mitra had been unable to prevent a split in the party, which resulted in the creation of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the decline of the Congress as a political power in Bengal, It was during Mitra's second term as party president in the late 1990s that the Congress had to relinquish its position as the main opposition to the TMC.

Born in 1941 in Jessore district of erstwhile East Bengal (now Bangladesh), Mitra began his political career as a student leader in the 1960s. At 31, he became the youngest MLA in the state in 1972. Except in 1977, Mitra continued to win the Sealdah seat from 1982 to

Fondly known as 'Chhorda' (younger brother), Mitra was viewed as one of the politicians of the 1960s and 70s who played a

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strategists behind the Left Front-Congress alliance in the 2016 Assembly elections. He was keen on such an alliance for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, but it could not materialise.

Mitra was admitted in Belle Vue Clinic for 17 days due to heart and kidney ailments. Hospital sources said he died following a cardiac arrest. He had tested negative for Covid-19.

His wife Sikha told reporters: "His heart remained in politics. We told him to stay away due to his health. But he continued."

Condoling Mitra's death, CM Banerjee tweeted, "Saddened to hear about the passing away of veteran leader, former MP and @INCWestBengal president Somen Mitra...

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh wrote to Mitra's wife, "He was a leader of high esteem who was highly respected by everybody irrespective of party-lines...

Veteran CPI(M) leader Biman Bose said his death was a blow to "the secular and democratic forces in the state". Mitra is survived by his wife and son.

## Odisha Crime Branch to take over

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Police Thursday ordered the Crime Branch to probe into the death of activist Aditya Dash, whose mutilated body was found on railway tracks here over three

The case was being probed by the Government Railway Police, Bhubaneswar

"I have ordered Crime Branch to take charge of investigation of ing to death of social activist Sri

The body of Dash, a popular social activist and motivational speaker, was found on the railway tracks near Lingaraj Temple Road railway station in

grievous injury to the head. PTI

**PALGHAR CHARGESHEET** 

# In days before lynching, WhatsApp groups were abuzz with rumours: CID

**SRINATH RAO** MUMBAI.JULY30

INTHE four days leading up to the lynching of two ascetics and their driver in Palghar on April 16, WhatsApp groups in the area actively spread rumours and fuelled fear in villages in parts of the district. The rumour-mongering began on April 12 with a message about thieves and alleged organharvesters being spotted at a few villages, progressed to warnings about 500 Muslims being "let loose" across India to spread the Covid-19 virus and culminated in an announcement at 12.59 am on April 16: If you catch a thief, do not leave him alive. The three men were killed later that day as they happened to pass through Gadchinchle village on their way to a funeral in Surat.

An analysis of five different WhatsApp groups of residents of Gadchinchle and its neighbouring villages in Palghar and the adjoining Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, is part of the Criminal Maharashtra Investigation Department's (CID) 5,291-page-long chargesheet filed earlier this month against 126 men for allegedly lynching ascetics Mahant Kalpavruksha Giri (70) and Sushilgiri Maharaj (35) and their driver Nilesh Telgade (30). The CID wrote in the chargesheet that the spread of rumours heightened tensions in Gadchinchle to the extent that vil-



Police inspect the car that was attacked in Gadchinchle village. File

lagers accused the travellers of being thieves in disguise.

The rumour-mongering had not gone unnoticed by the district administration which had convened a meeting at Gadchinchle at 5 pm on April 15, a day before the incident. Then Kasa police station in-charge, Assistant Police Inspector Anandrao Kale, Sub Inspector Sudhir Katare, Sarpanch Chitra Chaudhary and anti-superstition activists had pleaded with villagers not to believe in or act upon rumours and report any suspicious persons to the police.

To discourage large gatherings in public places, the authorities had also requested local boys not to play cricket in large groups and for men to refrain from selling toddy and playing cards in groups of 30-40. This message, sent by WhatsApp by Arun Kadam, a Panchayat Samiti member from Dahanu Taluka, also reminded men who had accosted and attacked Thane-based Dr Vishwas Walvi, his colleague and their driver at Sarni Patilpada village on April 14 had been arrested by the police. It was shared in a WhatsApp group named Gadchinchle, which had as its display picture a doctor wearing a mask and cradling a map of India in her hands.

The CID has in particular flagged as suspicious the April 12 rumour about thieves being spotted at multiple locations which was posted on the following WhatsApp groups—Whatsapp Goo, AAL AADIVASI FRIEND and Group of Amboli.

Immediately after the attack on the doctors, images and videos of the incident and pictures of unidentified men being strangled and lying injured were circulated via WhatsApp, These images were found saved in the mobile phone of accused Prakash Chothe.

The CID also found a frantic exchange of text messages on another group of locals claiming to have spotted and captured thieves at multiple villages, news clips about doctors in Dahanu testing positive for Covid-19, and warnings to watch out for Muslim men posing as beggars and butchers. There were messages on this group, exhorting women not to open doors after dark and a message claiming that two busloads of thieves had crossed over from Khanvel in Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

## MoS Athawale calls for 'Buddha Vihar' to be built in Ayodhya

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JULY 30

UNION MINISTER of State for Social Justice Ramdas Athawale Thursday demanded the construction of a 'Buddha Vihar' in Ayodhya, "At Ayodhya, before Babri Masiid, there was Ram temple. But before Ram temple there was a Buddha Vihar," said the

Republican Party of India chief. Acknowledging that the Avodhva dispute has been resolved. Athawale said, "It is now evident that the Ram temple will be built at the disputed site. And land has been allotted for mosque construction... we are working to

## Poll panel to Chavan: Agency hired after vetting by state govt

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE ELECTION Commission told former CM Prithviraj Chavan Thursday that Signpost India was hired to work on voter awareness ahead of Maharashtra polls only after it was vetted by the state's Directorate General of Information and Public Relations. The office of the Maharashtra Chief Electoral Officer, the EC said, did not choose Signpost India but "requisitioned" its service through DGIPR.

The state CEO had approached DGIPR for finding an agency since a 2017 resolution by the Maharashtra government had tasked DGIPR to engage all ad agencies on behalf of the government and its departments, the EC's letter to Chavan said.

The Congress leader had alleged that the Maharashtra CEO hired an agency owned by Devang Dave, national convenor of IT and social media of BJP's youth wing, to work on voter awareness. The EC's letter did not mention Dave or his agency.

## RS bypolls on August 24

New Delhi: Bypolls to two Rajya Sabha seats—one each in UP and Kerala—will be held on August 24, the EC said Thursday. The bypolls were necessitated by the death of Beni Prasad Verma from UP and MP Veerendra Kumar from Kerala earlier this year.

#### acquire land elsewhere for a grand Buddha Vihar.' The minister said he would meet Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to discuss the is-

sue. "The UP government should help us in getting land which is not locked in any dispute."

## CBI takes over probe into death of Kerala violinist, daughter in mishap

has taken over the probe into the death of violinist Balabhaskar and his 18-month-old daughter in a 2018 road accident near here. The family had alleged that a suspect in the case was connected with the gold smuggling

The CBI has taken over the probe even as multiple central government agencies are probing the smuggling of 30 kg gold through diplomatic cargo.

Kalabhavan Sobi, a performing artiste, had alleged that two

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## Thiruvananthapuram: The CBI

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Assembly elections. However, as the Congress joined hands with Left Front at the Centre to back the United Front government, it lost credibility as the main opposition to the CPI(M) in West Bengal. It was then that Mamata Banerjee, who was then West Bengal Youth Congress pres-

Mitra was one of the chief

lowing differences with Banerjee and rejoined the Congress. He became Congress president again in

Mitra left the TMC in 2014 fol-

Mitra and Banerjee in the Bengal

Congress unit. Relations between

them soured further when

Banerjee positioned herself

against Mitra for the post of state

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was learnt that he along with the

then Congress national president

Sitaram Kesari cornered Banerjee

in the party, after which she broke

and replaced the Congress as the

main Opposition to the Left Front

government in Bengal by winning

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As the TMC sided with the BJP

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## probe into death of social activist BBSR GRPS case no 81/20 relat-

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## Gangster Dubey's aide surrenders in UP court

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** KANPUR, JULY 30

SLAIN GANGSTER Vikas Dubey's close aide Gopal Saini, against whom the police had announced a bounty of Rs 1 lakh, surrendered before a special court in Kanpur Dehat on Wednesday, a government counsel said.

The Special Task Force (STF) and Kanpur Police were on the lookout for Saini since July 3 af-

ter eight policemen, including Deputy Devendra Kumar Mishra, were killed by



Chaubeypur area of Kanpur when they were going to arrest him.

District Government Counsel (Criminal) Raju Porwal told PTI that Gopal Saini, accused in the killing of eight policemen, surrendered before the special court at Maati in Kanpur Dehat.

Saini's lawyer had moved an application for his surrender before the court, Porwal said but did not elaborate on the details of the application

Kanpur Rural SP Brajesh Srivastava confirmed that Gopal Saini has surrendered before the court in Kanpur Dehat, "We have decided to move an application before the court requesting for his police custody so that he can be questioned properly and information about other members of Vikas Dubey's gang who are still evading arrest can be obtained," he said.

Initially, a cash reward of Rs 50,000 was announced on Saini but it was later increased to Rs 1 lakh, the police officer said.

Dubey was shot dead by police on the outskirts of Kanpur on July 10. Earlier, five members of the Dubey gang were killed in separate encounters.

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** 

Brahmaputra were rising, com-

munication links faltering and his friend struggling to breathe. But

Mohfisur Rehman kept his nerve.

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Biswas, suffering from acute liver

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In a heroic tale of floods and

failure, a fresh lease of life.

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NEW DELHI, JULY 30

IN SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT DEATH CASE, HARSH SPOTLIGHT ON FRIEND RHEA

## Sushant father, Bihar govt move SC on Rhea plea; she says falsely implicated

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

got harsher.

NAMED IN an FIR lodged in Patna by actor Sushant Singh Rajput's father K K Singh, accusing her of theft, cheating and abetment to suicide, among others, actor Rhea Chakraborty finds herself in a spotlight that has just

Rhea and Sushant, who had been friends for a couple of years before the actor's death, were to appear together in director Rumi Jeffery's film that got stalled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday, a day a Bihar Police team met their counterparts in Bandra, Mumbai, to gather information on the actor's death case following the FIR, Rhea moved the Supreme Court and sought a stay on investigations in Patna.

She also petitioned the court to transfer the probe to Mumbai.

On Thursday, Singh and the Bihar government also moved the apex court and filed caveats (a preemptive legal measure), praying that they should be heard before any decision is taken on Rhea's plea for transfer of the FIR from Patna to Mumbai.

In her petition, Rhea maintained that allegations in the FIR "reflect the influence" Singh in roping her in the case, PTI

"In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case,





the Petitioner has been falsely

various death and rape threats

and is in deep trauma due to

the loss of deceased, which is

multiplied further due to the

media sensitivity of the case,

that she and Sushant lived to-

gether "since a year up till June

8. when the petitioner had tem-

porarily shifted to her own resi-

The plea stated that even

there is an iota of truth in the

case registered by Sushant's fa-

ther, the jurisdiction to probe the

offence would still lie with

An MTV VJ-turned-actor,

Bengaluru-born Rhea made

her silver screen debut in 2012

with a Telugu film, Tuneego

Tuneega. Her Bollywood debut

came in 2013 with Ashima

Chhibber's comedy, Mere Dad

filmography include Dobaara:

See No Evil, Half Girlfriend, and

Some notable entries in her

dence in Mumbai"

Bandra police.

Ki Maruti.

Rhea stated in the petition

it said.

"Petitioner has also received

implicated..." the plea said.

Sushant Singh Rajput and Rhea Chakraborty

### **SC JUNKS PIL SEEKING CBI PROBE**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a PIL seeking a CBI probe into the "mysterious" death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde told the petitioner that the police should be allowed to do their job.

"Go to Bombay High Court if you have anything concrete to show," the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, said when the plea filed by Patna resident Alka Priya and Sindhu Singh, an associate professor of Clinical Medicine in the US, came up for hearing.

The petitioners sought a court-monitored probe by a 'special investigating team" like CBI to "find out the veracity and truthfulness of unnatural death" of Rajput. ENS **ED seeks Sushant** father's FIR against Rhea to check possibility of PMLA case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) is examining whether it can probe the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput from the perspective of money laundering.

The agency has written to Bihar Police to share its FIR in the matter. After studying it, the ED, it is learnt, will take a call on whether the case is fit for investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In the FIR, registered at a Patna police station on July 25, Sushant's father K K Singh has held actor Rhea Chakraborty and five others responsible for his death. He has also alleged that Rhea and the other accused siphoned off Sushant's money.

Sushant, 34, was found hanging at his apartment in Bandra, a Mumbai suburb, on June 14.

In the FIR, Singh has alleged that Rs 15 crore was siphoned off from Sushant's account in one year "to bank accounts of persons not known or connected to the late actor". Singh has also accused Rhea of giving Sushant an overdose of medicine at her home and "falsely telling him that the actor was suffering from dengue".

Sources said ED will probe whether Rajput's wealth has been illegally siphoned off in a manner that will attract money laundering charges.

The FIR has been filed under IPC Sections 306 (abetment of suicide), 341 (wrongful restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 380 (theft in dwelling house), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 420 (cheating). Of these, the offence of cheating falls under the category of predicate offences under PMLA.

**MANIPUR** 

# 3 Assam Rifles men killed in militant attack

3 banned outfits claim joint responsibility for ambush

indiscriminate fire

ABHISHEK SAHA

IMPHAL, GUWAHATI, JULY 30

THREE ASSAM Rifles personnel were killed and at least six others injured in a militant attack in Khongtal area of Manipur's Chandel district near the Indo-Myanmar border on Wednesday evening, a senior police officer confirmed to The Indian Express.

"The Assam Rifles team was returning to their base at Khongtal when an IED exploded followed by indiscriminate fire," said a police officer in Chakpikarong, under whose jurisdiction the area is, adding that the attack took place around 6.30 pm on Wednesday.

An official statement from the Assam Rifles and the Indian Army was awaited at the time of filing this report.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF), Revolutionary People's Front

A police officer said the Assam Rifles team was returning to their base when an IED exploded followed by

(RPF) and the United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent (ULFA-I) have jointly claimed responsibility for the attack, saying that they were "fighting against colonial ruler India for our independence"

The deceased have been identified as Havildar Pranav Kalita from Assam, Rifleman Metha Konyak from Nagaland, and Rifleman Ratan Salam from Manipur.

In a condolence message emailed to the press, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said that the soldiers were ambushed "while they were returning back to Company Operating Base,

"I strongly condemn the cowardly attack on the Assam Rifles troops. The sacrifice made by the soldiers in fighting with the militants will not go in vain. The country will always remember their martyrdom," he said.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal expressed shock at the death of the soldiers and called it a "dastardly attack". 'Militancy is not a solution to any problem rather it complicates the situation," he said, adding that the last rites of Havildan Pranay Kalita will be conducted with full state honours.

It is after several years that Manipur has witnessed a militant attack at such a scale, coming on the heels of Independence Day. In June 2015, 18 soldiers were killed and several others injured in an ambush in Moltuk valley of Chandel district. Soldiers of the 6 Dogra Regiment were going towards Pallel from their base in Moltuk when their

## IITM scientist, technical officer booked by CBI for corruption

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PUNE. JULY 30

THE CBI has booked a senior scientist and a technical officer from the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and directors of a Mumbai-based private company on charges of corruption in procurement and commissioning of digital displays for a weather forecasting system.

The agency lodged an FIR on June 20 after a preliminary inquiry initiated in December last year. The CBI made the details

inating material was recovered searches conducted Wednesday at the office and residential premises of the accused. Officials said that the alleged corruption took place between 2011 and 2018 in purchases related to the 'System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research' (SAFAR) project -- of the Ministry of Earth Sciences -implemented by IITM.

public on Thursday after incrim-

The FIR registered with the CBI's Anti Corruption Branch in Pune has named Dr Gufran Beig, Scientist 'F' Grade of Physical Meteorology and Aerology

of the SAFAR Project, and Senior Technical Officer Vipin Mali. It also names a private firm and its two directors. All have been booked under IPC sections for cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy and relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The winner of the Shanti

Division of the IITM and in-charge

Swaroop Bhatnagar award in 2006 in the discipline of Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, Beig is known to have contributed significantly in setting up SAFAR in India. Beig was unavailable for

#### Mayawati calls for CBI inquiry into death Lucknow: BSP chief Mayawati on Congress leaders in Maharashtra Thursday demanded a CBI in-

quiry into actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death. She also targeted Congress leaders, doubting their intention to get justice for the actor's family.

"Every day new facts are coming in the case of the death of Bihar-origin Bollywood actor Sushant Singh, and now lodging of FIR by his father with Patna

On call with doctors, Assam man on

boat carries out emergency treatment

follow the doctor's instructions,

using his training as a pharma-

cist to carry out a physical exam-

ination, give his friend injections.

and even an enema—all from the

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speak Hindi or English, so I of-

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I did what a friend in need would

Thursday said the distress call

Dhir, a consultant at the

Department of Surgical

Gastroenterology and Liver

came about two weeks ago.

Officials at SGRH on

The call was to Dr Ushast

do," Rehman told PTI.



Rehman then proceeded to Transplant. Rehman described

"We thought we would lose with administering injections and

Mayawati

Police has made the case more intense. Rather than Maharashtra or Bihar Police, it will be better if the CBI investigates the case now," she tweeted. Questioning the attitude of

the symptoms and told him that

the patient was "drowsy, having

difficulty in breathing and had

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medical treatment once the sit-

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Biswas, who is in his 40s, will be called to Delhi for further

friend," the official said.

what the doctor was saying. "Rehman's degree in phar-

Rehman was not very familiar

ior official said.

and Bihar, Mayawati said, "In the Sushant Rajput case, it appears that with the different stance taken by Congress leaders in Maharashtra and Bihar, their intention is to fulfil their personal political purpose. Getting justice for the affected family is secondary for them. This is not appropriate. Maharashtra government should be serious.



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## **UTTARAKHAND'S BORDER WITH CHINA**

## For second line of defence, Centre looks to boost tourism in border villages

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IN THE backdrop of the Galwan Valley standoff, the Centre is planning to build a second line of defence in villages bordering China by relaxing tourism-related activities. Sources say the first step in the direction will be to free some parts of Gangotri area in Uttarakhand from the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system.

Uttarakhand shares a 350km border with China. Most of the border villages see outward migration owing to a lack of livelihood opportunities.

Recently, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat had a meeting with S Deswal, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) chief, in which the latter raised issues pertaining to reverse migration, road, mobile and power connectivity, and promotion of tourism in remote areas.

Following the meeting, the Uttarakhand government announced steps to improve critical infrastructure, promote tourism and civilian settlements in the border areas of the state.

On Wednesday morning, Union Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel and Uttarakhand Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj had an elaborate discussion on the matter at the former's office, where the Centre is said to have agreed in-principle to the state's action plan. A formal order to the effect will come from the Ministry of Home Affairs in due course.

After the meeting, Maharaj told The Indian Express, "We want our border villages to be safe, for which we have mooted the concept of tribal tourism. For instance, we can have skiing activities in Niti Valley area during winter, and the place will become

inhabited if people livelihood through tourism. That will ensure safety and surveillance of our border villages and troops will get additional support.

"In the first stage, we will open Mukhba, Bagholi and Harsil in the Gangotri area, so you can see and enjoy all these places," he said.

The minister said that once the ILP system was lifted, the state tourism department would encourage houses in the villages to be developed as homestays which will directly help the village economy. "Next, we are looking to get

permission for Kuti and Byas villages in Pithoragarh district," Maharaj said, adding that visitors in border villages would get to taste tribal cuisine. "We will also hold discussions with the Home Ministry regarding drawing up a list of other villages where they feel the need for increasing surveillance," he said.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

# **Educating India**

National Education Policy 2020 needs a close scrutiny, a full debate, for what it says and what it doesn't

## NEW POLICY, OLD TEST

National Education Policy's stress on reforms is welcome. It will be tested on campus and in classroom where deep faultlines lie

HE CURRENT EDUCATION policy was drafted in the 1980s. It underwent modifications in 1992. But that was when the liberalisation of the economy was barely out of the policy books, the importance of the digital sphere wasn't recognised beyond specialist circles, the demographic dividend was scarcely talked about and the Right To Education Act was a decadeand-a-half away from entering the statute book. The New Education Policy (NEP), announced by the government on Wednesday, is thus long overdue. It has been in the making for nearly five years and reports of two committees — the TSR Subramanian Committee in 2016 and the K Kasturirangan Committee last year — have informed the final draft. The challenge before its framers was not just to respond to the dynamics of the knowledge economy but also to reckon with a milieu in which pedagogy has become deeply politicised. To its credit, the policy does not bear too heavy an imprint of the deeply polarised political climate in which it has been finalised.

The NEP proposes the extension of the Right to Education (RTE) to all children up to the age of 18 but it is also alive to the criticism that while mandating accessibility, the RTE Act paid short shrift to learning outcomes. It talks about improving foundational literacy and numeracy — deficits in which have been underlined by several ASER reports — and underlines the importance of pedagogical and technological interventions to scale down the learning crisis. It proposes a range of measures that aim "to make education more experiential, holistic, discovery-oriented, learner-centred and enjoyable" - including the move to make the mother tongue or the local language the medium of instruction. It is welcome that children will be given more choice of subjects, and "there will be no hard separation among arts, humanities and sciences". In higher education too, it does well to envisage the breaking of boundaries between disciplines and transforming institutions "into large multi-disciplinary universities and colleges".

Yet enormous challenges remain. The policy recognises, for instance, that "vibrant campus life is essential for high-quality teaching learning processes". But if developments in some of the country's premier universities – JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia, for instance - are indication, the campus's promise as a space that nurtures critical thought, political argument and debate is increasingly embattled. The NEP's claims will also come up against a sharpening fault line — India's digital divide that has been highlighted and deepened by the COVID pandemic. As an ongoing series of reports in this paper during the lockdown have highlighted, the classroom itself is under pressure like never before. Disparities between the rich and poor, urban and rural, show up strikingly in access to digital tools. If technology is a force-multiplier in some cases, in others it is inaccessible. The looming economic distress is playing out harshly in schools with students dropping out, their parents out of work and unable to pay fees, teachers not being paid their dues. Surely, these are beyond the NEP's remit but the test of a policy is on the ground — not just on paper. With the largest number of young — and poor — in the world, the task is cut out.



THE NATIONAL EDUCATION Policy, an ambitious and complex document, laying down a road map for the next two decades, has been adopted in the midst of a pandemic and a lockdown, which renders discussion and debate difficult. Nevertheless, it requires closer scrutiny, in terms of its implications for the marginalised, disciplinary spaces, autonomy, and constitutional values, among other things.

What are its implications for the majority of those covered under the acronym SEDGs (Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups) in the text? Absent in the document, as far as I could see, is any mention of the term "caste", apart from a fleeting reference to Scheduled Castes. Also absent is any mention of reservation in academic institutions, whether for students, teachers, or other employees. Reservation, necessary but not sufficient, is the bare minimum required in terms of affirmative action in the highly differentiated socio-economic milieu in which we exist. The silence of the document on this issue is troubling, to say the least.

Equally disturbing is the passing reference to educational institutions in tribal areas, designated as ashramshalas (NEP 1.8) and envisaged as part of the Early Childhood Children Education programme. What, one wonders, will be transacted in these institutions. While there are sections of the document (for instance, NEP 14.4) that describe ways in which SEDGs are supposed to gain access to higher education institutions, there is no time-frame that is specified. This is particularly crucial as the document visualises increased "benign" privatisation of education, attempting to distinguish this from commercialisation. In a situation of growing privatisation and the near collapse of public institutions of higher education, how these policies will be implemented is a matter of concern.

One of the buzz words in the document is  $multi-disciplinarity-an \, apparently \, attractive$ and flexible proposition, allowing learners to experiment with a variety of options. We learn (NEP 11.7) that "Departments in Languages, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Indology, Art, Dance, Theatre, Education, Mathematics, Statistics, Pure and Applied Sciences, Sociology, Economics, Sports, and other such subjects

studies such as Women's Studies or Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Dalit Studies, Studies of Discrimination and Exclusion, Environmental Studies and Development Studies, all of which have developed over the last three or four decades. Many of these have engaged with multi-disciplinarity/inter-disciplinarity in exciting and disturbing ways, bringing to the fore issues of diversity, difference and identity. That these developments are ignored in what purports to be a forward-looking document is intriguing. While there is a running refrain of auton-While there is a running omy and choice in the document, this is cirrefrain of autonomy and cumscribed at crucial junctures. For instance. choice in the document, this the selection of vocational subjects in middle is circumscribed at crucial school is described as a fun choice. At the junctures. For instance, the same time, it is to be exercised "as decided by States and local communities and as mapped selection of vocational by local skilling needs" (NEP 4.8). subjects in middle school is

Further up in the scheme of things is the National Testing Agency (NEP 4.38) which, we learn "will serve as a premier, expert, autonomous testing organisation to conduct entrance examinations... in higher educational institutions." This is expected to be a means of "drastically reducing the burden on students, universities and colleges, and the entire education system." That instead of an overarching centralised agency, an innovative educational policy would attempt to create space for context-specific and diverse modes of evaluation for different fields of learning is a possibility that remains unexplored.

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Overall, HEIs will now be run by a Board of Governors (NEP 19.2), backed by legislative changes where required. Further centralisation is envisaged through the setting up of "the National Higher Education Regulatory Authority (NHERA)... to regulate in a 'light but tight' and facilitative manner, meaning that a few important matters - particularly financial probity, good governance, and full online and offline public disclosure of all finances, procedures, faculty/staff, courses, and educational outcomes - will be very effectively regulated, while leaving the rest to the judgment of the HEIs (NEP 20.4)." What, one wonders, remains in "the rest".

While we have been hearing a great deal about the benefits of being atma-nirbhar, the policy explicitly facilitates the presence of foreign universities within higher education. Also, and perhaps more intriguing, these universities are held up as ideals to be emulated. So "MERUs (Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities) will be set up and will aim to reach the global status of, e.g., the Ivy League Universities in the US." (NEP 11.10)

Several universities and HEIs have evolved and sustained democratic mechanisms, including academic and executive councils. These formulate, discuss, and implement policies, courses and other institutional matters. What has made them vibrant institutions is the presence of faculty and students, elected, as well as on the basis of seniority and rotation. Jettisoning these structures, norms and practices for a linear top-down mode of administration, as envisaged, will deprive members of HEIs of an opportunity to engage with

the challenges of democratic functioning. Also worrisome is what happens with the Constitution – while an assortment of values are identified as constitutional, including "knowledge and practice of human and constitutional values (such as patriotism, sacrifice, non-violence, truth, honesty, peace, righteous conduct, forgiveness, tolerance, mercy, sympathy, helpfulness, cleanliness, courtesy, integrity, pluralism, responsibility, justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity)" (NEP 4.23), and there is an occasional mention of fundamental duties, one searches in vain for any allusion to fundamental rights. Are these to be erased

from the memories of future generations? It is to be hoped that beyond the immediate excitement that the announcement of the implementation of the NEP has generated, there will be opportunities to examine its long-term implications, and, if necessary, revisit it, before it is actually implemented.

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## FIGHTING THE INFODEMIC

A unified database of COVID-19 patients would streamline immediate responses and warn of future effects

SIGNIFICANT DATA project for systematic, long-term engagement with the COVID-19 pandemic awaits clearance from the ethics committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). In collaboration with the health ministry, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and 15 institutions of national importance, the ICMR will pool a national clinical registry covering all COVID-19 patients who have been hospitalised. The institutions will mentor other clinical organisations involved in the response to the pandemic, to widen the footprint of the database. Both in the short and long term, the utility of a common repository for clinical data cannot be underestimated.

The biggest challenge that the pandemic has presented to health professionals and policymakers is a lack of standardised information. Amidst an infodemic, the world wasted valuable time in the pursuit of off-label miracle cures, ranging from a malaria drug to a vermifuge, on the basis of questionable or indifferent reports. Many reported results that would have been treated as anecdotal, were the world not in crisis mode. Even now, the long-term effects of the novel coronavirus remain in the realm of conjecture. Physicians are repeatedly calling for caution, as they report numerous yet anecdotal cases of recovered patients who return months after recovery with damage to organs not ordinarily affected by respiratory viruses, and vascular effects, including strokes. A unified database is essential for tracking patients over the long term, for their own safety, to propagate successful interventions globally, and to examine how the virus may interact with other factors, like genetic makeup, comorbidities, location, climate and diet.

In the short term, a database would help to answer critical questions. What is the phone number of the nearest plasma donor? Which patients can be helped immediately by a newly discovered intervention? But to be completely useful, such a database should engage patients. They should be able to report changes in their condition directly to the database in an organised, delimited manner, automatically flagging the need for intervention to the authorities, and points of interest to researchers.

## AMMA'S THINGS

An inventory of her personal possessions reveals some of Jayalalithaa's secrets, shelters some stories

N THE LONG tumultuous political life of J Jayalalithaa, No 81, Poes Garden harboured many secrets and stories. It was a house named after her mother, from where she fashioned her own transformation from film star to beloved "Amma", and whose doors she eventually shut to most friends and family. Since the death of Tamil Nadu's former chief minister in 2016, the house was been caught in a tugof-war that ended with the government acquiring it to turn it into a memorial.

The government has put out an inventory of moveable and immoveable property in the house. What can this list of objects and possessions tell us about the enigmatic and oftenruthless politician? One could read the 4 kilos of gold, 610 kg of silver and 10,000 garments as evidence of a life of excesses and disproportionate acquisition by a politician who did go to prison on charges of corruption. But how would that square with the ferocity with which she deglamourised herself as a politician and heir to MGR? Among her possessions were 8,376 books, a collection which is not usually talked up as much as her silk saris, jewellery and shoes. But that would not surprise those who knew Jayalalithaa as an eclectic reader from Periyar to Agatha Christie, and Annadurai to Thirukkural.

Any woman politician who succeeds in India has to lock away large chunks of herself from public view. Jayalalithaa, a Brahmin who took over a party based on Dravidian ideology, a woman who never forgave the public assault on her in the Tamil Nadu assembly, and a film star who forged an agenda of women's welfare, knew the art of living on the cusp of competing expectations. If the walls of Poes Garden could speak, they would tell that fascinating story.



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THIS REFERS TO Coomi Kapoor's article, 'Gone to the dogs' (IE, July 27). I am extremely sorry that Kapoor, a former colleague with whom have always had the most cordial ties, was bitten by a dog. Some aspects of her piece, however, need to be contested.

She observes: "The ABC [Animal Birth Control offers no scientific method for a systematic vaccination drive and stabilising the country's canine population." The ABC programme is the only scientific method for controlling stray dog populations. In its Technical Report Series 931, WHO's expert consultation on Rabies, which met in October 2004, states: "Since the 1960s, Animal Birth Control programmes coupled with rabies vaccination have been advocated as a method to control urban street male and female dog populations and ultimately human rabies in Asia."

Under the ABC programme, stray dogs are picked up from an area, sterilised and vaccinated against rabies and returned to the same area. Being territorial, they keep unsterilised and unvaccinated dogs out and the authorities can concentrate on sterilising and vaccinating in new areas until all stray dogs of a city or district are covered. Killing all dogs in an area would enable unsterilised, unvaccinated dogs to come in and the authorities will have to return to the same area to kill the new arrivals. Until the promulgation of ABC Rules, the number of stray dogs continued to in-

crease in India despite relentless mass killing. The ABC programme also serves to reduce cases of dog bites. Since sterilised bitches do

ilised bitches do not litter, one does not witness the rise in their aggression level that occurs when they are guarding their puppies. Feeding stray dogs is important. It helps to catch them for neutering. One needs a large number of feeding points because dogs are territorial and cannot venture out of their beats to eat. A well-fed dog is less likely to be aggressive than a hungry one.

Doubtless, the ABC programme is not being properly implemented. The fault lies with implementing arms – state governments and municipal bodies. They must be forced to provide adequate funds and administrative support — and not in defenestrating the pro-

gramme itself. Kapoor writes: "According to a conservative WHO estimate, there are 20,000 annual rabies deaths in India." WHO's figures on rabies deaths in India are suspect. To cite an example, WHO's World Survey of rabies No. 34 for 1998 puts the number of rabies deaths in India at 30,000. The survey's annexure 3, had the entry "most parts" against India in the column under the heading, "Geographical distribution."The space against India in the column under the heading "Trends" was left blank. WHO's World Survey of Rabies No. 35 for 1999 describes the geographical distribution of the incidence of rabies in India as being confined to "limited areas". The entry in the column under the heading of "Trend" is "Decrease." How can, in the course of one year, the incidence of rabies in the country contract from "most parts" to "limited areas"? More glaringly, the 1999 survey does not give any figure for the number of human deaths from rabies in India!

Since 2005, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) has been annually publishing a National Health Profile for the country. According to its 2018 edition, there were 97 cases of human deaths from rabies countrywide in 2017. According to the relevant preceding annual National Health Profiles, there were 86 human deaths from rabies in 2016, 113 in 2015, 125 in 2014 and 132 in 2013. Nor did the figures remotely approach 30,000 or 20,000 in earlier years. There, for example, were 386, 365 and 485 deaths from rabies in 1997, 1998 and 1999 respectively. The number was 486 in 2000 and 488 in 2001.

Under-reporting to the government cannot explain the difference between its and WHO's figures. The Union and state governments' health infrastructure cover the entire country. Besides cases reported to it, it cannot miss reports in the local print and electronic media, which feature rabies deaths and dogbite cases regularly and prominently. In any case, under-reporting can by no means explain the huge difference between the government's and the WHO's figures.

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the number of stray dogs continued to increase in India despite relentless mass killing.

## JULY 31, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO



MIZORAM CEASEFIRE HOME MINISTER ZAIL Singh announced in had agreed to stop all underground activity in Mizoram Irom the midnight of July 31-August 1, 1980. Similarly, he said, the secuagainst MNF activists from that date. However, they would continue to check the achieved following two meetings between Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and the MNF

FINANCE MINSTER R Venkataraman told the Lok Sabha that now that the price rise graph had reached a plateau, it would soon start lev-

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elling up. Replying to the debate on the Finance Bill, he said that while preparing the budget, he was aware that prices would rise, for a while, for a variety of reasons, including the rise in the prices of petroleum products. But this effect had worked itself out now and "there should be no apprehension in anybody's mind that prices would continue to rise". He said except for a big rise in the prices of a few items, like petroleum (37.4 per cent) gur and sugar (24.9 per cent), prices of other commodities had gone up by only 10 per cent.

THE CENTRE HAS paved the way for the end of the 10-month-long agitation in Assam and resumption of negotiations on the substantive question of the foreign nationals issue. It announced in Parliament its decision to withdraw on August 2 the notification issued under the Assam Disturbed Areas Act and to release detenus who were not involved with violence "on the clear understanding that the All-Assam Students Union and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad would withdraw all aspects of the agitation with effect from the same date. The blockade on crude oil, however, will

Assam Notification

the Lok Sabha that the Mizo National Front rity forces would suspend operations clandestine crossing of the international borders, besides maintaining and order. In a statement to the House, the Home Minister said the agreement had been

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The people of Gilgit-Baltistan have for long been denied full rights as citizens of Pakistan thanks largely to the power games being played in South Asia, particularly the Kashmir dispute."

- DAWN

# When actors cross the line

Rajasthan High Court's interim order in Sachin Pilot case raises serious questions. It also provides an opportunity for government to revisit anti-defection law



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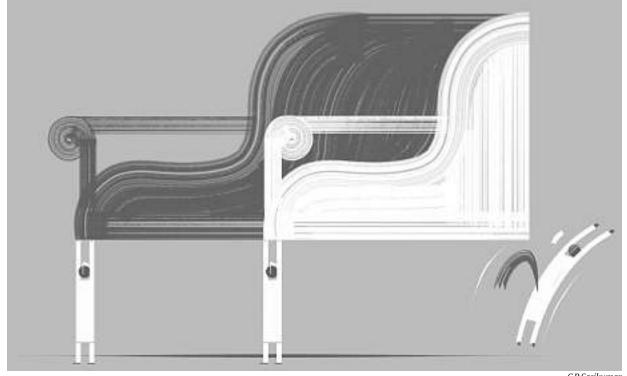
LORD DENNING, ONE of the foremost British judges of the 20th century, once observed that "a judge must not alter the material of which the act is woven, but he can and should iron out the creases". The anti-defection law was enacted to deal with the Aya Ram, Gaya Ram malaise or floor crossing by legislators. In the last six years, as many as 119 Congress MLAs in various states have switched sides to the BJP. Between 1967-1971, 142 defections in Parliament and 1,969 in state assemblies had taken place, leading to the collapse of as many as 32 governments. About 212 of the defectors were rewarded with ministerial berths.

The Rajasthan High Court's interim order in rebel Congress MLA Sachin Pilot's case may have the undesirable effect of diluting the antidefection law, curtailing the powers of the Speaker and political leadership of parties including the BJP and damaging the well-established law on legislative privileges. Governor Kalraj Mishra has finally agreed to an Assembly session on August 14. He had thrice rejected Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's request to convene the House before announcing the date. The governor's conduct has not been fair, impartial or constitutional.

Regarding the governor's powers on convening the Assembly, the Supreme Court in Nabam Rebia (2016) held that the office does not have any discretion in this matter under Article 174. The Rajasthan governor's questions to the CM, particularly whether he will "take the trust vote", are in violation of Article 174 and established parliamentary conventions. The SC in cases of defection/dissidence has been insisting on an early floor test so that horse trading is stopped. Governor Mishra's insistence on 21 days' notice (now agreed to, taking first recommendation on July 23 into account) will encourage horse trading. Whether all CMs similarly circumstanced get 21 days needs to be seen. The governor is in violation of his oath under Article 159 since, under the provision, he has a duty to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, not the interests of any particular political party. In Hargovind Pant v. Dr Raghukul Tilak (1979), the Supreme Court has held that the governor is not an employee, and he is not under the control of the central government. He is an independent constitutional entity.

COVID-19 is no excuse to refrain from convening the Assembly session. In Madhya Pradesh, the Speaker, who had adjourned the House when the pandemic was reported, was ordered by the apex court to take the trust vote. Rajya Sabha elections were held in which MLAs of various states participated. A religious event is scheduled on August 5 in Ayodhya. It is the duty of the Speaker to take safety measures, the governor need not worry about it.

The disqualification notice against the rebels has been stayed by the Rajasthan High Court without any detailed, reasoned order. Strangely, after the conclusion of arguments and on the eve of delivery of the judgment, an application was moved to make the central government a party. The high court promptly accepted the request. Why did Pilot in his orig-



inal petition not make the Centre a party? Why did the eminent advocates who argued for Pilot, not ask the court to issue a notice to the Centre? Why didn't the high court on its own do so while hearing arguments about the constitutionality of the anti-defection law? While some of the issues framed by the HC are important, others have sought a relook at the law settled by the apex court.

As per the law laid down by the Supreme Court, the HC does not have much of a choice in determining the constitutionality of the antidefection law. Accepting Pilot's argument that the Tenth Schedule is unconstitutional as it inmembership has nothing to do with the legcircumstantial evidence becomes crucial.

down that the final decision on disqualification is to be taken by the Speaker. Clause 7 of the Schedule explicitly bars the jurisdiction of courts with respect to any matter connected

with disqualification under this Schedule. The Supreme Court held in the Kihoto Hollohan judgment (1992) and Jagjit Singh (2006) that the Speaker's decision is subject to judicial review. In Shrimath Balasaheb Patil v. Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly (2019), the apex court held that the object of anti-defection law is to stop the lure of political offices or similar considerations and only limited judicial review is available against the Speaker's decision on the grounds of violation of constitutional mandate, mala fides, noncompliance with the rules of natural justice and perversity. In Pilot's case, the SC has said it will examine this issue after the Speaker announces his decision.

Notices were issued to Pilot to explain his absence from two meetings of the Congress Legislative Party. These meetings were held amidst allegations of defection. Instead of responding to the notice, the dissidents led by Pilot moved court to challenge the constitutionality of the notice. In the past, courts have upheld circumstances such as going to the governor with opposition leaders and noncompliance with party diktats as fulfilling the requirement of "voluntarily given up membership of the party". Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu disqualified senior JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav for attending an RJD rally: Neither the Delhi High Court nor the Supreme Court stayed the decision. The law on the violation of short notice is also clear. These rules being of subordinate legislation, are merely directory, not mandatory.

Let this case be used by the government to revisit the anti-defection law and legislatively remove its defects. The Dinesh Goswami Committee in 1990 had proposed limiting disqualification to confidence or no-confidence motion, money bill and voluntarily giving up the membership of a party. It had also recommended that the decision should be taken by the President/governor on the advice of the Election Commission. In 1999, the Law Commission, in its 170th report, suggested that whip should be confined to matters when the government is in danger

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# Short may not be sweet

RBI proposal on capping bank CEO tenure is not supported by any cogent evidence, empirical or otherwise



LAST MONTH, the Reserve Bank of India released a discussion paper on governance in commercial banks in India. The apparent objective is to align the current regulatory framework with global best practices while being mindful of the context of the domestic financial system. However, the proposal to cap the tenure of a bank CEO needs to be supported by adequate empirical evidence rooted in Indian realities.

The paper proposes to cap the maximum tenure of a promoter/major shareholder of a bank as a CEO or a Whole Time Director (WTD) at 10 years. The rationale offered is that 10 years is an adequate period for a promoter/major shareholder of a bank as CEO/WTD to stabilise its operations and to transition the managerial leadership to a professional management. The corresponding limit for a CEO who is not a promoter/major shareholder is 15 consecutive years. Thereafter, that individual is eligible for re-appointment as CEO or WTD only after the expiration of three years.

Ordinary corporate governance norms exhort managers to run a company in the interest of shareholders. Global experience suggests that this approach may not be suitable for all types of banks. First, banks are highly leveraged, creating powerful incentives for shareholders to engage in risky strategies at great risk to creditors, including retail depositors. Second, bank failure could involve systemic risk, which could result in a government bail-out. This moral hazard creates even more high-powered incentives for shareholders to engage in risky strategies. Third, financial assets held by a bank are hard to monitor and measure. Consequently, external scrutiny of a bank by depositors and creditors, among others, is difficult. Overall, these unique factors are likely to encourage bank managers to take excessive risks to maximise shareholder value.

Bank governance seeks to curb such excessive risk-taking. It encourages prudent risk-taking by bank managers such that shareholders' interests are secondary to depositors' interests. This is the main logic for regulating the banks' board structure and managerial compensation, as suggested in the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision guidelines and the Financial Stability Board principles respectively. From this perspective, it is unclear whether imposing a maximum cap on CEO tenure to separate ownership from management would encourage prudent risk-taking by the management.

Research suggests that CEO tenure could have important implications for corporate performance. This is because the managers' decision horizons are usually shorter than the investment horizons of other corporate stakeholders, which may encourage myopic decisions by a CEO.

For Indian banks, the limited empirical

evidence seems to suggest that bank performance improves with increasing CEO tenure. For instance, a paper by Jayati Sarkar and Subrata Sarkar (2018), published in International Journal of Financial Studies, examines whether board governance structures (including CEO tenure) impact the performance of Indian state-owned and private commercial banks both in terms of asset quality and profitability. It uses a sample of 25 state-owned banks, 14 old private banks and seven new private banks for a period of 12 years from 2000 to 2012.

The paper finds that an increase in CEO tenure is associated with significant improvements in asset quality with an accompanying increase in the overall performance of the bank. Moreover, the effect of CEO tenure increases rapidly with the year of CEO tenure. Consequently, the later years of a CEO's tenure are more effective than the initial years in affecting bank outcomes. Further, CEO tenure effects are stronger in private banks, both old and new. These findings seem to be at odds with RBI's suggestion to cap CEO tenure.

Concerning public sector banks (PSBs), the PJ Nayak Committee report had identified shorter tenure of chairmen and executive directors as a key reason for weaker empowerment of their boards. This conclusion was based on a working paper from ISB-Hyderabad authored by Krishnamurthy Subramanium, Arkodipta Sarkar and Prasanna Tantri (2014). This paper argues that an incoming CEO in a PSB is likely to be wary about the quality of bank assets during his predecessor's tenure. Given the threat of prosecution, the incoming CEO is unlikely to lend until he understands and obtains full information about the bank's existing assets. Accordingly, the paper finds that the quarter in which a new CEO takes charge, marketadjusted lending declines by 1.7 per cent and the stock price also falls by 1.1 per cent. In such circumstances, a shorter tenure creates incentives for the incoming CEO to engage in earnings management to present an overtly positive view of the bank's business and financial position. In contrast, CEOs with longer tenure have lower incentives to engage in earnings management. Although these findings do not apply to private banks, they seem to suggest a case for a minimum CEO tenure but not maximum CEO tenure.

To clarify, this is not to suggest that the proposal on CEO tenure cap in the RBI paper is incorrect. What is merely being highlighted is that the proposal does not appear to be supported by any cogent evidence, empirical or otherwise, which is available in the  $public\,domain. This\,assumes\,significance\,in$ light of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) v. RBI. In this case, the Court struck down an RBI circular prohibiting dealing or settling in virtual currencies on the ground that RBI did not adduce any cogent evidence of the likely harm that its circular sought to address. While there is no direct parallel that can be drawn, it may be prudent for the RBI to publish an empirical study on the impact of CEO tenure on bank performance before translating this proposal into an enforceable

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hospitality offered to the rebels in BJP-ruled Haryana, and the fact that the BJP is likely to be the primary beneficiary of Pilot's revolt suggests the opposite. Thus, the well-known maxim of res ipsa loquitor — facts speak for themselves — goes against Pilot. In Ravi S. Naik (1994), the SC held that resignation is not necessary for voluntarily giving up party membership and an inference can be drawn from a person's conduct in this regard. Clause 6(1) of the Tenth Schedule lays

Let this case be used by the government to revisit the Goswami Committee in 1990 had proposed limiting confidence or no-confidence motion, money bill and voluntarily giving up the member of a party. It had also recommended that the decision should be taken by the President/governor on the advice of the Election Commission. In 1999, the Law Commission, in its 170th report, suggested that whip should be confined to matters when the government is in danger.

# Taking the easy way out

Poverty, not age of marriage, is responsible for women's poor health indicators

Mary E John

THE GOVERNMENT'S proposal to raise the legal age of marriage for women illustrates a timeless principle of governance that rises above all ideologies. When you can't do the things that desperately need to be done, do something else that you can do easily, even if it does not need doing. At a time when the country is facing its worst overall crisis since Independence, the government has set up a special task force to advise it on the issue of raising the age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21 years.

We know only too well that India is usually near the bottom of the international rankings on gender indicators. India also has the largest absolute number of girls who marry below the age of 18. Therefore, raising the age of marriage to 21 could well be seen as a step towards gender equality that also addresses the health problems of young mothers and their infants. But unfortunately, this reasoning is both unsound and unwise.

The topic of "child marriage" in contemporary India has not received the attention it needs. Public discussion is confined to the occasional coverage in the media where child marriage and trafficking are often carelessly conflated. The periodic National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) provide an internationally-recognised measure of child marriage, namely, the proportion of those in the age group 20-24 years who married before reaching 18 years of age. In the latest survey, NFHS-4 of 2015-16, this proportion is 26.8 per cent, down from 47 per cent in 2005-06. This is a significant decline and the Census shows a similar trend between 2001 to 2011. Along with such impressive declines, NFHS-4 shows that only 6.6 per cent were marrying below the age of 15. In other words, the problem in India today is no longer of child marriage but late adolescent marriage, and a declining one. It might interest readers to know that there are no differences between Hindus and Muslims in these trends.

There is an almost global consensus on 18 years as the age of social adulthood. A common threshold for voting rights, driving privileges and much else (with employment and sexual consent at even younger ages), it is also the most common standard for marriage across the world. Scientists have recognised it as the age when the female body reaches full development, such that a healthy woman with adequate ante-natal care can be expected to have a healthy baby. It is already the legal age of marriage in India, so why the hurry to

raise it above the international norm? The best answer would probably go something like this: Raising the age of marriage will raise the age of motherhood, and thus the probability that mother and child will be healthier. It will also lower the fertility rate. But this answer rests on a partial truth that is dangerously misleading. Our health indicators on young mothers and their

infants are as bad as they are because poorer (and therefore more malnourished) women are marrying at younger ages compared to their wealthier counterparts. If poor women continue to remain poor and malnourished, raising their age of marriage by a few years will change very little. Much of the same problems will recur when they marry at 21 years. This fact is confirmed by carefully disaggregated statistical analyses.

Moreover, fertility rates in India have been declining sharply. Demographers have been pleasantly surprised by the decline even in states like West Bengal and Telangana, which have high rates of early marriage. Poor families today are having small families. Little is gained by pushing them to have these children three years later.

On the other hand, if the legal age of marriage for women were raised to 21, and the trend shown in NFHS-4 holds, then 56 per cent of Indian women in the 20-24 year age group (who married below 21) would be without legal protections and whose families would be liable for punishment under the new law. This number shoots up to 75 per cent for those in the poorest 20 per cent of the population. Even in a progressive state like Kerala, famous for high levels of education and excellent health services, one-third (of women between 20-24) marry before they are 21. Remember that these numbers are under-estimates since they do not count

those women currently in the 18-20 age group who might also marry before 21. How will it help to render such women without legal recourse by going beyond the international norm of 18 years? There is so much else that must be tack-

led first. Numerous studies show that parents are investing in their daughters' education (with near gender parity even in higher education), but our education system is failing the young. With few avenues of gainful employment for young women, a homebound school drop-out becomes a source of anxiety, and marriage the only viable prospect. Well-intentioned conditional cash transfer schemes by state governments rewarding families who obey the law are popularly known as "dahej" (dowry) schemes. Instead of tackling gender inequality, they reinforce the belief that girls are a burden relieved only by marriage. To bring genuine change, we need free education beyond schooling for girls, coupled with job guarantees, especially for those from rural areas and vulnerable social locations. This would make it genuinely possible for girls to have some say as to whether, how or when they wished

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## ONLINE VS OFFLINE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Children of Bastar Village get lessons via loudspeakers' (IE, July 29). The lack of internet connectivity led to children of a village in Bastar being taught via loudspeakers. As I start appreciating the initiative taken in the village, several thoughts come in my mind: What if the student has doubts? What about the interactive sessions between students and teachers? What about the sound quality of loudspeakers? Online interaction is among the safest and most feasible mode of teaching that can support our education system during the pandemic. The government should speed up their process to provide internet to all rural and semi-

Ayushi Singh, Agra

## SCIENCE & POLITICS

 $THIS\,REFERS\,TO\,the\,article, The\,limits\,of$ science' (IE, July 30). The failure of scientists to effectively communicate effectively the COVID-19 pandemic could be better understood by recalling the opinion of Brazilian teacher, Paulo Freire, that education is a political act. That is why science remains subordinated to the political dispensation, that is known to be inclined towards market interests. The history is replete with instances science playing second fiddle to political and

## **IDEAS ONLINE**

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THE LOW CARBON PATH: **AJAY MATHUR** 

• THE LAYERS OF HAGIA SOPHIA: **SYED TAHSEEN RAZA** 

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the US-China rivalry has played a significant role in the global response. G Javaid Rasool, Lucknow

market forces. In the current pandemic,

## **IMPROVE ARMOURY**

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Securing caregivers' (IE JULY 28). Health workers are at a constant risk of exposure to COVID-19 unlike other professionals. The government has to come forward with facilities for all frontline health workers like dedicated emergency set ups and protection kits and ensure the availability of medicines

Jayesh Shah, Vadodra

## RED PANDA BORN IN BERLIN

THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Donald Trump would

seek to cancel or postpone

November's general election. On

Thursday, for the first time, Trump

in a tweet suggested the vote be

delayed "until people can prop-

erly, securely and safely vote,"

something he cannot legally do.

Voting (not Absentee Voting,

which is good), 2020 will be the

most INACCURATE & FRAUDU-

LENT Election in history," Trump

wrote. "It will be a great embar-

rassment to the USA. Delay the Election until people can properly,

Top Republicans on

"Never in the history of the

Thursday rejected President

country, through wars, depres-

sions, and the Civil War have we

ever not had a federally scheduled

election on time, and we'll find a

way to do that again this November

3," Senator Mitch McConnell, the

majority leader, said. "We'll cope

with whatever the situation is and

have the election on November 3

delay in the election is an ex-

traordinary breach of presiden-

tial decorum that will increase

the chances that Trump and his

core supporters don't accept the

legitimacy of the election should

he lose to former Vice President

Top Democrats reacted with

the resigned horror of a party

that has for five years faced

Even for Trump, suggesting a

as already scheduled."

Joseph R Biden Jr.

securely and safely vote???"

Trump's suggestion.

"With Universal Mail-In

NEW YORK, JULY 30

A rare red panda has been born at a Berlin zoo, only a few months after its parents were brought to the German capital from India, the zoo said in a statement Thursday. The little cub was first discovered on June 6 in its mother's cave at the Tierpark Zoo and it is now the size of a guinea pig. The animal's gender is know yet known and it has not yet been named

Trailing in polls,

## WORLD



Michelle Bolsonaro

**BRAZIL** 

## Bolsonaro's wife, minister **Covid positive**

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT Jair Bolsonaro's wife and one of his ministers have tested positive for Covid-19, according to a statement on Thursday. Just days after her husband said he had overcome the virus with a negative test following weeks in quarantine, Bolsonaro's wife Michelle has tested positive, the presidential office said in a statement. Brazil's science and technology minister, Marcos Pontes, said his test had come back positive, becoming the fifth minister in Bolsonaro's government to be diagnosed with the disease. Their infections are a palpable sign of the scale of the outbreak in Brazil.

### **PAKISTAN** Senate approval for two bills related to FATF

Islamabad: Pakistan's Senate on Thursday unanimously approved two bills related to the tough conditions set by the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog FATF, a day after they were passed in the National Assembly amidst vociferous protest from the Opposition parties. The bills include measures of freezing and seizure of assets, travel ban, and arms embargo on the entities and individuals, who are designated on the sanctions list of the United Nations and impose heavy fine and long term jails for those facilitating militancy.

## **TAIWAN Ex-president** Lee Teng-hui dies at 97

Taipei: Local media are reporting that Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui, who oversaw the island's transition to full democracy, died Thursday evening. Lee was 97 and had largely dropped out of public life in his later years. As a member of the then-governing Nationalist Party, Lee was made Taiwan's leader following the death of Chiang Chingkuo and in 1996 won Taiwan's first direct presidential election. He was also the frequent target of verbal attacks from China, which claims Taiwan as its own territory.

AFTER IMPOSITION OF NEW NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

# Hong Kong moves against opposition Trump suggests figures: 4 arrests, 12 disqualifications

HONG KONG, JULY 30

WEEKS AFTER the Chinese government imposed a new national security law on Hong Kong, raising fears of a broader crackdown on the semiautonomous territory, the city's authorities have taken aggressive steps against the pro-democracy opposition.

Officials on Thursday barred 12 candidates, including wellknown pro-democracy figures, from the September legislative election. The disqualifications came a day after the police made what appeared to be the first targeted arrests of four activists accused of posting pro-independence messages online.

Opposition candidates said they had hoped to ride a wave of protests and public discontent to electoral success in the election on September 6. But they had also acknowledged the fear that the government would disqualify candidates on the nebulous grounds that they would not uphold the Basic Law, Hong Kong's local Constitution.

The government did not detail which candidates were barred or why. But many identified themselves online. Among them were Joshua Wong, a prominent activist; Gwyneth Ho, a former journalist; and four members of the moderate prodemocracy Civic Party. The government said more disqualifica-

## Furore over **Islam remarks:** top Pentagon nominee hearing cancelled

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** WASHINGTON, JULY 30

A SENATE committee abruptly cancelled a confirmation hearing on Thursday on a controversial former general's nomination to a top Pentagon post, amid continued furor over offensive remarks he made about Islam and other inflammatory comments.

The nomination of retired Army Brigadier General Anthony Tata to be the Pentagon's under secretary for policy was already under fire from Senate Democrats. who sent a letter to him this week calling for him to withdraw.

Tata, a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump and a Fox News commentator, has been working in the department as a senior adviser. It wasn't clear on Thursday if his nomination would be withdrawn.

According to media reports, Tata posted tweets in 2018 calling Islam the "most oppressive violent religion I know of," and he called former President Barack Obama a "terrorist leader," and referred to him as Muslim. The tweets were later

taken down. The letter to Tata, signed by nine Democratic senators and Vermont Independent Senator Bernie Sanders, said, "Your letter to committee leadership appears to be a conveniently timed retraction by someone who has suddenly realized his nomination is in jeopardy. But your multiple past statements cannot be dismissed simply as an aberration."



Pro-democracy Civic Party members in Hong Kong on Thursday. AP

tions could follow.

It also said in a statement that grounds for disqualification included advocating for Hong Kong's independence or self-determination, soliciting intervention from foreign governments, expressing an objection in principle to the national security law Beijing imposed last month or vowing to indiscriminately vote against government proposals.

"The excuse they use is that I describe national security law as a draconian law, which shows that I do not support this sweeping law," Wong, 23, wrote on

"Clearly, Beijing shows a total disregard for the will of the Hongkongers, tramples upon the city's last pillar of vanishing autonomy and attempts to keep Hong Kong's legislature under its

The police said the activists, three men and one woman whose ages range from 16 to 21, were arrested in the New Territories area of Hong Kong for the "publishing of content about secession, and inciting or abetting others for the commission of secession." Officers seized mobile phones, computers and documents during the roundup.

### China holds drills over South China Sea

China said on Thursday that long-range bombers were among the aircraft that took part in recent aerial drills over the South China Sea.

The exercises included nighttime takeoffs and landings and simulated long-range attacks, Defense Ministry spokesperson Ren Guoqiang said. Among the planes were H-6G and H-6K bombers, upgraded versions of planes long in use with the People's Liberation Army Air Force and the People's Liberation Army Navy Air Force, Ren said.

## US fuelling new Cold War due to polls, says China

**GUY FAULCONBRIDGE & KATE HOLTON** LONDON, JULY 30

US President Donald Trump identifies China as the West's main rival, and has accused President Xi Jinping of taking advantage over trade and not telling the truth over the novel coronavirus outbreak.

China's ambassador to London, Liu Xiaoming, said the United States had started a trade war with China and that there would be no winner from such an approach. "It is not China that has become assertive. It's the other side of the Pacific Ocean who want to start new Cold War on China, so we have to make response to that," Liu said. "We have no interest in any Cold War,

"We have all seen what is happening in the United States, they tried to scapegoat China, they want to blame China for their problems," he said. "We all know this is an election year." **REUTERS** 

CHINA ON Thursday accused the United States of stoking a new Cold War because certain politicians were searching for a scapegoat to bolster support ahead of the US presidential election in November.

we have no interest in any war.

## LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF LIFE

■The biggest, most sophisticated Mars rover ever built — a car-size vehicle bristling with cameras, microphones, drills and lasers — blasted off Thursday

■ The launch of NASA's Perseverance is part of a project to bring the first to Earth to be analysed for evidence of ancient life

■ In addition to addressing the life-on-Mars question. it will vield lessons that could pave the way for the arrival of astronauts as early as the 2030s.

Martian rock samples back

### norm-breaking attacks from Trump that would have been considered far out of bounds under previous presidents. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi simply tweeted the section of numbers...



**Donald Trump** 

### **Election delay** highly unlikely

THE POWER to change the date of the election does not lie with Trump. The date of the election has been fixed since 1845 – to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For a change of date, new legislation would have to be drafted and approved by the Democrat-controlled Congress, the Senate as well as Trump, as per an NYT report. Such a change could also be challenged in courts. Furthermore, the US Constitution mandates the swearing in of a new Congress on January 3, and for a new presidential term on January 20. This cannot be altered through normal legislative channels.

the Constitution that stipulates the date of the election, while Democratic Committee spokeswoman Lily Adams called the tweet "a desperate attempt to distract from today's devastating economic

## India, China, Russia don't take care of their air: Trump

LALITKJHA

WASHINGTON, JULY 30

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has alleged that India, China and Russia do not take care of their air, while America does, noting that he withdrew from the "one-sided, energy-destroying" Paris climate accord which would have made it a "non-competitive nation".

Trump, in his address on energy and the Permian Basin in Midland, Texas on Wednesday, said that by imposing these punishing restrictions -- and beyond restrictions - "the Washington radical-left, crazy Democrats' would also send countless American jobs, factories, industries to China and to other foreign polluting states.

"They want us to take care of our air, but China doesn't take care of its air. In all fairness, India doesn't take care of its air. Russia doesn't take care of its air. But we do. Not on my watch, it's not going to happen -- I can tell you that. Because as long as I'm President, we will always put America first. It's very simple," he said.

"For years and years, we put

## Covid death toll crosses 150,000 in US

Washington: The US has recorded over 150,000 Covid-19 deaths, another grim milestone that comes amidst warning from a top Indian-American physician that the country has failed to arrest the spread of the deadly pandemic.

America's death toll was 150,676 as of Wednesday more than a fifth of the world's recorded deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University. The US also had over 4,426,000 confirmed cases, making it the world's worst-hit country. PTI

other countries first, and we now put America first. As we have seen in cities and towns across our nation, it's not just Texas oil that the radical Democrats want to destroy; they want to destroy our country," he said. PTI

## Congressional hearing: US lawmakers accuse Big Tech of crushing rivals to boost profits

NANDITA BOSE & **DIANE BARTZ** 

WASHINGTON, JULY 30

GOOGLE AND Facebook took particularly sharp jabs for alleged abuse of their market power from Democrats and Republicans on Wednesday in a congressional hearing that put four of America's most prominent tech CEOs in the hot seat. Facebook Inc's Mark

Zuckerberg, Amazon.com Inc's Jeff Bezos, Google owner Alphabet Inc's Sundar Pichai and



Sundar Pichai testifies during the hearing. AP

Apple Inc's Tim Cook parried a range of accusations that they crippled smaller rivals in their quest for market share.

Cicilline set the tone for the hearing when he began by accusing Google of theft. "Why does Google steal content from honest businesses?" he asked.

Pichai responded mildly that he would want to know the specifics of the accusation.

Facebook's Zuckerberg took a series of questions about the company's purchase of Instagram in 2012 and whether it was acquired because it was a threat, as he dubbed it in an email obtained by the committee.

In one of the more notable exchanges, Representative Pramila Jayapal, a Democrat, pushed Zuckerberg on whether Facebook had ever copied its competitors. "We've certainly adapted features that others have led in," he said.

"How many companies did Facebook end up copying?" she asked. "Is it less than five? Less than 50?" "Congresswoman, I don't know," Zuckerberg said.

Javapal pressed Amazon's Bezos on whether the company used data from third-party sellers in making sales decisions. Bezos answered cautiously that the company had a policy against such actions. REUTERS

'People Weren't Wearing Masks Or Cleaning Their Hand, They Were Going To Crowded Places'

## After 100 Covid-free days, mysterious outbreak catches Vietnam by surprise

**HANNAH BEECH & CHAU DOAN** 

JULY 30

IN A world plagued by pandemic, Vietnam seemed like a miracle. As months went by without a single recorded coronavirus death, or even a confirmed case of local transmission, residents began leaving their face masks at home.

Noodle shops resounded with the clack of chopsticks and sipped broth. Schools opened. And lured by good deals, Vietnamese tourists began taking vacations

again, crowding the coastal city of Danang, with its golden beaches and plentiful seafood.

But over the weekend. Vietnam, which had gone about 100 days without a single confirmed case of local transmission, announced that the virus was lurking in the country after all — and it was spreading.

First, a 57-year-old man from Danang tested positive for the virus and is now on life support. Then clusters quickly emerged in five hospitals. By Wednesday, the virus had spread north to Hanoi. the capital, south to Ho Chi Minh City and afflicted two provinces

in central Vietnam, as well as the remote Central Highlands.

The surge of the coronavirus in Vietnam, which has so far recorded fewer than 450 cases, revealed the dangers of the virus even in places that appeared to have done most everything right in their battle against contagion.

"In my opinion, this outbreak is more dangerous than the previous one because it is happening at the same time in many places," said Nguyen Huy Nga, the dean of public health and nursing at Quang Trung University in Binh Dinh Province. "We do not know the source of disease, especially



Health workers in Hanoi, Vietnam. Reuters

with tens of thousands of tourists flocking to Danang."

The Vietnamese authorities have reacted to the latest wave of cases with the kind of fast and forceful response that characterised their actions in the early

days of the pandemic. Hours after clusters of cases were confirmed in Danang hospitals earlier this week, officials said they would be shutting the city's airport. Up to 80,000 local tourists who had flooded the city for a summer break would be evacuated, the authorities said.

In Danang, a normally bustling city popular with tourists

and traders alike, restaurants and bars are closed. Face masks are mandatory again. With holiday swimming in the sea banned by local authorities, the city's famous beaches were deserted on Wednesday, residents said.

Across Vietnam, hospitals were getting beds ready to handle a rise in cases. Professor Nga noted that ventilators and other equipment needed in the fight against the coronavirus are limited in Vietnam.

People, he said, had become complacent.

"After 100 days with no outbreaks, people weren't taking Nga said. "They weren't wearing masks or cleaning their hand with soap. People were going to crowded places.' In Danang, Nguyen Thi Minh

precautions anymore," Professor

Hoa, a director of a marketing firm, said that grocery shelves were not being emptied en masse, meaning that residents were anxious but not panicked. Renewed social distancing measures were being followed carefully, she said.

"I'm just sad that this coastal city has suddenly become a center of disease after 100 days of peace," Hoa said. NYT

## CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

## **THE WORLD** 303,064 408,449 400,683 **2,552,265**Brazil

TOTAL CONFIRMED: 17,067,754

**351,575** Chile

**DEATH COUNT: 668,250** 

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Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on July 30. JHU's India tally and Health Ministry's tally (below) may not match if these are accounted at different times.

## Protein identified as potential Achilles' heel of coronavirus

WHEN THE coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 enters a human cell, it hijacks the cell mechanism. One of its proteins, called PLpro, is produced by the human cell itself after the virus hijacks the cell mechanism. PLpro is essential for replication of the virus. A new study in *Nature* has found that pharmacological inhibition of PLpro blocks

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virus replication and also strengthens our immune response.

When SARS-CoV-2 infects us, the infected body cells release messenger substances known as type 1 interferons. These attract our killer cells, which kill the infected cells. SARS-CoV-2 fights back by letting the human cell produce PLpro. This protein



the human cells was also strengthened. To understand in detail how inhibiting PLpro stops the virus, researchers in Frankfurt, Munich, Mainz, Freiburg and Leiden have worked closely together and pooled their biochemical, structural, IT and virological expertise. The

research was led by Goethe University

and University Hospital Frankfurt. Source: Goethe University Frankfurt

## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Reading new education policy

The new National Education Policy has proposed sweeping changes. A look at the proposals on curriculum, courses and medium of learning, and the takeaways for students, schools and universities

**RITIKA CHOPRA** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ON WEDNESDAY, the Union Cabinet cleared a new National Education Policy (NEP) proposing sweeping changes in school and higher education. A look at the takeaways, and their implications for students and institutions of learning:

#### What purpose does an NEP serve?

An NEP is a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country. The need for a policy was first felt in 1964 when Congress MP Siddheshwar Prasad criticised the then government for lacking a vision and philosophy for education. The same year, a 17-member Education Commission, headed by then UGC Chairperson DS Kothari, was constituted to draft a national and coordinated policy on education. Based on the suggestions of this Commission, Parliament passed the first education policy in 1968.

A new NEP usually comes along every few decades. India has had three to date. The first came in 1968 and the second in 1986, under Indira Gandhi and Raiiv Gandhi respectively: the NEP of 1986 was revised in 1992 when PV Narasimha Rao was Prime Minister. The third is the NEP released Wednesday under the Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi.

### What are the key takeaways?

The NEP proposes sweeping changes including opening up of Indian higher education to foreign universities, dismantling of the UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), introduction of a four-year multidisciplinary undergraduate programme with multiple exit options, and discontinuation of the M Phil programme.

In school education, the policy focuses on overhauling the curriculum, "easier" Board exams, a reduction in the syllabus to retain "core essentials" and thrust on "experiential learning and critical thinking".

In a significant shift from the 1986 policy, which pushed for a 10+2 structure of school education, the new NEP pitches for a "5+3+3+4" design corresponding to the age groups 3-8 years (foundational stage), 8-11 (preparatory), 11-14(middle), and 14-18(secondary). This brings early childhood education (also known as pre-school education for children of ages 3 to 5) under the ambit of formal schooling. The mid-day meal programme will be extended to pre-school children. The NEP says students until Class 5 should be taught in their mother tongue or regional language.

The policy also proposes phasing out of all institutions offering single streams and that all



Among proposals, 10+2 school format to become 5+3+3+4. Jaipal Singh/Express Archive

universities and colleges must aim to become multidisciplinary by 2040.

## How will these reforms be implemented?

The NEP only provides a broad direction and is not mandatory to follow. Since education is a concurrent subject (both the Centre and the state governments can make laws on it), the reforms proposed can only be implemented collaboratively by the Centre and the states. This will not happen immediately. The incumbent government has set a target of 2040 to implement the entire policy. Sufficient funding is also crucial; the 1968 NEP was hamstrung by a shortage of funds.

The government plans to set up subjectwise committees with members from relevant ministries at both the central and state levels to develop implementation plans for each aspect of the NEP. The plans will list out actions to be taken by multiple bodies, including the HRD Ministry, state Education Departments, school Boards, NCERT, Central Advisory Board of Education and National Testing Agency, among others. Planning will be followed by a yearly joint review of progress against targets set.

#### What does the emphasis on mother tongue/regional language mean for English-medium schools?

Such emphasis is not new: Most government schools in the country are doing this already. As for private schools, it's unlikely that they will be asked to change their medium of instruction. A senior ministry official clarified to The Indian Express that the provision on mother tongue as medium of instruction was not compulsory for states. "Education is a concurrent subject. Which is why the policy clearly states that kids will be taught in their mother tongue or regional language 'wherever possible'." the officer said.

#### What about people in transferable jobs, or children of multilingual parents?

The NEP doesn't say anything specifically on children of parents with transferable jobs, but acknowledges children living in multilingual families: "Teachers will be encouraged to use a bilingual approach, including bilingual teaching-learning materials, with those students whose home language may be different from the medium of instruction."

#### How does the government plan to open up higher education to foreign players?

The document states universities from among the top 100 in the world will be able to set up campuses in India. While it doesn't elaborate the parameters to define the top 100, the incumbent government may use the 'QS World University Rankings' as it has relied on these in the past while selecting universities for the 'Institute of Eminence' status. However, none of this can start unless the HRD Ministry brings in a new law that includes details of how foreign universities will operate in India.

It is not clear if a new law would enthuse the best universities abroad to set up campuses in India. In 2013, at the time the UPA-II was trying to push a similar Bill, The Indian Express had reported that the top 20 global universities, including Yale, Cambridge, MIT and Stanford, University of Edinburgh and Bristol, had shown no interest in entering the Indian market.

Participation of foreign universities in India is currently limited to them entering into collaborative twinning programmes, sharing faculty

with partnering institutions and offering distance education. Over 650 foreign education providers have such arrangements in India.

#### How will the four-year multidisciplinary bachelor's programme work?

This pitch, interestingly, comes six years after Delhi University was forced to scrap such a four-year undergraduate programme at the incumbent government's behest. Under the four-year programme proposed in the new NEP, students can exit after one year with a certificate, after two years with a diploma, and after three years with a bachelor's degree.

"Four-year bachelor's programmes generally include a certain amount of research work and the student will get deeper knowledge in the subject he or she decides to major in. After four years, a BA student should be able to enter a research degree programme directly depending on how well he or she has performed... However, master's degree programmes will continue to function as they do, following which student may choose to carry on for a PhD programme," said scientist and former UGC chairman V S Chauhan.

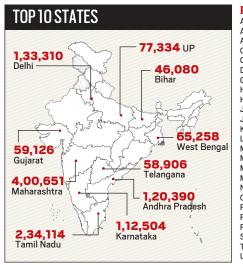
#### What impact will doing away with the M Phil programme have?

Chauhan said this should not affect the higher education trajectory at all, "In normal course, after a master's degree a student can register for a PhD programme. This is the current practice almost all over the world. In most universities, including those in the UK (Oxford, Cambridge and others), M Phil was a middle research degree between a master's and a PhD. Those who have entered MPhil, more often than not ended their studies with a PhD degree. MPhil degrees have slowly been phased out in favour of a direct PhD programme."

#### Will the focus on multiple disciplines not dilute the character of single-stream institutions, such as IITs?

The IITs are already moving in that direction. IIT-Delhi has a humanities department and set up a public policy department recently. IIT-Kharagpur has a School of Medical Science and Technology. Asked about multiple disciplines, IIT-Delhi director V Ramgopal Rao said, "Some of the best universities in the US such as MIT have very strong humanities departments. Take the case of a civil engineer. Knowing how to build a dam is not going to solve a problem. He needs to know the environmental and social impact of building the dam. Many engineers are also becoming entrepreneurs. Should they not know something about economics? A lot more factors go into anything related to engineering today.'

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# As moratorium benefit enters last month, here's how to manage your home loan

**SANDEEP SINGH** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

The six-month moratorium on repayment of loans ends in another month (on August 31) – unless the Reserve Bank of India allows a second extension. The moratorium brought relief to many home loan customers who saw their incomes decline amid the pandemic-induced lockdown and the slowdown in the economy. But it is now time for borrowers to reassess their finances and optimise the outgo on home loans.

#### Can you bring down the interest on your loan?

Over the last 18 months, the RBI has cut repo rates by 225 basis points, and banks and housing finance companies have reduced their interest offering on new loans from around 9%

to under 7% now. But many existing home loan customers are still paying around 8.5% or, in some cases even 9%, interest. These customers should approach their bank or housing finance company and switch to a lower rate by paying a small conversion fee (which is usually a few thousand rupees). This will bring their interest rate to the levels that their bank/HFC is now offering on fresh loans.

## How much will you save by doing this?

Suppose you have principal outstanding of Rs 30 lakh on an ongoing home loan, and the tenure remaining is 15 years (180 months). At an interest rate of 8.5%, you would be paying an EMI of Rs 29,540. However, if by paying a conversion fee, you can bring the interest rate down to 7.4%, your EMI could come down by Rs 1,900 – or, if you choose to pay the same EMI, the tenure of your loan can come down by 20 months to just 160 months.

Also, you should ask to be moved from the marginal cost-based lending rate to the repo rate-linked lending rate in order to ensure that whenever the RBI cuts the reporate, the bank automatically passes on the benefit to you.

#### What other steps can you take? In these uncertain times, it is important to

have enough liquidity to sustain the family for at least 3-6 months. While this can be in the form of bank savings or fixed deposits, it is important to note that it may not be the right approach to have a higher component of savings in low interest-earning fixed deposits, while also paying a higher interest rate

The State Bank of India is currently offering an interest rate of 5.1% on term deposits of 1-3 years. If you fall in the highest tax bracket, the interest income would work out to only 3.4%. However, on your home loan, you would

be paying anywhere between 7% and 8.5%.

It is, therefore, wise to not roll over fixed deposits (beyond what is required for liquidity), and utilise it to repay part of your loan. This will, again, help to either reduce your

monthly EMI outgo or the tenure of the loan. Thumb rule: any asset that is earning a lower interest than the loan outgo should be utilised to repay the loan.

#### If RBI extends the moratorium, should you opt for it?

The fact that the interest component of the EMI during the moratorium period gets added to the principal outstanding of the loan, will result in an increase in the EMI going forward. If possible, it is advisable to avoid availing of one more phase of moratorium.

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# What is abetment of suicide, and how court determines if it took place

## **APURVA VISHWANATH**

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE CONTROVERSY surrounding the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput has taken a new turn as the actor's father filed an FIR against actor Rhea Chakraborty and five others, for abetment of suicide.

## What is the crime of 'abetment of

suicide'? The Indian Penal Code, 1860 makes abetment of suicide a punishable offence. Section 306 IPC prescribes: "If any person commits suicide, whoever abets the commission of such suicide shall be punished with imprisonment of either imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine." Generally, the fine is paid to

The IPC also has a separate chapter on abetment and describes who is an abettor under Section 108. Abetment is defined as including instigating, engaging in a conspiracy or assisting in committing the offence.

## How serious is the offence of abetment?

Abetment of suicide is a serious offence that is tried in a sessions court and is cognisable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

A cognisable offence is one in which a police officer can make an arrest without a warrant from a court. A non-bailable offence means bail is granted at the discretion of the court, and not as a matter of right. A non-compoundable offence is one in which the case cannot be withdrawn by the complainant even when the complainant and the accused have reached a compromise. The court can-

not allow withdrawal of a case involving a non-compoundable offence, and every such complaint is necessarily followed by a trial where evidence is held against the accused.

#### So, does that mean abetment of suicide is the same as murder?

No, it does not. The Supreme Court clarified this in 1997 in the case of Sangarabonia Sreenu v State of Andhra Pradesh. Although causing the death of another person is a common factor in murder as well as abetment of suicide, the two are distinct offences. In a murder, the final "act" of causing the death of a person is committed by the accused, which is not the case in abetment of suicide.

#### How will a court determine if the accused has abetted the suicide?

There are two primary ingredients of the

crime of abetment of suicide. First is a suicidal death. The second ingredient is the intention of the accused to abet such suicide.

Legally, whether a death is a suicide or not is a determination of a fact, which means evidence has to be evaluated to pronounce that death as a suicide. In common parlance, the word suicide is liberally attributed to every case of self-destruction, but suicide is never presumed. A determination of suicide is made when the deceased person is understood to have known the probable consequence of what the self-harm is about to do to the person and yet, does so intentionally. Once this is determined, the intention of the person accused of abetment of suicide is looked into.

The only exception is abetment of the suicide of a woman married for seven years or less. Through an 1983 amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure, the law was changed to presume the husband guilty if his wife commits suicide within seven years of marriage. The amendment was made to curb dowry deaths that were categorised as suicides.

#### How is the intention to drive a person to suicide determined by the court?

The intention is discerned from acts of the accused, in proving any crime. Multiple rulings of the Supreme Court, including a 2002 ruling in Sanjay Singh v State of Madhya Pradesh have held that a comment or a statement uttered in haste, anger would not amount to abetment of suicide.

In a 2017 ruling, the Supreme Court also said that instigation and involvement of the accused must be connected strongly and any remoteness in these features would be insufficient to charge the accused with the offence.

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Suppose, Person A says "go, die" to Person

B, and B happens to hang herself subsequently, Person A cannot be charged with abetment to suicide. Firstly, A did not intend to instigate B to commit suicide and merely uttered the words in a fit of anger. In such a case, the court would look into Person A's general behaviour towards B and determine the intention.

In the same case, if a husband and his family have subjected the wife to continuous physical abuse since the marriage and drove her to suicide, they can be held liable for the offence. Instigation has to have certain continuity, happen continuously over a reasonable period of time. The suicide must also be a direct consequence of the instigation and cannot be a mere coincidence or very remote to the committing of suicide. Also, if the deceased is found to be very sensitive compared to a reasonable person, the court has said the charge of abetment to suicide would weaken.

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CIN: US1102MP1977SGC001332, "CEDMAP BHAWAN" 16-A, Arera Hills. Bhopal-11 (India), Tel.: (91) 755-2571830, 2575773, Fax: (91) 755-2559973. E-mail: fazilitation@mgids.co.in, Website: www.invest.mp.gov.in (formerly known as Machya Pradesh Trade and

Investment Facilitation Corporation Limited) Engpal, Dated: 28,07,2020

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (No. 36)

Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MPIDC) invites offer from interested consultant with proven capabilities and demonstrated performance to express their interest to participate in the competitive bidding for "Preparation of Project Report as per the Guideline of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt of India dated 27,07,2020 for establishment of Bulk Drug Park in 1500 to 2000 Acres of Land in the state of Madhya Fradesh" For details interested consultants can visit following website :-

www.mptenders.gov.in - MPIDC HO Bhopsi

Contact Person : Shri S.K. Jain - 9826050599 The tender will be visible on-line on mptenders.gov.in from

30.07.2020 at 3:00 PM M.P. Madhyam/98063/2020 MANAGING DIRECTOR

### HARYANA INSTITUTE OF CIVIL AVIATION 30 Bays Building, 3rd Floor, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

Email id: - ticachd@cmail.com Applications are invited for the filling up the post on contractual basis as Continuing Airworthiness Manager with complete No-data and required documents. The applicant should 6.1% the following qualification and experience-

Rs. 500-00 per month.

Rs. 48,000/- with Annual Increment of 5%

Plus Mobile call reimbursement maximum up to

Age Limit 55 years. Place of Positing Any branch of Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation viz. Aerodrome. Pinjore / Karnel/ Hisar.

Educational Qualification & Experience: -

i.e. maintenance programme etc.

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Salary

Diploma Aeronautical Engineering or Aircraft Maintenance Engineering from the approved Institute (Approved by DGCA / All India Council for Technical Education) with 10 + 2 (Non Medical) or degree in Engineering.

Practical experience and expertise in the application of Aviation Safety Standard and safe maintenance practices.

Should have comprehensive knowledge of :-CAR M and any associated requirements and procedures.

The maintenance Organization Manual-cum-CAVE. Five years aviation experience of which atleast 03 years should be practical

maintenance experience on Cessna-172 and Cessna-152 Aircraft, Knowledge of the relevant type (s) of aircraft or components maintained. This knowledge may be demonstrated by documented evidence or by an assessment

performed by the DGCA. This assessment should be recorded. Knowledge of maintenance standards of trainer aircraft operated by the F.Y.O. Basic familiarization of arcraft type maintained and the related documentation

Preference given to Candidates working on the specific post in DGCA approved FTO as Technical Officer / Asst CAM / CAM

Applications of those candidates will only be considered who have all the above merdaned requirements. Last date of submission of the applications through erroll by 17th August, 2020 positively. (Ernallid :- ticachtifigmed com).

> Advisor Civil Aviation Harvang-cum-Chief Executive Director. Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation

## SAHARANPUR SMART CITY LIMITED

Date:28.07.2020

Advertisement for Notice Inviting e-Tender SSCL Invites Two stage online bids for "Construction 8 Development of Company Garden in Saharangur with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance Period including one-year Defect

Liability Period on EPC (Turn-Key) basis under Smart City Mission" Costing Rs 8,04,00,000 (Eight Crore & Four lekhs only by 24.08.2020

For Further details, please visit https://etender.up.nic.in

**PRESS NOTICE** 

**INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER** 

xecutive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Lucknow invites on behalf o

The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the

. N.I.T. No.: 33/EE/PCDL/2020-21, Name of Work: Renovation work of

Head Post Office Building at Muzaffarnagar., Estimated Cost: 30,48,214/-

. N.I.T. No.: 34/EE/PCDL/2020-21, Name of Work: Renovation work to 13

nos. Postal Staff Quarters at Postal Colony, Kheri., Estimated Cost

30,38,323/-, Earnest Money: 60,766/-, Period of completion- 120 day

N.I.T. No.: 35/EE/PCDL/2020-21. Name of Work: Renovation work to

Head Post Office Building at Bareilly., Estimated Cost: 33,70,138/-, Earnest

4. N.I.T. No.: 36/EE/PCDL/2020-21, Name of Work: Renovation work to

Head Post Office Building at Moradabad., Estimated Cost: 44,01,292/-

Last time and date of submission of bids: 10.08.2020 up to 18.00 Hrs

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website

**FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HARYANA** 

**e-AUCTION NOTICE** 

It is for information to General Public that e-Action of Fishing Rights o

Notified waters, rivers, canals and drains of the Districts Palwal & Faridabac

Karnal and Jind of Haryana State for the year 2020-21 (01.09.2020 to 31.08.2021) shall be put to open public e-auction on 06.08.2020 from 9.00 A.M

Before start of the e-auction the interested bidders shall have to depos

earnest money as shown against each District/Districts on dated as given below in shape of offline Demand Draft in favour of Director Fisheries Haryana

The successful bidders will have to deposit online through RTGS/NEFT the ful amount of contract or 1/3rd of e-Auction amount and 5% of the contract amoun

as security in the Bank Account of the concerned District Fisheries Officers, a

per Bank Account details given, on the same day of e-Auction and the remaining amount within 30 days from the date of the e-Auction. In case of failure to the

deposit of the remaining 2/3rd amount by the bidder within the stipulated period

of 30 days, the 1/3rd amount deposited by the bidder at the time of e-Auction an

of 30 days, the Ir3rd amount deposited by the bloder at the time of e-Auction and 5% of the contract amount as security and earnest money shall be forfeited. Others details, terms and conditions can be seen at the <a href="https://harfish.sets.co.in">https://harfish.sets.co.in</a> and Haryana Fisheries Departmental website <a href="https://www.harfish.gov.in">www.harfish.gov.in</a> and details can also be procured from the office of the District Fisheries Officers of the District or Deputy Director Fisheries at Division level or Discorter Fisheries at Division

E-auction of those District/Districts which will not be completed o

06.08.2020 shall again be held on 13.08.2020, 20.08.2020 and 27.08.2020 froi 9.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon accordingly.

Date of Deposit of Earnest Money

04-08-2020 till 04.00 PM

11-08-2020 till 04.00 PM

18-08-2020 till 04 00 PM

25-08-2020 till 04.00 PM

to 12.00 Noon online at the e-Procurement portal https://harfish.sets.co.in

Earnest Money: 60,964/-, Period of completion- 123 days.

Money: 67,403/-, Period of completion- 120 day

Panchkula in order to take part in the e-auction.

evel or Director Fisheries Haryana, Panchkula.

06-08-2020

13-08-2020

20-08-2020

27-08-2020

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www.dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

Earnest Money: 88,026/-, Period of completion- 150 day

Addl. Chief Executive Officer Saharanpur Smart City Limited

## Dy.Chief Engineer/Stores Construction South Western Railway, Bengaluru-46 PUB/46/AASP/PRB/SBC/2020-21 WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM TO e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE No: 02/2020 Dated: 10.07.2020

Corrigendum to tenders fo

Manufacture & Supply of the following

s were uploaded in IREPS Webs

3. PSC Turnout Sleepers 1 in 12-60

Quantity has been revised to 300 sets.

• Minimum quoting of quantity by tenderer has been amended.

For details of the same please visi IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
Please check the website till the

opening date of the tender for details o

Kg to RDSO Drg No T-4218.

nv corrigendum.

**CIVIL AND TRACK WORK** & PROVIDING RUBBERISED **ROAD SURFACE** 

E-Tender Notice No.: 13 of 2020-2021 Dated 28.07.2020, Sr. No. 01, e-Tender No. DRM-ADI-133-2020-21, Name of vork: Adraj Moti: Civil and track work in nnection with development of ballas siding and associated work in connection with CTR work in the jurisdiction of Sr DEN/S/ADI. Approximate NIT Cost (₹): 29888122.48, EMD Cost (₹): 299500.00 Sr. No.02 e-Tender No. DRM-ADI-134 2020-21, Name of work: Chandlodiya Khodiyar-Gandhinagar Capital: Providing ubberised road surface at LC No. 3 & 19 of Chandlodiya-Khodiyar-Gandhinagar Capital section. **Approximate NIT Cos**t (₹): 2555171.45. EMD Cost (₹): 51100.00 Closing date & time of e-tender: Date 25.08.2020 at 15.00 Hrs., Office Address: Sr. Divisional Enginee (Cooridination) Ahmedabad, DRM Office Nr. Chamunda Bridge, Opp New Swadeshi Mill. Naroda Road Amdupura, Ahmedabad-382345
Website for participating e-tender

**INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER** 

Executive Engineer(C), Posta Civil Division, New Delhi invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No.: NIT/EEPCND/2020 21/34 Dated 30.07.2020 Name of Work: Providing interlocking tiles under Swachhta Actior Plan 2020-21 in MMS Naraina New Delhi Estimated Cost 39.70.151/- Earnest Money 79.403/- Period of completion 03 Months Last time and date

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Sd/-

Director Fisheries Department Haryana, Bays. No. 31-32, Sector 4,

Panchkula.

#### **OFFICE OF** THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER E & M CIRCLE, RAIPUR (C.G.) NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement) e-PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR BIDS

eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

## (TENDER CANCEL NOTICE)

In Bid System No. 65660/ RFB No. 02/SAC/2020-21 Rudri Dated 29.06.2020 Supply erection testing & commissioning of new 30mtr Hot dipped galvanized high mast pole with 350watt LED flood light and repair with replacement and fixing of 350watt LED fixture power cable and panel at 30mtr of 9 nos existing high mast of RSP gangrel Dam Vide Publication G.No. 82013 is Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstance.

> sd/-**Executive Engineer** E&M H.E.M.M. Division Rudri for Superintending Engine **E&M Circle Water Resources Department Raipur**

www.ireps.gov.in Like us on: f facebook.com/WesternRlv

## **PRESS NOTICE**

submission of bid: 10.08.2020 upto 15:00 hrs.

### 🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🎑 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender Notice No.: EL-50-DNR-OPEN-14 2020-21. The Divisional Railway Manager E.C. Railway, Danapur for and on behalf of the President of India is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open from the reputed contractors working in State/Central Govt having valid Electrical contractor license for the required voltage level issued by State/Central Govt licensing board for the following work fulfilling the Eligibility Criteria and terms conditions mentioned in tender document. Tender No. EL-50-DNR-OPEN-14-2020-21.

1. Name of work with its location: Repair maintenance & manning of all types of electrical assets in Officer's flat (Block-A&B, G+7 building, PHODs Bunglow-12 nos, GM Bunglow, Sports Club & Hospital Building at Patliputra Rail Parishar, Digha for 02 years 2. Approx cost of the work (NIT value) ₹79,26,874.50, 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹1,58,500/-, 4. Date & time for online submission and closing of all above tenders: On 21.08.2020 up to 12.00 Hrs. 5. Website particulars, notice hoard location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where all the above tender form can be seen: CRIS website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Office of the Sr. DEE (G)/DNR, D.R.M. Building, 1st NOTE: All corrigendum will be uploaded on

website before 15 days if required. DRM (Elect/G)/ECR/Danapur PR/0483/DNR/EGEN/T/20-21/40

IR.	MANE 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	HODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD, HISAR	ANNUAL REPAIR OF M.C. PROPERTY IN 165H AT BARWALA (GROUP A) FOR THE YEAR 2000-21. + 9 OTHER WORKS	28:07:2020 06:08:2020	6ND 1.21 LACS	https://exenders.hry.nic.in	01662-275612 xertisamb.hisar @gmark.com
2	HARYANA STATE WAREHOUSING COMPORATION	SUPPLY OF WARLOUS STATIONERY LITEMS.	31.07.2020 16.08.2020	3.50 LACS	etenders/hryzniczn	0172-2587200 secytwo@fry, nic/in
3	H.S.A.M.SOAID, JIND.	REPLACING OF EXISTING ACT. SHEET OF COVERED SHED , CONST. OF RAMPS AND RAISING OF CC PLATFORM, RAISING HADN FOR DISPOSAL, PROVIDING STROM WATER DRAINANGE(COLLECTING TANK), CONST. OF PUMP CHAMBER SIZE LEXIO. IN NAM AT TIME	CLOSING DATE 12.06.2000	55.16-0403	Hillaric //etendiors.hry.nic.	01581-252003 etundens.gov.in
•	DHEWN, HISAR.	TENDER FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR CLEANING 8 SWEEPING OF VIDYUF PAGAR COLONY, HISAR RIT NO. 40/ESTATE OFFICE/ HISAR/2020-21 DATED- 24.02.2020	25.07.2000 17.08.2000	41.65 Lacs	www.dhbvm.org.in	70273-49444 estateofficerohityn@gmail.com
9	DHEWN, HISAR.	TENDER FOR MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPE & ARBOROCULTURE SERVICES OF VIDYLIT NAGAR, HISAR NIT NO. 39/ESTATE OFFICE HISAR/2000-21 DATED- 24-07-2020	25.07.2020 17.08.2020	41.66 LACS	www.dhbvrs.org.in	70273-49444 estateofficectritis/n@gmail.com
8	HARYANA STATE WARDHOUSING CORPORATION	CONSTRUCTION OF 12166 MTS CAPACITY GODOWNS (DXCPT ROOFING), ROADS INCLUDING E.1 WORKS AT SWII, MASERPLE (DISTRICTIVIBALA) + OTHER 35 WORKS	31.07.2020 17.08.2020	338 07 LACS	etendens.hry.nic.in	0172-2587200 secytwo@try. nicin
,	H.S.A.M. BOARD, PANO-RULA,	POG EXTERNAL ELECTRIPICATION WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTISTORIED RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX FOR HARMAN STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD ON PLOT NO. GH-5, SECTOR-23, PANO-KULA + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 18:08:2020	END 5.26 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812100351 xenelectpkl2019@yohoo.com
)	UHBVN, JHAJJAR	TENDER FOR HERING VEHICLE NO. 7 ( FOR SDO CITY =1 SDO M/ROLL=1 XEN-HADIAR =1 SE OP CIRCLE JRH=1 XEN VIXILARCE=1SOO BADL(=2 (1 NO. COMPLAINT CENTER 1 NO. FOR SDO)	CLOSING DATE 13:08:2000	6000/- Per vehicle	www.uPbvn.org.in	01251-252060 xoropubwijhajjar@UHBvitcorg.in
	UHENN, PANDAT	HIRING OF LIND. VEHICLE (MAHINDRA BOLERO, SCORPID JEEP) FOR USE IN AREA UNDER THE JURISDOCTION OF ALL SUB-DIVISIONS UNDER SUB- URBAN DIVISION UNDERLY, PARIPHY FOR VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES	OPENING CLOSING DATE 06.06.2020	6000/-(for each verticle)	mensulfloring in	0180-2651540 scropsuparspat@uhbvn.org.in
D	HARTANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPHENT BOARD PANCHOLIA	HYDRAULIC TABLE FOR VETBRIKARY USE + 1 OTHER WIDEK	29.07,2000 14.06.2000	EMD: 82800/-	http://peshudhanheryena. gov.lh	9416372558 fildb-fry@mic.in
1	HUNKIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF OPEN GYM, BENCHES, LIGHT AND BOOSTING STATION IN PARK IN WARD NO IB BAHADURGARH + 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.06.2000	57.26 UACS	ETENDERS HITY, NIC. DV	9350496582 MAVEENDHAMMHAMGGMAIL.COM
ž	HVPNL, KARNAL	DEPOSIT WORK FOR PROVIDING 2 NO. 326KV LINE BAY ( 220KV DIC MUND-10C), PMP LINE) ALCHGMITH ALLIED EQUIPMENTS AT 220KV SYSTM MUND (CIVIL WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13:06:2020	Rs 84000.00 for General, Rs,42000.00 for Registered Society	https://www.hvpn.org.in.	0172-2583789 ProOhypn.org.in
ř	HUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KARNAL	PROVIDING & LAYING SOMM THICK B.M.B. ZSHM THICK PRIENTS CARPET WITH B-THPE SEAL COAT OF MAIN ROAD FROM RAHLE, HONDA SHOWROOM UPTO PT. CHARNII LAL GOVT, COLLEGE AND LINK ROADS, 80-HIND SACHDEVA HOSPITAL, HARYANA NURSING HOME SECTOR-14 IN WARD NO. B. M.C. KARNAL, + 2 WORLS	30.07.3000 s0.08.2020	111.28 tACS	https://etender.hty.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
4	HUNKIPAL COUNCIL BHEWARI	SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR BID-REMEDIATION OF EXISTING OUMPSITE AT OADRI ROAD, BHOWARD	CLOSING DATE 28.08.2020	5 UACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	901.0680504 ine mcbbiwandigmat.com
s	H.S.A.H. BOARD, AMBALA.	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS IN ANDALA CITY AND AMBALA CANTT CONSTITUTION (PROUP NO.) UNDER WORK PLAN 2020-2021 ROAD 10 4343, 4280, 4286, 4306, 4553, 4563, 5129 (PHASE-I)" + 4 OTHER WORKS	29:07:2020 25:08:2020	END 15.07 LACS	www.hsanib.org.in	0171-2530675 xenambola2019.hsamb@gmail.com
6	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GOHANA.	CONST. OF IPD STREET FROM INO MAPE SINGH PARLAPATE TO RAMESH IN WINO.23, M.C. GOHAMA.	CLOSING DATE 10.08.2020	21.00 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	03263-252013 Secync.gofana@hry.ric.in
z	HUNCIPAL COMMETTEE KALANWALI	DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF WASTE.	30.07,2020 10.08,2020	93000/-	http://etanders.hry.nic.in	01596-222016 Secytic kalanwali@gmail.com
5	MC SONDAT	EXNST, OF IPE STREET PROM HO BHIM TO HO ANALISET IN BABA COLONY WARD NO. 22 M.C. SONIPAT. + 10 OTHER WORKS	OPENING CLOSING DATE 19:08:3020	EMD 2.26 LACS	https://wwwders.hry.nc.in	semcsonepet/0gmail.com
19	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SADHAURA	PURCHASE OF TWIN BIN DUSTRIN WITH STAND (RD LTR.) AND DUSTRIN 0.9 CUSIC METERS IN MC SADHAURA	30/07/2020 06/08/2020	20000)-	ultharyana.gov,m	secy mesadheura@gmail.com

Group General Manager/RCED, RITES ltd invites online item rate bid on two packs

system for the following work on Open tender basis: NIT No. RITES/RCED/RI/SHMS/2019/02, Name of Work: "Engagement of Syste Integrator for supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Monitoring system for Structural Health Monitoring System (SHMS) for Bogibeel Rail cum Road Bridge across river Brahmaputra near Dibrugarh, Assam, India", **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 38.2 Crore, **Earnest Money:** ₹ INR 2500000.00, **Period of completion:** 32 months (08 month or execution and 24 months as maintenance period), Last time & date of submission of bid: 11:00 Hrs. on 18.09.2020. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the

website https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only



e-Tender No: IRCON/ELECT/5025/R-APDRP/MEERUT/Store/Disposal/03, Date :30/07/2020 e-Tender for and on behalf of IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED is invited from bidders for the work of "Sale of Surplus materials like 250KVA & 100KVA Transformer, G.I. Wires, M.S. Structure Steel- Angle, channels, MS clamps, Cables, Pole mounted D.B., Boxes and its fittings in different sizes etc. lying IRCON store at B-25 Kunj Vihar, Jagriti Vihar, Meerut (UP) under RAPDRP Part-B Project Meerut Town of PVVNL'

Rs. 23.60.876/-Estimated Cost of work End Date & Time of e-Bid Submission 18.08.2020 at 15:30 Hrs. For further details, visit website <a href="https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app">https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app</a>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

\*\*Geograf Manager (Floot/VIA)\*\*



#### **TENDER NOTICE**

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD), Department of Information Technology, Head Office, Mumbai invites e-tenders from established Vendors for provision of Bulk SMS Services. The last date for submission of e-tender is 15:00 hrs on 20th August 2020. Please visit our website 'www.nabard.org' for details regarding the same.

www.nabard.org Taking Rural India >> Forwar

General Manager (Elect)/PH

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Naresh S/o Unknown R/o Hanuman Mandir, Nigam Bodh Ghat, Delhi. Age about 45 years, Height 5'5", Face long, Complexion shallow, Built normal, wearing hospital cloths was found dead at LNJP Hospital, New Delhi on

27.07.2020. In this regard a DD No. 47-A dated 27.07.2020 U/s 174

Cr.PC has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi,

Any person having any information or clue about this decreased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below. SHO

PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph. 011-23967889, 23968730 DP/415/N/2020

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR** SUPPLY OF BAMBOO C.N.C BOTTLE MAKING MACHINE

Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited (TRPC) invites Expression of Interest for Supply of Bamboo C.N.C. Bottle Making Machine, 1 (one) no to be supplied at Surendranagar, Sub-Div: Mohanpur, Dist. West Tripura, State: Tripura. Expression will be received in the office of the TRPC Ltd. P.N. Complex, Gurkhabasti, Agartala, Tripura, till 3.00 PM on 10th August 2020.

Full text of the notice inviting expression of interest may be seen in the corporate office of TRPC at Agartala and in its Zonal Offices at Udaipur, Agartala, Kumarghat and Jawharnagar on all working days and also at www.tripurainfo.com along with the state and National leading news papers.

> (Abhijit Ray) Asstt. Manager (Marketing) TRPC Ltd. H. Q.

NORTHERN RAILWAY								
TENDER NOTICE								
	Invitation of Tender	thro	ugh E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)					
s.	N.I.T. No.	S.N.	16-2020-21-W-V					
no.								
1	Name of work with its	1	Development of RPC-4 facilities on line no. 20 at					
	location		HNZM in the section of ADEN/HNZM.					
			Definition Of Similar Work :- Any Civil work					
			involving concreting work.					
2	Approx. Cost of work	1	Rs. 13425435.46					
3	Earnest Money		(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 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)					
		1	Rs. 217100.00					
4	Completion period of	1	06 Months					
	Work							
5	Cost of tender		(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/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)					
		1	Rs. 5900.00					
_		1						
6	Date and time for submission of tender		Upto 15.00 hrs. on 28.08.2020 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 28.08.2020					
	and opening of tender		15.00 118. 01126.06.2020					
7	Website particulars		Above tender available on IREPS site i.e.					
′	notice board location		www.ireps.gov.in					
	complete details of							
	tender can be seen							
	and address of the							
	office from where the							
	tender form can be							
	purchased etc.							
128	128-W/280/e-Tender Notice/20-21/W-V Dated : 28.07.2020 1668/2020							

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE	

<b>NORTHERN RAILWAY</b>
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., N. Rly., S.E. Road, New Delhi for and on behalf o the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under

110	tod work.	
1	Name of work and location	Out sourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable condition in CAO/C office complex N. Rly. at Kashmere gate Delhi in the section of SSE/C/J under XEN/C/HQ, Kashmere gate, Delhi.
2	Completion period of the work	24 (Twenty four) months
3	Approx Cost of work	Rs. 54.51 lakh
4	Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 1,09,030/-
5	Date & Time for Submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded up to 11.30 hrs. on 20.08.2020 on IREPS website i.e. <a href="www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 20.08.2020.
		The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. <a href="www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in">www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in</a> and tender document is available on <a href="www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. <a href="www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> from 04.08.2020 to 20.08.2020.
	Detailed Tender	The bidders who desire to participate against e-tenders,

are advised to electronically register themselves on the

above website for which, they would require to, obtain

class III digital certificate (if already not obtained)

All other terms and conditions in respect of above

tenders are given in tender document. The detaile

ender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of

1666/2020

ssued by CCA under IT Act-2000.

the above office.

Dated: 30.07.2020

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Notice & Tender

No.: 50-G/C/K. gate/DLI

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE, GROUND WATER DIVISION, BAGH ALI MARDAAN NOWSHERA, SRINAGAR KASHMIR

Gist of e-Tender.

NIT No: -PHE/GWDS 15 of 07/2020 Dated: 29-07-2020 For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in 02 Cove System for Construction of Exploratory Test Bore Well and Construction of production tube well for successful exploration at the following location/site from registered water well drillers/contractors as per the

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S. No	Site	Cost of Tender Document	Cost of EMD	Estimated Cost	Time of completion	Validity of Rates	Programme
1.	Construction of Production Tube Well at Wani Mohalla Balhama in Sonwar constituency of District Srinagar.	Rs.1000/-	Rs.73240/-	Rs.36.62 lacs	30 Days	180 Days	Capex
2.	Construction of Production Tube Well at Balhama (B) in Sonwar	Rs.1000/-	Rs.73240/-	Rs.36.62 lacs	30 Days	180 Days	Capex

Position of Funds:- Available/Demanded

details given in tender document

Cr	Critical Dates / Information.					
1	Publishing Date	30 -07-2020				
2	Period of Downloading of Bids	30-07-2020 (9:00 A.M) to 10-08-2020 (2:00 P.M)				
3	Period of Submission of bids	30-07-2020 (9:00 A.M) to 10-08-2020 (2:00 P.M)				
4	Date of opening of Tender.	11-08-2020 at (11:00A.M)				
5	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar.					

Document Cost: Rs 1000/= (one thousand only) for each well (Non-Refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan/receip denosited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar( Saddar Treasury Srinagar) on account of (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)

Earnest Money: for an amount shown in Gist of NIT against each well tender in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar 190011. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days

No: PHE/GWD/1479 Dated:29-07-20 DIPK-3606 (1)

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar.

## Office of

**Executive Engineer B&R Division HPPWD, Joginder Nagar** Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Mandi-175015 Phone No. 01908-222033 E-Mail: ee-jog-hp@nic.in

#### e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE **INVITATION FOR BIDS (ITB)**

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD, Joginder Nagar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering in 2 cover system for of the under mentioned from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD department:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of contractors	Time Limit
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Construction of Karkuhi Jalh Changher road Km. 0/0 to 5/610 MLA 1st Priorty of 2015-16 under NABARD Project RIDF-XXV (Actual Name:- Karkuhi Changher road Km. 0/0 to 4/510, Link road to village Jalh Km. 0/0 to 1/100 (Sub Head:-I Formation cutting, dumping site, construction of retaining/breast walls, cross drainage works essential soling and parapets.	₹ 2,96,93,449/-	₹ 5,94,000/-	₹ 5000/-	Class 'A'	Twelve Months

2. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:- The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website htt://hptenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the 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. htt://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering Bidders already possess ing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Date of online Publication: - 05/08/2020 10:00 Hrs.

- Document Download Start and end date:- 10/08/2020 10:00 Hrs upto 29/08/2020 17:00 Hrs
- Bid Submission start and end date:- 10/08/2020 10:00 Hrs upto 29/08/2020 17:00 Hrs Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender document:- 31/08/2020 11:00 Hrs
- Date of Technical Bid opening will be 31/08/2020 11:30 A.M. Evaluation of technical bid opening in Joginder Nagar Division, HPPWD, Joginder Nagar and financial bid opening will follow on accordingly.

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."

- Cover 2:- Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bids" where contractor will quote his offer for each item <u>Submission of Original Documents:</u> The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) Original bid security / Earnest Money Deposited (EMD) and other technical Documents in O/O the Executive Engineer, B&R Division HP.PWD. Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) as the specified in Key dates at Sr. No. 3 on tender opening date, failing which the bids will be
- declared non responsive.

  <u>Bid Opening Detail:</u> The bids shall be opened on 31/08/2020 11:30 Hrs. in the office of Executive Engineer B&R Division HP.PWD. Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tender. If the office happens to be closed on the date of 6. opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay 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 bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- In addition to instructions for use of standard form in bidding documents the bidder should upload the following information also.
  - Total annual volume of Civil Engineering construction work executed and payment received in the last five year proceeding this year duly verified by the Chartered Accountant.

Executive Engineer **B&R Division HP PWD** Joginder Naga District Mandi (HP) on behalf of **Governor of Himachal Pradesh** Ph. 01908-222033

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### RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED VIDYUT BHAWAN, JANPATH, JYOTI NAGAR, JAIPUR - 302005

CIN - U40102RJ2000SGC016484, Ph. No. 0141-2741452 E-mail: accountsrvunl@yahoo.com, Website: energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl Extract of Financial Results for the Half Year ended 31st March, 2020

Particulars	Half Year Ended 31/03/2020 (01/10/2019 - 31/03/2020)	Previous Half Year Ended 31/03/2019 (01/10/2018 - 31/03/2019)	Year Ended 31/03/2020 (01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020)	Year Ended 31/03/2019 (01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019)
	Un-audited/ Reviewed	Un-audited/ Reviewed	Un-audited/ Reviewed	Audited
Total Income from Operations	883,379.39	800,023.05	1,633,318.73	1,448,744.93
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	49,438.04	41,973.16	41,068.88	59,604.47
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax( after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	35,723.65	8,579.64	12,830.57	13,842.00
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	35,723.65	8,579.64	12,830.57	13,842.00
the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	32,363.01	2,615.19	4,539.79	4,878.12
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹10/-per share)	1,021,234.00	1,006,795.00	1,021,234.00	1,006,795.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as per balance sheet of previous accounting year	(413,180.05)	(438,280.84)	(413,180.05)	(438,280.84)
Net Worth*	604,717.96	568,295.84	604,717.96	568,295.84
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	4,644,038.10	4,521,045.83	4,644,038.10	4,521,045.83
Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
Debt Equity Ratio	7.68	7.95	7.68	7.95
Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations-basic & diluted) (Not annualised) (in ₹)	0.35	0.09	0.12	0.14
Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
Debenture Redemption Reserve**	1	=	-	-
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.82	0.90	0.77	0.82
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.22	1.21	1.08	1.16
	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Net Profit / (Loss) for the period of Extraordinary items)  Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]  Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹10/-per share)  Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as per balance sheet of previous accounting year  Net Worth*  Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt  Outstanding Redeemable  Preference Shares  Debt Equity Ratio  Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/-each) (for continuing and discontinued operations-basic & diluted) (Not annualised) (in ₹)  Capital Redemption Reserve	31/03/2020   Un-audited/Reviewed	31/03/2020   31/03/2019   Un-audited/Reviewed   Reviewed   A1,973.16   A1,973	31/03/2020   31/03/2019   31/03/2020

xchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the half yearly and yearly financial results of the Company is available under investors section of our website 'energy rajasthan gov in/rvunl'.

2. The company has prepared the financial statements and financial results in compliance with Ind AS pursuar to the Notification of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) dated 16th Feb 2015.

3. The Management has exercised necessary due dilligence to ensure that these unaudited financial results provide true & fair veiw of company's affairs. The figures for half year ended 31st March 2020 and 31st March 2019 are the balancing figures between the figures in respect of the full financial years and the figures upto the first half of the respective financial years.

For & on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place: Jaipur Date: 30-07-2020 (P. Ramesh) Chairman & Managing Director DIN: 03551794 Raj.Samwad/C/20/2916 RVUN/PR-3410

### **NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING**

The Resident Commissioner, Punjab Bhawan invites tenders on behalf of Government of Punjab from eligible Service Providers/Contractors for the folowing work through e-Tendering Process:

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Annual Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
1.	Providing Manpower/Personnel Management Services on out sources basis in the O/o The Principal Resident Commissioner, Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi for Three Years	3 Crore	6 Lakhs	1000/-

Date of Release of Tender 07.08.2020. Last Date for Purchase of Online Tender 24.08.2020 upto 12.00 hours The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the

website: https://www.punjab.gov.in Superintendent

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD** 

Notice Inviting E-Tender N.I.T No: 558/P&D(TS)TS/PNT-488 Name of Office: Chief Engineer / Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002

Tele Fax-0172-2654468 Name of Work: Design, manufacturing, testing, supply and delivery of 06 nos. Live/Dead tank design oil filled 132kV Current Transformers of various ratios suitable for outdoor service, hollow porcelain Insulator for Sub-Station of BBMB Kurukshetra. Last date and time for receipt of request for 18.08.2020 upto 17:00 Hours

issue of tender documents Last date & time of submission of bids 26.08.2020 upto 11:00 Hours Date and time of Online of Bids 26.08.2020 from 15:00 Hours onwards For cost of specification, earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website s://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in

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**HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED** (Wholly Owned Goyt, of Karnataka Undertaking) Corporate Office, Navanager, P.B. Road, Hubli-580 025 Tel. No. 0836-2222535, Fax No. 0836-2324307

Website: www.hescom.co.in E-mail ID: seeit@hescom.co.in eeit@hescom.co.in CIN: U31401KA2002SGC030437 No: HESCOM/SEE-IT&MT/EEIT1/AEE-IT1/2020-21/6207

> Date: 29.07.2020 TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Tender Notification issued vide: HESCOM/SEE-IT&MT/EE-IT1/AEE-IT1/2020-21/CYS 1305 Dated:24.07.2020 for Implementation of web based Total Revenue Management (TRM) system in Non RAPDRP areas of HESCOM vide Bid Indent No. HESCOM/SEE(IT&MT)/EEIT-1/TRM/2020-21 stands CANCELLED

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (EI) No.DIPR/DWD/2020-21/231/MCA (IT&MT), HESCOM, Hubballi.

#### 🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳 e-Tender Notice

e-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under

mentioned work: 1. e-Tender No. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-19-20-21 in Two Packet System Name of work : Supplying, stacking and

spreading of 50mm gauge nominal size machine crushed stone ballast, transporiting of P.way material/fittings track linking and other ancillary works in connection with Doubling work between Damodar Bridge (Km. 98.08) and Ranchi Road (excluding) (Km. 92.80) & BRKA Link to Barkakana (excluding) in CIC Link to Barkakaria (excluding) in Cic Line. Approx. cost of the work in (Rs.): 12,51,60,505.20 Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 10,000.00 Earnest money in (Rs.): 7,75,800.00 Period of work completion: 06 [Six] Months 2. e-Tender No. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-16-20-21 in Single Packet System **Name of work**: Conducting "Final Location Survey for DHANBAD-ISPATNAGAR (43.80km) & Pradhankhunta-Bhojudil (22.28km). Submission of FLS Report Detail Estimate with quantities, preparation of Land Plans for land acquisition etc" in connection with Permanent diversion of the affected Dhanbad- Chandrapura Railway line by Dhanbad- Ispatnagar line via Tetulmari Nichitpur, Matari, Telo including Y-Connection in Dhanbad & Ispatnagar and doubling from Pradhankhunta to Bhojudih under Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway. Approx. cost of the work in (Rs.): 25,03,369.43 Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 3,000.00 Earnest money in (Rs.): 50,100.00 Period of work completion: 03 (Three) months Date and time for closing of tender 18,08.2020 at 15.30 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/ Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender doucment alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final Tenderers requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for lates corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection with this e-tender

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## HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMEN **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Prades electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table. nor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rates bids

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimatred cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs
	C/o 30.00 meter Span Bridge over Pathrala Ka Khala and Khari Ka Nala on Khajurna-Bikram Bagh-Suketi-Kala Amb	1,86,47,000/-	2.19.000/-
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_	Road at RD 2/975	only	only
2.	Improvement of Banog-Kheri Road 0/0 to 39/500		
	(SH:- P/F W-Beam Crash Barrier at RD 31/0 to 31/060, 31/105 to 31/135, 31/165 to 31/250, 31/260 to 31/325, 31/335	15,75,494/-	31,500/-
	to 31/495, 31/540 to 31/580 and R/W at RD 31/275 to 31/290 and 31/300 to 31/310)	only	only
3.	Restoration of Rain Damages Majri to Burma Papdi Road Km 0/0 to 9/0	14,06,328/-	28,500/-
	(SH:- C/o Retaining Wall at RD 3/750 to 3/793)	only	only
	C/o Indoor Stadium Building at Nahan, District Sirmaur (HP)	6,51,477/-	13,500/-
	(SH:- C/o Spiral Stare Case, Poarch, Drain and Steel Works etc.)	only	only

Starting Date for Downloading Bid 22.08.2020 up to 10:00 AM Deadline for Submission of Bid The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive HPPWD (B&R) Division Tel/Fax: 01702-22226 E-mail: ee-nah-hp@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

14:00 Hrs. | 14:00 Hrs. | 16:30 Hrs

Superintending Engineer

Oil

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. Corporate I.D. No.- UA40109UP2001SGCO25867/2358 V.C.V. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun- 248001, Ph. No. 0135-2763672-75 Fax 0135-2763830, Websties, www.upcl.org & www.uttarakhandpower.org

> **E-TENDER NOTICE** TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. 03/SE(MM)/2020-21

Superintending Engineer (MM), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., V.C.V. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan Dehradun invites e- tender for sale of old and used Transformer Oil (Dehradun 103.00 Kiloliter + Haldwan 102.00 Kiloliter = 205.00 Kiloliter) on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" from authorised purchaser, who are registered in GST/Income Tax Department, available in Workshop Dehradun/Rishikesh/Roorkee/Haldwani/ Kashipur. Rudrapur under EWD Dehradun/Haldwani. The last date of online request of tender document/submission opening date of tender are as given below:-

ľ	SI. No.	Details of Material	Total Quantity (unit in K.L.)	Average Turnover for Previous 3 Years (In Rs.)	Money[FDR/	including Trade Tax	online	of submission of tender in online	Date of opening of Tender in online & off line mode
ſ	1	Old and used Transformer		150.00 Lakh	Rs.112740.00	Rs. 5,900.00	18/08/2020 upto	18/08/2020 upto	18/08/2020 at

for Further details. please visti website www.uktenders.gov.in.

No: 358/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated: 29.07-2020

(MM) SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Customer Care No.- 18004190405
"Pay Electricity bill online 24x7 form www.upcl.org" (For information on Electricity Theft, informer
may report to Toll Free No. 18001804185/ Fax:2760911)

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** 

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR, NEAR J&K BANK (ZALDAGAR) Telefax No. 0194-2503195, E-Mail ID: xenmidsrinagar@gmail.com **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

e-NIT No. 51 OF 2020-21 Dated: 27.07.2020

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar, invite Tenders from established and accredited Original Pump Manufacturers (OPM's) or their Authorized Dealers or reput ed Firms or Joint Venture Consortium's having relevant Experience and other requisite pre-qualification criteria's for the advertised work. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover '1st' consisting of Tender Fee Earnest Money Deposit, Pre-qualification Criteria's, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money @	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of Pump House with allied civil works     Supply Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Horizontal Pumping units along with electro-mechanical equipment's.     Providing and laying of 350mm diameter ERW Rising Main along with allied control, valves, fittings etc. at Lift Irrigation Scheme Chuntwaliwar in district Ganderbal under "AIBP TAC 12" on turnkey basis.	Division, Srinagar	298.00	5000.00	Rs. 6.00 Lacs	180 Days	03 Months

Position of funds: Approved Under TAC-12 AIBP (Funds Demanded)

i	Publish Date	27.07.2020 at 1750 hrs
ii	Document Download/Sale Start Date	27.07.2020 from 1800 hrs.
iii	Clarification Start Date	28.07.2020 from 1000 hrs.
iv	Bid Submission Start Date	30.07.2020 from 1800 hrs
٧	Clarification End Date	11.08.2020 upto 1700 hrs
vi	Pre-bid Meeting Date	14.08.2020 at 1000 hrs
vii	Document Download/Sale End Date	18.08.2020 upto 1600 hrs
viii	Bid Submission End Date	18.08.2020 upto 1600 hrs
ix	Date and Time of Bid Opening	20.08.2020 at 1400 hrs

Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites www.ifckashmir.com

http://jktenders.gov.in.
The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle Kmr. I & F. C. Dept., Srinagar.

The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in

The complete bidding process will be online <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a>.
The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, I. &F.C Department Srinagar.

Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.

Bid Security to be pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, I.&F.C Department Srinagar Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for one year

or more after last date of receipt of Bid.

The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e Challan in favour of Executive. Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Srinagar payable at Srinagar.
The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bid-

der/ tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a>.

Queries by E-mail if any should be made at xenmidsrinagar@gmail.com No: MIDS/TS/1506-1515 Date: 27.07.2020 DIPK-3542 **Executive Engineer** 

Mech. Irrigation Division Srinagar

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#### **Extract of Consolidated Financial Results** for the Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2020

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2020	Year Ended 31-Mar-2020	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2019
1 at treatars	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Income from operations (net)	2056	7939	2022
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	402	1187	279
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	402	1187	279
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	321	1025	216
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	336	833	218
Equity Share Capital	84.62	84.62	84.62
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve		4739	
Earnings per share (of ₹ 5/- each)			
Basic	18.98	60.55	12.74
Diluted	18.98	60.55	12.74

### Notes:

1 Summary details of stand-alone audited financial results of Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited:

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2020	Year Ended 31-Mar-2020	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2019
Net income from operations	1727	6168	1603
Profit before tax	370	1117	277
Profit after tax	298	939	223
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	318	824	227

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30-Jun-2020 filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.torrentpharma.com

Place: Ahmedabad, Gujarat Date: 30-Jul-2020

## Reliance Industries Limited

Telephone: +91 (22) 3555 5000; Facsimile: +91 (22) 2204 2268

ı	Statement of Deviation/ Variation in utilization of funds raised	
l	Name of listed entity	Reliance Industries Limited
l	Mode of Fund Raising	Rights Issue
l	Date of Raising Funds	June 11, 2020
l	Amount Raised	Rs. 13,275.19 crore <sup>1</sup>
l	Report filed for Quarter ended	June 30, 2020
l	Monitoring Agency	Applicable
l	Monitoring Agency Name, if applicable	Axis Bank Limited
l	Is there a Deviation / Variation in use of funds raised	No
	If yes, whether the same is pursuant to change in terms of a contract or objects, which was approved by the shareholders	Not Applicable
l	If Yes, Date of shareholder Approval	Not Applicable
l	Explanation for Deviation / Variation	Not Applicable
l	Comments of the Audit Committee after review	No Comments
l	Comments of the auditors, if any	No Comments

Objects for which funds have been raised and where there has been a deviation, in the following table

Original Object	Modified Object, if any	Original Allocation	Modified allocation, if any	Funds Utilized	Amount of Deviation/ Variation for the quarter according to applicable object	Remarks, if any
Repayment/ prepayment of all or a portion of certain borrowings availed by the Company	Not Applicable	Rs. 39,755.08 Crore	_	Rs. 13,275.19 Crore (Refer notes below)	NIL	_
General corporate purposes		Rs. 13,281.05 Crore		_		

Deviation or variation could mean:

a. Deviation in the objects or purposes for which the funds have been raised or

at of Deviation/Variation in utilization of funds raised

b. Deviation in the amount of funds actually utilized as against what was originally disclosed or

Change in terms of a contract referred to in the fund-raising document i.e. prospectus, letter of offer, etc. Notes:

	No. of Equity shares	Price (in Rs.)	Amount (Rs. in crore) #	Remarks
Total Issue Size	42,26,26,894	1,257.00	53,124.20	The Rights Equity Shares were issued as partly paid-up and an amount of Rs. 314.25 (i.e. 25% of the Issue Price) per
Details of Allotment till June 30, 2020	42,24,40,258	314.25	13,275.19	Rights Equity Share has been received on application (of which Rs. 2.50 towards face value of Rights Equity Share and Rs. 311.75 towards premium amount of Rights Equity Share). The schedule for payment of the balance amount of Rs. 942.75 per Rights Equity Share is proposed as (i) Rs. 314.25 i.e. 25% in May 2021; and (ii) Rs. 628.50 i.e. the balance 50% in November 2021. The Board of the

\*Rounded off to two decimal places

(b) Out of 42,26,26,894 Rights Equity Shares issued by the Company, 42,24,40,258 Rights Equity Shares were allotted by the Company till June 30, 2020.

Issue of 1,86,636 Rights Equity Shares had been kept in abeyance pursuant to an order passed by the Hon'ble Special Court constituted under the Special Court (Trial of Offences Relating to Transactions in Securities) Act, 1992. The Company has on July 29, 2020 allotted the 1,86,636 Rights Equity Shares to the eligible applicants in accordance with the order passed by the

The entire money raised by the Company through Rights Issue, during the quarter ended June 30, 2020, has been utilized for the objects as stated in the Letter of Offer dated May 15, 2020.

For Reliance Industries Ltd. Savithri Parekh

Company would make the calls for this purpose.

Place: Mumbai Date: 30.07.2020

Joint Company Secretary & Compliance Officer



## **NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED**

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regd. Office: Scope Complex, Core-III, 7-Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 Website: www.nationalfertilizers.com, CIN-L74899DL1974GOI007417

## EXTRACT FROM THE STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2020

(₹ in Lakhs)

		STANDALONE					С	ONSOLIDA <sup>*</sup>	TED		
S.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended		Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
N.	rancalars	31/03/2020 Unaudited	31/12/2019 Unaudited	31/03/2019 Unaudited	31/03/2020 Audited	31/03/2019 Audited	31/03/2020 Unaudited	31/12/2019 Unaudited	31/03/2019 Unaudited	31/03/2020 Audited	31/03/2019 Audited (Restated)
1	Total Income from operations	304006	379653	315221	1319186	1248065	304006	379653	315221	1319186	1248065
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	6504	14442	11965	13614	46337	5574	14376	11662	12609	45889
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) before tax after exceptional items	(32381)	14442	11965	(25271)	46337	(33311)	14376	11662	(26276)	45889
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax	(23935)	10777	8088	(17101)	29845	(24865)	10711	7785	(18106)	29397
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period	(26205)	10690	7753	(19631)	29608	(27135)	10624	7450	(20636)	29160
6	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year				143036	172844				141166	171979
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each)*										
	(a) Basic	(4.88)	2.20	1.65	(3.49)	6.08	(5.07)	2.18	1.59	(3.69)	5.99
	(b) Diluted	(4.88)	2.20	1.65	(3.49)	6.08	(5.07)	2.18	1.59	(3.69)	5.99

\*Not annualised in case of quarterly figures Note: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors

Place: Noida Date: 30.07.2020 (Virendra Nath Datt)
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 07823778



## **NFL: FARMERS' FRIEND, NATION'S PRIDE**



**PRICOL** LIMITED

CIN. L34200TZ2011PLC022194 Regd. Office: 109, Race Course, Coimbatore - 641 018. Phone: + 91 422 4336000

website: www.pricol.com, e-mail: cs@pricol.co.in

STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RE	SULTS FOR	THE QUAR	TER AND Y	EAR ENDE	31ST MAR	RCH 2020		( ₹ in Lakhs)
	Standalone				Consolidated			
PARTICULARS	For the Quarter Ended For the Yea						ear Ended	
TAINTOOLAIN	31-Mar- 2020	31-Mar- 2019	31-Mar- 2020	31-Mar- 2019	31-Mar- 2020	31-Mar- 2019	31-Mar- 2020	31-Mar- 2019
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited (Re-presented)	Audited	Audited (Re-presented)
1. Total Income	28983.22	33955.65	121591.77	138579.47	37813.04	45376.45	161467.78	182626.65
2. Net Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items & Tax	454.89	491.97	(2599.81)	390.49	37.18	(6244.41)	(5030.53)	(9271.28)
3. Exceptional Items (Net)	(12702.64)	(23197.75)	(19072.36)	(23197.75)	-	=	-	-
4. Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items)	(12247.75)	(22705.78)	(21672.17)	(22807.26)	37.18	(6244.41)	(5030.53)	(9271.28)
5. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations								
(after Exceptional items)	(12075.52)	(22271.14)	(21287.97)	(22792.95)	223.66	(5893.84)	(4674.37)	(9374.47)
6. Profit / (Loss) from Discontinued Operations (Net of Tax Expense)	-	-	-	-	1908.27	(2818.96)	(5201.06)	(8011.53)
7. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing and Discontinued								
Operations (after Exceptional items)	(12075.52)	(22271.14)	(21287.97)	(22792.95)	2131.93	(8712.80)	(9875.43)	(17386.00)
8. Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(11908.73)	(22138.17)	(21096.00)	(22761.86)	2792.28	(7195.75)	(9377.81)	(15913.74)
9. Paid-up-Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/-)	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97
10. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the								
Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)			41978.38	63074.38			38791.59	48993.08
11. Earnings per Equity Share for Continuing and Discontinued								
operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/-) in Rupees	(12.74)	(23.49)	(22.46)	(24.04)	2.25	(9.19)	(10.42)	(18.34)

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and Company's website www.pricol.com.

By Order of the Board

**VANITHA MOHAN CHAIRMAN** DIN: 00002168

New Delhi

No.17(9)/2020-PL/NGT Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate **Change Policy and Law Division NGT Cell** 

Level-III, Jal Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan

Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-03 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change invites applications for filling up of the nine vacant posts of Judicia

The qualifications, terms of office, age limit, conditions of service etc. are available on the Ministry's website www.moef.gov.in. Details of the advertisement including the Application Form can be downloaded from the aforementioned Ministry's website. Last date for receipt of applications in the Ministry's office is

Members in the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

davp 13101/11/0012/2021

#### NAGALAND UNIVERSITY (A Central University Estd. by the Act of Panlement No. 35 pl 1989,

Headquarters : Lumami, Dist: Zunheboto, Pin Code - 798627 No. F.A.238/Estt-I/Vol-II/2013-938 Dated: Lumami the 29\* July, 2020

## ADVERTISEMENT

Applications in the prescribed form are invited from eligible candidates for the posts of Finance Officer. Internal Audit Officer, Hindi Officer, Senior Technical Assistant and Pharmacist, Details of the advertisement, other terms and conditions and the application form are available in the University website www.nagalanduniversity.ac.in. Last date for receipt of filled-in application is 14th September, 2020.

Registrar



भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. एक नवरत्न कंपनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (A Govt. of India Navratna Undertaking)



#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 07th August, 2020 to inter-alia consider and approve the unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on 30th

This information is also available on the website of the Company and the websites of the Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed viz. BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com).

For & on behalf of

Sd/-**Estate Officer,** 

Bathinda.

Place: New Delhi Date: 28.07.2020

**Container Corporation of India Limited Executive Director (Finance) & CS** 

#### IN THE COURT OF **ESTATE OFFICER, BATHINDA CIRCLE, BATHINDA** Present: Shri Rajinder Parshad Sharma, Advocate for the Applicant **NOTICE OF MOTION**

TAKE NOTICE that this Hon'ble Court will be moved on 07.08.2020 at 1100 hrs in the forenoon or so soon there after can be heard by Shri Rajinder Parshad Sharma Advocate for the applicant for an order to substitute the respondent in Case No. 04/PPE/BTI/2020 namely Shr Kuldeep son of Shri Mahle Ram, last address of respondent Village & Tehsil- Meham, Distt- Rohtak, in the Notice under PPE Act, 1971 as mentioned in the PPE Act filed with the applications.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the event of your non-appearance in response to this Notice, no further Notice will be given to Shri Kuldeep son of Shri Mahle Ram and Notice under PPE Act will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

Dated this the 28 day of July, 2020.

DEO-04



Regd. Office: 3rd Floor, Maker Chambers IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021.

Phone: 022-3555 5000 • Fax: 022-2204 2268 E-mail: investor.relations@ril.com CIN: L17110MH1973PLC019786

### **Extract of Unaudited Consolidated** Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June, 2020

(₹ in crore, except per share data)

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Particulars	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended		
Tartiouturo	30th June, 2020	30th June, 2019		
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	100,929	174,087		
Less: GST Recovered	9,691	11,734		
Revenue from Operations	91,238	162,353		
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	8,542	14,366		
Profit Before Tax	13,508	14,366		
Profit for the Period*	13,248	10,141		
Total Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax)	30,918	10,060		
Paid up Equity Share Capital, Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each Other Equity excluding revaluation	6,445	5,926		
reserve**	-	-		
Earnings per equity share				
(Face value of ₹ 10/- each)				
Basic (in ₹) - After Exceptional Item	20.69	16.94		
Basic (in ₹) - Before Exceptional Item	12.92	16.94		
Diluted (in ₹) - After Exceptional Item	20.63	16.93		

Diluted (in ₹) - Before Exceptional Item Includes Non-Controlling Interest

\*\* Reserve excluding revaluation reserves for the year ended as on 31st March, 2020 was ₹446,992 crore.

1. The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 30th July, 2020. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the

aforesaid results 2. Additional information on Standalone Financial Results is as follows

(₹ in crore)

12.89

16.93

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	
r ai ticulai s	30th June, 2020	30th June, 2019	
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	52,263	96,867	
Less: GST Recovered	1,817	3,748	
Revenue from operations	50,446	93,119	
Profit Before Exceptional Item and Tax	4,385	12,109	
Profit Before Tax	8,805	12,109	
Profit for the period	9,753	9,036	
Total Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax)	11 311	8 907	

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2020 are available on the Stock Exchanges' websites (www.bseindia.com / www.nseindia.com) and the Company's website www.ril.com

For Reliance Industries Limited

Mukesh D. Ambani

Date: 30th July, 2020 Chairman & Managing Director

29th July 2020 Coimbatore

**9** \$42.80

**②** ₹64,100

Note: Gold, silver rates at spot market in Delhi; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 IST

SENSEX: 37,736.07 ▼ 335.06 NIFTY: 11,102.15 ▼ 100.70 NIKKEI: 22,339.23 ▼ 57.88 HANG SENG: 24,710.59 ▼ 172.55 FTSE: 6,033.10 ▼ 98.36 DAX: 12,522.49 ▼ 299.77

## POLICY WATCH DISINVESTMENT

## **COVID-19 disrupts** govt's sell-off plans

**SUNNY VERMA** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE MARKET disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the government to extend bid deadlines multiple times for its showpiece privatisation programmes of BPCL and Air India, while stake sale of other state-owned companies are also facing delays. This will affect the disinvestment targets for the current year, as bigticket stake sales may take time to materialise.

The Finance Ministry on Wednesday extended the deadline for submission of expression of interest (EOI) for its strategic stake sale in BPCL for the third time to September 30. The deadline to bid for purchasing government's stake in Air India was also extended for the third time till August 31.

The Centre invited EOIs from interested parties with a net worth of at least \$10 billion for the strategic sale of BPCLone of the largest oil marketing and oil refining companies in India with a refining capacity of 38.3 million metric tonnes per annum or about 15 per cent of the country's total refining capacity. Divestment of the government's 52.98 per cent equity stake in BPCL forms a key part of its Rs 2.1lakh crore disinvestment target for the current fiscal year.

After initiating the divestment process for national carrier in January, the government in June extended the deadline to bid for Air India by two months till August 31. The

government originally started the process to sell 76 per cent in Air India in 2018, but later change strategy to sell its 100 per cent stake to attract buyers. With airlines being at the frontline of disruption caused by COVID-19, attracting buyers for the loss making national carrier at an attractive valuation will be challenging.

Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said that the last date for bids for BPCL has been extended due to requests received from interested bidders and impact of COVID-19. "Normally strategic disinvestment takes 8-9 months.... To a lot of extent, COVID has put a brake on this because international travel has virtually stopped. To some extent, we have to grant extension to some of the EoIs that we have issued," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on July 22.

The government had earlier extended bids for strategic sale in Central Electronics Limited. "Deadline extension does not reflect that there is no investor interest. In fact, globally central banks have injected lot of liquidity in markets at virtually zero rates, and much of it is willing to come India. While strategic stake sales will take time, we are working to speed up offer for sale in some other companies," a senior official said. Government's discussion with global investors during bids for Bharat Bond ETF show that there is lot of interest for investments in

## STATES SAY COMPENSATION FUND UNLIKELY TO HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO EVEN MEET REVENUE SHORTFALL IN NEAR FUTURE Pushback from states likely on AG view on market borrowings

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE TUSSLE between the Centre and the states on Goods and Services Tax (GST) payments is set to intensify. A proposal being piloted by the Union Finance Ministry to direct states to resort to market borrowing to meet their impending revenue shortfall, which is to be repaid subsequently from the compensation fund, is set to face a strong pushback from several states. States are of the view that the compensation fund is unlikely to have enough funds to even meet revenue shortfall in the near future, let alone having enough funds to cover for the borrowing by states.

A legal opinion on the issue

### **'SEEKING LEGAL OPINION'**

■ A state FM said the Council had decided to seek legal opinion on whether the central government or GST Council can take loans, not whether states can be allowed to take loans and then be repaid from the cess fund.

offered by the Attorney General of India, specifically on bridging the revenue shortfall by directing states to borrow is learnt to have put the ball squarely in the Centre's court. While it is learnt that the AG opined that the Centre does not have the obliga-

#### tion to pay for revenue shortfall, the legal input suggests that the GST Council can recommend to the Centre to allow the states "to borrow on the strength of the future receipts from the compensation fund" and that the central government will have to take the

"final decision in the matter". A state Finance Minister said the option to direct states to undertake market borrowing can also be implemented in an alternate way, with the market borrowing being undertaken by the Centre and then being repaid from the compensation fund, "All these issues have to be thrashed in the GST Council meeting. If states are allowed to take loans, why can't the Centre take loans. So if the legal opinion is that states can be allowed to take loans, why

has the Centre not been allowed to take loans. The Centre can also take loans, give the borrowed money to states and be repaid from the Compensation Fund the same proposal that they have given to states, why not the same proposal has been put forward to the Centre," the state Finance Minister told The Indian Express.

The minister further said that the Council had decided to seek legal opinion on whether the central government or GST Council can take loans, not whether states can be allowed to take loans and then be repaid from the cess fund. "At present. any state borrowing is as per permission from the central government, but states are guaranteed for it. This proposal just means relaxing the fiscal deficit limit by

0.5-1 percentage point and has nothing to do with the compensation fund," he said. The economic slowdown and

the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are expected to linger for a long time, so the receipts through cess flowing into the compensation fund will also not rise suddenly to be adequate to pay states, the minister said. "The economic growth is unlikely to spike all of a sudden in the next 3-4 years. The funds in the compensation fund will not be sufficient to even meet the regular requirement. So how can you repay out of that Fund and for how long are you going to extend it (compensation mechanism), for 10-15 ears?," he said.

Another state finance minister said that the Council needs to look into the demand of the states and there is a need for a strong dispute resolution mechanism to resolve such unilateral ways of directions to states. "How will the states cope? 80 per cent of the welfare activities, whether it's health, or education, or even social security, are undertaken by the states," he said.

State finance ministers said that the GST Council though will have to look at rationalising the rate structure, sooner or later. "The effects of COVID-19 pandemic are going to last long, so sooner or later the Council will have to take a call on raising GST rates, cess hike or inverted duty structure. After all, tax rates were increased for petroleum products by states during COVID as well," one of the state finance minister said.

## **GDP CONTRACTS AT 32.9% ANNUALIZED RATE**

## Coronavirus sinks US economy in Q2; biggest blow since Great Depression

WASHINGTON.JULY30

THE US economy suffered its biggest blow since the Great Depression in the second quarter as the COVID-19 pandemic shattered consumer and business spending, and a nascent recovery is under threat from a resurgence in new cases of coronavirus.

The bulk of the deepest contraction in at least 73 years reported by the Commerce Department Thursday occurred in April when activity almost ground to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Gross domestic product (GDP) collapsed at a 32.9 per cent annualized rate last quarter, the deepest decline in output since the government started keeping records in 1947. The drop in GDP was

## German economy plunges 10%

Frankfurt: Germany's economy, Europe's largest, took a massive hit during the COVID shutdowns, shrinking 10.1 per cent per cent during the April-June period from the previous quarter, official statistics agency said. AP

more than triple the previous alltime decline of 10 per cent in the second quarter of 1958. The economy contracted at a 5.0 per cent pace in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, the S&P 500 fell 0.79 per cent, while the Dow dropped 0.38 per cent Thursday, after data painted a worrying pic-

## 'Gold demand plunges 70% on high prices, lockdown in Jun qtr'

Skyrocketing prices and the COVID-19-induced lockdown hit India's gold market, with its demand plunging 70 per cent to 63.7 tonnes in the April-June quarter, as against 213.2 tonnes in year-ago period, World Gold Council said

## ~₹53.000/10 GRAM:

Current gold prices in India, which have risen by:

■ 60% since January 2019 ■ 20% since January 2020

57% Fall in value of gold transacted, from ₹62,420 crore in last June quarter to ₹26,600 crore in April-June 2020

**74%** Drop in demand for gold for jewellery, from 168.6 tonnes to 44

June quarter

jewellery, from ₹49,380 crore last June quarter to ₹18,350 crore in same period this year

Why this is important: June quarter was hit by ENS Economic lockdowns and high prices — both combined to keep India's gold demand at record low

### profit by 30.6% in Jun qtr **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** However, RIL's revenue declined to ₹1.00.929 cr

Jio, stake sale boost RIL

MUMBAI, JULY 30

AIDED BY higher profits from the digital business and stake sale in fuel retailing business, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), India's largest company in terms of market capitalisation, has reported a 30.6 per cent increase in consolidated net profit (including exceptional items) for the June quarter at Rs 13,248 crore as against Rs 10,141 crore in the same period a year ago. However, RIL's revenue de-

clined to Rs 1,00,929 crore in the quarter, compared to Rs 1,74,087 crore a year ago, primarily due to fall in O2C revenues, led by a sharp decline of 57.6 per cent in average Brent crude price.

Reliance Jio, RIL's digital arm, has posted a net profit of Rs 2.520 crore in the June quarter, a growth of 183 per cent as against Rs 891 crore last year. Jio's revenue includin the quarter, compared to ₹1,74,087 cr a year ago due to fall in O2C revenues

ing access revenues for the quarter rose by 33.7 per cent to Rs 19,513 crore. RIL's retail arm recorded a net

profit of Rs 431 crore for the quarter "despite complete lockdown for a long period of time and only essential services were operational". Retail revenue for the quarter was Rs 31,633 crore.

domestic fuel retailing business -Reliance BP Mobility Services Ltd.

## 'PM meets financial regulators, discusses measures to revive COVID-hit economy

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday held a brainstorming ulators and discussed various measures to revive the economy hit hard by COVID-19 crisis.

As per sources, the meeting discussed various steps that regulators can take to push growth, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi, Irdai chairman SCKhuntia and PFRDA chairman Supratim Bandyopadhyay were in the meet, which also saw presence of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

## BRIEFLY —

## Import curbs on colour TVs

New Delhi: The Centre Thursday put restrictions on imports of colour television.

## **Urjit Patel on GE** Shipping board

New Delhi: Great Eastern Shipping Company said Thursday its board named Urjit Patel as an additional and independent director. PTI

## **LICNPAs rise** 8.17% in FY20

New Delhi: For FY20, LIC posted an 8.17 per cent rise in NPAs at Rs 36,694 crore. ENS

## Guj project: IRB preferred bidder

New Delhi: IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd (IRB) has emerged as a preferred bidder for a project on Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway.

## 33.4 LMT of grains to states

New Delhi: FCI said 33.4LMT of food grains has been given to states under PMGKAY-II.

## RBI cautions about corporate, HNI dominance in debt funds

**GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, JULY 30

India, the official said

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned about "idiosynagement funds, including domi-

nance of corporates and high

net-worth investors (HNIs), which

more "susceptible to runs". Corporates and high networth individuals comprise more than 90 per cent of the aggregate assets under management for debt funds. As much as Rs 9.99 lakh crore of the corpus of Rs 11.80 lakh crore in debt funds is ac-

counted for by them. As per RBI, corporate dominance in investments may lead to concentration in fund management as smaller fund houses are unable to compete on expense ratios. "Between March 2019 and March 2020, the share of the top 5

**AASHISHARYAN** 

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

efit from the Ministry

of Electronics and

Technology's (MeitY)

production-linked in-

centive (PLI) scheme

for making mobile

phone and certain

What is the PLI scheme?

Information

GLOBAL ELECTRONICS giants

such as Samsung, Pegatron, Flex,

and Foxconn are looking to either

set up shop or expand their pres-

ence in India. These companies in

final stages of negotiations to ben-

other specified electronic compo-

As part of the National Policy

on Electronics, the IT Ministry, on

April 1, notified a scheme that

would give incentives of 4-6 per

cent to electronics companies,

which manufacture mobile

phones and other electronic

components such as transistors,

diodes, thyristors, resistors, ca-

pacitors and nano-electronic

What is production-linked

electronics manufacturers?

component.

incentive scheme for

funds in the total liquid fund corpus increased from 55 per cent to 61 per cent," the RBI said in its latest Financial Stability Report re-

Moreover, a large fund size is investor point of view, as such funds have significant systemic spill-overs, potentially "improvmay possibly make such funds ing possibilities of bailouts", the RBI said. The RBI has warned about corporate dominance in the past also.

> Templeton closed six credit risk schemes in April this year in the wake of COVID disruption and financial sector defaults. The RBI then constituted a special liquidity window for mutual funds to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and insulate them from the spillovers of the credit risk fund redemption pressures "in the inter-

The debt fund segment witnessed turmoil when Franklin

est of overall financial stability".

RBI said.

According to the scheme,

companies that make mobile

phones which sell for Rs 15,000 or

more will get an incentive of up to

6 per cent on incremental sales of

all such mobile phones made in

What is the scheme's tenure?

The PLI scheme will

be active for five years

with financial year (FY)

2019-20 considered as

the base year for calcu-

lation of incentives.

Which companies

All electronic manufacturing

companies, which are either

Indian or have a registered unit in

India, will be eligible to apply for

the scheme. However, all invest-

ment done by companies on land

and buildings for the project will

not be considered for any incen-

tives or determine eligibility of the

www.indianexpress.com

Full report on

and what kind of investments

will be considered?

gle investor concentration norms for diversifying the investor base. However, when the investor profile is dominated by risk averse investors, as is the case in money market or debt mutual funds there is a strong possibility of a few corporates distributing their surplus over four or five fund houses and, hence, exits during times of stress could still be concerted, the

Extant regulations specify sin-

The debt fund management industry is extremely competitive and portfolio performance plays an important role in incremental fund flows. "Such behaviour typically masks illiquidity premium as (short-run) excess returns. Excess returns, although substantial, turned negative in the wake of COVID-19-related dislocations. Given the recent churn in debt MFs, risk appetite of the sector and consequent investment allocation assumes importance," the RBI said.

## **VACCINE CANDIDATE** COVID: J&J starts human safety trial

Chicago: Johnson & Johnson on Thursday began human safety trials in the United States for its COVID-19 vaccine after releasing details of a study in monkeys that vaccine showed its bestperforming candidate offered strong protection in one dose.

When exposed to the virus.

six out of six animals who got the vaccine candidate were completely protected from lung disease and five out of six were protected from infection as measured by the presence of virus in nasal swabs, according to the study published in the journal Nature. REUTERS

## Safeguard duty on solar cell till Jul '21

New Delhi: The government has imposed safeguard duty on solar cells for one more year till July 2021 to protect domestic manufacturers and discourage cheap imports from countries like China. The move follows recommen-

dation by Commerce Ministry's arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) for continued imposition of the duty. **PTI** 

## ... to lead recovery: Parekh **HDFC** standalone

Rural economy 'bright spot'

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JULY 30

HDFCCHAIRMAN Deepak Parekh Thursday said the COVID-hit economy is likely to recover on the back of the rural sector and of the wheels of the economy beginning to churn are evident".

"Today, the bright spot for India is the rural economy. A good monsoon, strong agricultural growth and government support through rural employment guarantee schemes is enabling rural consumption to lead India's overall recovery," Parekh said while addressing HDFC's virtual AGM.

He said foodgrain production is expected to hit a record high of over 292 million tonnes. Kharif sowing has been healthy too. "Certain sectors are limping back to normalcy, but the strong probability of cycling in and out of lockdowns does remain," Parekh said

"My view is that one should not be too perturbed with forecasts of negative GDP growth rates. Most believe India's GDP growth which was slowing down in the pre-COVID era will contract by about 5 per cent this year," he said, adding, "recovery will happen assuming no further lengthy and complete lockdowns in future."

Since Independence, India has had a recession only 3 times — 1958, 1966 and 1980, Parekh said. In each of these years, the reason was the same — a poor monsoon which hit agriculture, and at that time agriculture was a sizable part of the Indian economy, he added. Parekh said signs of the whe-

## Q1 net falls 4.7% New Delhi: Mortgage lender

HDFC posted a 4.7 per cent fall in standalone net profit at ended June 2020 as against Rs 3,203 crore in the year ago period. Net interest margin was 3.1 per cent, against 3.3 per cent in year-ago quarter.

During the quarter, the company made COVID-19 provisions of Rs 1,199 crore. Revenue rose to Rs 13,017.7 crore as against Rs 12,990.3 crore in June 2019. ENS

els of the economy beginning to churn are evident from the fact that unemployment rates have tapered down from their peaks in May, e-toll collections are higher as are e-way bills, digital transactions and GST collections are back to Rs 90,000-crore levels. Demand for two-wheelers and tractors have risen, even though passenger and commercial vehicle demand remains subdued, he said.

"It has been an extremely challenging time for everyone ... Yet, from the utter despair that the world was in towards the end of March and the month of April since then, there has been a great deal of stability in the financial markets," Parekh said.

In India, various fiscal and policy measures have ensured that there is adequate liquidity in the system. Interest rates are the lowest in the last 10 years, he said.

## Deepening economic crisis in country: Chidambaram

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, JULY 30

SENIOR CONGRESS leader P Chidambaram Thursday said the Centre should acknowledge what he alleged is a "deepening economic crisis" in the country, pointing out that the telecom and aviation sectors need its intervention. He said the two sectors are struggling and may cost thousands of direct and indirect jobs.

"When will the BJP government acknowledge the gravity of the deepening economic crisis in

the country When will the Prime Minister acknowledge his failure and the failure of his economic managers," he asked on Twitter.

"Will the government realize that one of our major telecom companies is on the verge of collapse and the government has no plan to save the struggling telecom industry," he asked in a tweet in Hindi, Chidambaram also asked if the government realizes that the aviation industry has suffered massive losses and claimed that "each one of them will go the Air India way" unless the government steps in with a rescue plan

The exceptional item of Rs 4,966 crore (net of taxes of Rs 1,508 crore) in the June quarter was due to profit on divestment of stake in

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Engineer in Chief,

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The Engineer in Chief, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I Contractors registered in KPWD in two tender

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H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

Date: 29.07.2020

### AMIR JOINS PAKISTAN SQUAD IN ENGLAND

Pacer Mohammad Amir has joined the Pakistan squad after clearing two Covid-19 tests following his arrival in the United Kingdom. Amir, who quit playing Test cricket, will feature in the three-match T20 series against England to be played in a bio-secure environment at the Old Trafford, Manchester starting August 28.

# Boot on the other foot

Close to two dozen Indian hockey players who retired in last decade now turn to coaching

MIHIR VASAVDA

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WHEN TUSHAR Khandker began his international career in the early 2000s, dribbling the ball along the carpet was still considered one of hockey's ultimate skills. By the time his days with the national team got over, after a 12-year career, that artistry was making way for sorcery. The dribble was quickly becoming passé and hockey, instead, was going '3D'. More and more players were learning to lift the ball off the turf and dribble it in the air while continuing to sprint simultaneously (the art of changing the direction of the ball mid-air creates an illusion of sorts, hence the name '3D').

Today, even that has become a basic skill. "Hockey is changing every four-five years nowadays," Khandker says. "And we have to keep adapting to all these changes." Adapting to changes hasn't really been India's strength. Indian hockey has been notoriously slow in responding to almost every change that has been introduced in the game over the last five decades and watching domestic hockey is sometimes akin to indulging in time travel.

Now, Khandker and his contemporaries are trying to bring about a change. Almost two dozen men and women players, who have all retired over the last decade, are going through Hockey India and International Hockey Federation's certification process to become accredited coaches and give a fillip to the eroding grassroots structure. The list of players wanting to turn into coaches is long: apart from Khandker, his former India teammates Deepak Thakur, Prabhjot Singh, Devesh Chauhan, Shivendra Singh, Bharat Chetri, Gurbaj Singh, Sameer Dad, Vickram Kanth and Girish Pimple are some of the players who have undertaken the course along with 2002 Commonwealth Games gold medallists Pritam Siwach, Sanggai Chanu and Helen Marry, among others.

During the lockdown, the 32 men and 23 women's team players in the core group for the Tokyo Olympics attended a basic course online as part of Hockey India's ambitious attempt to formalise India's coaching pyramid. Since the process was introduced in April 2019, roughly 650 coaches have gone through the certification programme, according to Hockey India's high-performance director David John.

"It is by design (to have recently-retired and current players into the coaching programme).



(Left to right) Prabhjot Singh, Deepak Thakur and Tushar Khandker are some of the former players who have turned to coaching.

of player-turned-coaches who have made an

impact since India won its last Olympic medal

in 1980 - MK Kaushik, Rajinder Singh Senior,

Vasudevan Baskaran and Harendra Singh, "We

all assume great players become great coaches

magic bullet, John says it will help create a co-

hesive playing style across the country, espe-

cially at the sub-junior level, and help Indian

coaches get up-to-date with modern hockey's

systems and terminologies. John says the aim is

to develop an overall playing philosophy that

will be implemented bottom-up, and within

that structure, give the domestic teams the

space to maintain their own style. "Having been

to four national championships, I have seen

very little difference between the teams in the

way they prepared and were coached... no

change in patterns or style or structure in any of

ple. "In international hockey, we make 60-80

rotations in a match so the players are very fa-

miliar to be changed every 2-3 minutes

whereas in domestic hockey, it's seen as a slight

at the Rio Olympics, says the coaching pro-

gramme has given him an idea about dealing

Khandker, who was India's assistant coach

He cites rolling substitutions as an exam-

While mere certification might not be the

but that's not always the case," John says.

The idea is to give them an early introduction to see whether they like this and then it is their choice," John says.

Like in most other areas, India has woken up late to the concept of getting the players into coaching. In the Netherlands, for example, it is common for senior club or national team players to coach the junior teams simultaneously while playing. It is similar in Australia as well, where the players begin coaching while having an active career. Hence, it is common to see just-retired players taking up senior roles with different national teams: for instance, 34-yearold Chris Ciriello, who played for Australia at the 2016 Olympics, is currently the analytical coach of the Indian men's team.

India, on the other hand, has made its aversion to investing in coaches obvious over the years. That Graham Reid was the 26th men's team coach in 25 years when he was appointed in May 2019 shows the complete lack of understanding of the head coach's role. At the same time, developing domestic coaches has never been a priority until now: a fact that many say is the reason for the national team's relentless slide since the mid-1970s.

### Getting up-to-date

Despite having produced some world-class players, one can count on fingertips the number

sues and man-management. There are other visible changes as well.

with player injuries, recovery, psychological is-

For instance, at the National Championships in Gwalior two years ago, Khandker, one of the coaches of the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board team, stationed himself on top of a water tank near the ground to provide tactical inputs to Devesh Chauhan, who was handling the dugout. This role - extremely critical in modern hockey as it gives a bird's-eye view of the match - is fairly common internationally as well as club hockey elsewhere but very few domestic teams in India do it because of lack of personnel in the coaching team as well as lack of knowledge.

A lot of current coaches have a diploma from the National Institute of Sport in Patiala. "That gave an overall perspective on coaching. The current programme gives me specific insights on hockey coaching," says Pritam Siwach.

The 2002 Commonwealth Games gold medallist has been running an academy in Sonepat and has produced several players from the region. Siwach says she has made 'small but important changes' to her style. "When a young child comes, I don't give her a hockey stick. Instead, for the first few weeks, she plays football and/or relays. It takes the pressure off them and they can put to use their learnings from other sports in hockey," she says.

Following sports other than hockey is a key element of the programme. "It's also important they watch Pro League matches and see if other countries use patterns and systems which we aren't using in India," John says.

The whole purpose of the exercise, John adds, is to create a pool of Indian coaches who are well versed with the latest rules and tactics, and not necessarily to reduce India's reliance on foreign experts. In the last decade, Harendra has been the only Indian coach to have taken charge of the national men's team.

"Belgium is world number one and they don't have a Belgium-born coach coaching any of their teams, men or women," John says. "With a foreigner, you get a good viewpoint, (Legendary Australian coach) Ric Charlesworth always had a European on his coaching staff to get a perspective when they were playing a European opponent. (But) it's important to have a good representation of Indians on coaching panels. Going forward, their positions will get senior, and that's good for Indian hockey.'

## World number one Barty to skip **US Open over Covid concerns**

World number one **Ash Barty** will skip the U.S.  $Open \, and \, the \, tournament \, preceding \, it \, in \, New \,$ York due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic. "My team and I have decided that we won't be travelling to the U.S. for the Western and Southern Open and the U.S. Open this vear." the Australian said in a statement issued by her manager on Thursday.

"I love both events so it was a difficult decision but there are still significant risks involved due to COVID-19 and I don't feel comfortable putting my team and I in that position.

"I wish the USTA all the best for the tournaments and look forward to being back in the U.S. next year."

The Western and Southern Open, which is held annually in Cincinnati, has been moved to New York this year and is set to start in mid-August. The U.S. Open kicks off on Aug. 31 and will be held in its usual home in Flushing Meadows, Queens, but will be played without fans in attendance to limit the spread of the virus.

The reigning French Open champion will decide later whether to defend her title at Roland Garros starting in late September.

"I will make my decision on the French Open and the surrounding WTA European

### Coach tests positive at Karni Singh range, training to go on

A shooting coach at the Dr. Karni Singh Range here has tested positive for COVID-19 but the development will not force a closure of the facility, where the Olympic core group will start training from August 1. The Sports Authority of India (SAI), in a press release, said the woman coach intimated the result of her test to it on Thursday but since she did not come in contact with any of the shooters, the facility will remain open for training. The Karni Singh range was reopened for use on July 8. "The coach had visited the centre's administrative department only on July 24, 2020. She did not visit the field of play or interact with any athlete training at the centre," the SAI stated. "All actions as per protocol have been taken. The centre has been sanitised and training of shooters will be not be affected." it added. The Olympic core group of 34 Indian shooters is also scheduled to return to training from August 1 at the range after the National Rifles Association of India (NRAI) made attendance compulsory. A total of 15 Indian shooters have qualified for the Olympics.



tournaments in the coming weeks," she said. World number one Novak Djokovic and 23-times Grand Slam champion Serena Williams are among players expected to compete at the U.S. Open despite concerns about undergoing mandatory quarantine when travelling to Europe, which would have them miss tournaments in Madrid and Rome ahead of the French Open. Naomi Osaka will also play the US Open, the 2018 champion's management team said.

### Willey's five-for sets up 173-run chase for England vs Ireland

David Willey marked his return to England duty with a maiden five-wicket one-day international haul after sparking an Ireland collapse as white-ball cricket resumed Thursday following the coronavirus lockdown. The leftarm paceman was appearing in his first ODI since being left out of England's World Cupwinning squad for Jofra Archer. Willey responded by taking 5-30 from 8.4 overs as Ireland were dismissed for 172 in the first of a three-match series that launches the new World Cup Super League to determine qualification for the 2023 50-over showpiece in India. Willey took four early wickets as Ireland slumped to 28-5 after losing the toss, But Curtis Campher held firm with an unbeaten 59 on debut. Together with Andy McBrine (40) he shared a stand of 66 after Ireland were in danger of being dismissed for under 100 at 79-7. The match is England's first home ODI since beating New Zealand in last year's World Cup final at Lord's.

BRIEF SCORES: Ireland 172 (Campher 59\*, McBrine 40; Willey 5/30) vs England

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

BY PETER VIDAL

Did you know that you have a

astrologers for

being lazy? Actually, I think

you are misunderstood. The fact is that at times like these

which are beneath your dignity. You don't like to waste

your talents. It's as simple

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

relationships, get down to

essentials and strip away the

waffle. You might have to wait

while a partner gets their act

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

do your bit to improve your lot.

members or people you live with and, if you recognise this

simple fact, then a number of

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

today you should find them

encourage you to confide feelings you'd normally keep

sympathetic listeners,

and this knowledge may

to yourself. But don't tell

them anything that might

cause embarrassment.

Do get on with

plans, proposals

and intuitive ideas

If you talk to people

Your strongest emotional

contacts are with family

problems will disappear.

have to delay

Given that you may

decisive moves at

home, you may still

together, though.

Your partnerships

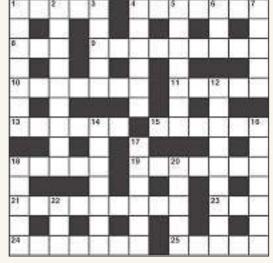
you know well enough. Your long-term task now is to simplify all family

are not always straightforward. This

you quite properly resent tasks

reputation amongst

## CROSSWORD 4184



## ACROSS

- Appeal, one way or the other
- 4 He comes in for ill-treatment
- Ring us back about a trifling sum of foreign money (3)
- Ruling based on popular
- decisions (9)
  10 Tribesman gave the doctor something to eat (7)
- 11 Determined to return the cash 13 Bores a doctor with ailments
- 15 Greek-Cypriot union is one's
- design (6) 18 Operatic heroine many imitate
- 19 It's hot to be in the lead in

- 24 The first mate takes the others

JUMBLED WORDS

- 23 One is confused for a long time
- heavy going (7)
  21 Monarch's powerful blend of
- for a tough climb(7)25 Courses for non-drivers? (5)

- Continued to give the total in a rush(7)
- inside(6)
- heartily (5,2)
- 12 A willing disposition?
- 14 Proof of permission for
- 16 Signs I'd put out for track
- 17 I'm given a role to communicate (6)
- emblem (5) 20 Like prices that have sharply
- 22 How to secure a replay?
- $\textbf{Solutions Crossword 4183: Across:} \ 1 \ \text{First night}, 8 \ \text{Swoon}, 9 \ \text{Be still}, 10 \ \text{Bromide}, 11$

## **DOWN**

- Deadly hostility over mails collected by the old system
- Spoke in the plural? (5) Pet journal has a number
- Friar's at home and eats
- Show some consideration for
- Fittingly test (3,2)
- freedom of action (7)
- runners needing a rest (7)
- 18 Drawing the French Canadian

# Askew, 12 Reeves, 14 Toffee, 17 Cache, 19 Assents, 21 Extract, 22 Entry, 23 Held office. Down: 2 Isotope, 3 Sinai, 4 Nabbed, 5 Gestapo, 6 Trick, 7 Flawlessly, 8 Subtracted, 13 Eyeball, 15 Fanatic, 16 Tattoo, 18 Catch, 20 Shelf.

### Love will find a way through paths where fear to -- Lord Byron (6...4) **EHOOPY EELTVW ETLOS**

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

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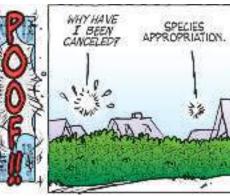
## **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

the teams really," John says.

if a player is made to change.'







## CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



#### Difficulty Level 2s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

SUDOKU

**Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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## **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The Sun is still urging you to make the most of social contacts, but already

you're moving into a new phase which could last a month and will leave you feeling rather isolated. This is not a bad thing: there'll be moments when you actually want to be alone.

If a promised move of home or major domestic change is held up over the next six months, the reason is that you should stay where you are and address fundamental questions. It may be that you need to work at a current relationship. Or it possibly that solid repairs and substantial building work are necessary.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Which is it to be? GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) I don't think that anyone should tangle with you at

the moment. If they do, they must reckon on the fact that you're in a martial mood, and that you will therefore undoubtedly give as good as you get. You are not about to give way gracefully if there's no reason to do so.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Money matters should now be settled, at least as far

as the short-term is concerned. You may now like to consider other questions, like where on earth you're going to go on holiday this year, if anywhere. You see, the important connections seem to lie a long way away.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You can make great strides forward at this time. Hopefully, personal matters may be put to one side. In that case, you could direct your thoughts towards the financial situation. There are indeed purchases to be

perfectly to suit your mood.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

purpose must be to renew bonds with individuals who have drifted apart. The chance of a dispute at work can be postponed with some fancy footwork and a few words of reassurance. The fact that a partner may be feeling uncomfortable with current arrangements is enough to

encourage you to look at how

they can be improved.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) The heavy hand of semi-permanent influence on your

life, but I must say that it is a very favourable one. It could bring eventual security, even though today you may have doubts over your financial future. You'll get your way through cautious and consistent planning.

Don't hang back or give way to a sudden attack of nerves. You have

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

the chance to push yourself forward and it may be another four weeks before a similar opportunity comes your way. Remember all my past advice about the need to charm other people.

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